

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUTH PROGRAMS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2007-2008

Public Notice

On November 20th, 2006 the San Diego Workforce Partnership, guided by the School to Career Youth Council, will release an RFP to provide innovative education and training services to eligible low-income, at risk youth ages 14-21 in San Diego County. **The deadline for the RFP is January 31, 2007.** An optional Bidder's Conference will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2006 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at:

San Diego Workforce Partnership
3910 University Ave.
First Floor Community Room
San Diego, CA 92105

An optional pre-bidders technical assistance session on a Logic Model Framework, that will be included in the RFP, will be held on Tuesday November 7, 2006, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at:

South Metro Career Center
4389 Imperial Avenue
Randolph Room
San Diego, CA 92113

Please look for updates regarding the RFP on www.sandiegopatwork.com.

The purpose of the RFP is to direct federal Department of Labor Workforce Investment Act Title I Youth funds towards comprehensive educational and workforce services. Special emphasis will be placed on services to vulnerable youth populations such as dropouts or those at risk of dropping out, limited English speakers, court involved youth, current and former foster youth, youth with disabilities, runaway/homeless youth, and children of incarcerated parents or siblings.

Workforce Partnership is seeking applications from collaborative partnerships that outline innovative program designs driven by community and individual youth needs. Proposed program designs must be able to successfully engage vulnerable youth and assist them to meet the federal performance outcomes such as completion of secondary school; placement in employment, post secondary school or advanced training; gains in literacy/numeracy skills; and attainment of occupational skills certificates.

In addition to meeting federal and local performance outcomes, programs must be able to:

- Provide opportunities for paid work in order to develop positive work habits and gain career exposure.
- Ensure meaningful and substantial connections to the world of work through partnerships with employers.
- Engage youth in opportunities that lead to educational attainment through alternative learning options and non-traditional educational supports.

The estimated amount of funds available for competitive bid contracts is \$2.8 million. Funds will be allocated to each of the four workforce sub-regions (Metro, North, East and South) based upon an allocation formula that will be stated in the RFP. Contracts awarded will begin July 1, 2007 and have an annual term through June 30, 2008. Contracts may be extended for additional years contingent upon availability of funds, performance and board approval.

On November 20, 2006 the RFP will be available: 1) on the Workforce Partnership website, 2) by contacting Julie Benedict, Procurement Advisor at (619) 228-2900, or 3) for pick up at the Workforce Partnership Reception Desk on the 4th floor at 3910 University Avenue, San Diego. All applicants will be required to submit a Request for Qualifications no later than January 31, 2007. The RFQ application can be downloaded from Workforce Partnership website and submitted at any time prior to the RFP due date.

Workforce Partnership is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that provides a variety of employment and training services to the region's employers and serves in addressing the education and training needs of area residents.

Please visit our website at www.SanDiegoAtWork.com for more information. All questions regarding the RFP should be directed to youthrfp@workforce.org.