

# **10 Regional OEO Offices Will Be Closed**

The national Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C. has announced that the ten regional offices across the country will be closed as of April 28.

Word was received in the Seattle office about the middle of March, which allows a little longer than the usual 30-day reduction in force (RIF) notice.

Howard Phillips, Acting OEO Director, stated that it would be wasteful to continue operation of these offices since President Nixon has announced that no further funds will be available after June 30, 1973 for the regions.

There are approximately 937 employees in regional offices located in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, Mo., New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Seattle. RuRAL CAP is in Region X in Seattle, which employs around 70 people.

OEO Headquarters information is that 200 to 300 employees would be retained for record keeping. They will be assigned to the General Services Administration (GSA) and will probably be working for another year, until June 30, 1974.