

PY17 WIOA Adult/DW Services Bidders Conference

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Present In Person: Teresa Pierce, Kelly Norsten – Workforce Connections, Inc. and Julie Mitchell, WDB

Present on Phone: There were no requests for call in.

Julie Mitchell reviewed the highlights of the RFP, including submission instructions, point values, performance, rating system, budget parameters, and timeline. The following questions (with answers) were posed during the conference:

1. Will interviews be part of the review process?

The WDB reserves the right to have interviews and/or site visits with prospective bidders to clarify proposal content. If interviews/site visits are in the best interest of the WDB, all bidders scoring the minimum for a contract will be interviewed/visited.

2. What is the definition of customized training used by the WDB? Can incumbent worker training be used to meet the requirement to have one customized training?

Customized Training is defined as:

- Generally for new/recent employees, "not for retraining existing employees" (final rules pg. 56153)
- "The department is maintaining the self-sufficiency standard for employed workers to be eligible for customized training, consistent with eligibility for training services under WIOA" (final rules pg. 56153)
 - "individuals who receive training must be unlikely or unable to obtain or retain employment that leads to self-sufficiency..." (final rules pg. 56120)
- Generally designed so that participants are trained by a third party for the employer (final rules pg. 56154)
- Employers must pay for a significant cost of the training, which is to be determined by the Local WDB (final rules pg. 56153)
- Must follow procurement regulations set forth in Uniform Guidance at 2CFR 200.317-200.326 (final rules pg. 56154)

Yes, any combination of employer-driven (not classroom-based) training solutions can be used to fulfill this requirement, based on documentation of business need.

3. Does the 1 FTE staff in the Tomah Job Center have to be one person or can it be a combination of individuals funded under WIOA?

The Tomah Job Center must have a WIOA-funded staff member available to provide services at all times during business hours. This can be one person or a combination, based on the resources available and the staffing pattern of the provider. However the 1 FTE is expected to be available to provide WIOA services during business hours.