

Public Notice

An announcement was published earlier that the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) as the Administrative unit for the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board, is soliciting proposals for the operation and management of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Basic Education and Literacy Projects for a period beginning October 1, 2014 and extending through September 30, 2015 with the availability of three, one-year additional options.

Two important changes to this solicitation of proposals are announced in response to significant changes in the way the TANF Basic Education and Literacy Project participants impact Texas Workforce Commission performance requirements:

THE DUE DATE FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS IS CHANGED TO FROM AUGUST 12, 2014 TO AUGUST 25, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME.

PROPOSER IS EXPECTED TO IMPLEMENT OVERALL PROGRAM STRATEGIES WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MEETING THE CONTRACTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THE EAST TEXAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA. PROPOSER WILL BE HELD CONTRACTUALLY LIABLE FOR ITS PORTION OF THE PROGRAM YEAR 2014 TWC CONTRACTED MEASURES, BASED UPON ENROLLMENTS AND OUTCOMES.

The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to provide basic education, literacy services and/or work preparedness for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program participants, former TANF Program participants and/or individuals who are at-risk of becoming TANF participants. Proposers are encouraged to incorporate into their proposals a component offering “work-related soft skills” training in conjunction with basic education and literacy training in partnership with area employer(s).

Counties comprising the East Texas Workforce Development Areas are: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood.

The Workforce Solutions East Texas Board is making approximately \$190,231 available through this RFP. Proposals are limited to \$75,000. The amount of funds available is subject to change.

Persons or organizations wanting to receive a Request for Proposals (RFP) package, should submit a request by letter, fax, or email to the East Texas Council of Governments, 3800 Stone Road, Kilgore, Texas 75662, Attn: Gary Allen (903-218-6429) or 800-735-2989 (TD) and 711 (Voice). The fax number for ETCOG is (903) 983-1440 or email gary.allen@etcog.org. Questions concerning the RFP process should also be addressed by letter, email or fax to Gary Allen.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is Monday August 25, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. CDT.

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) are encouraged to apply. ETCOG is an equal opportunity employer. The TANF Basic Education and Literacy Program is an Equal

Opportunity Program. Individuals needing assistance may call 800-735-2989 (TD) and 711 (Voice).