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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ELIGIBLE SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR IN-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) – YOUTH PROGRAM

PERFORMANCE PERIOD – JULY 1ST, 2021 THRU JUNE 30TH, 2023

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THRU A GRANT AWARDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO AND ALLOCATED TO THE SURESTE LOCAL
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA**

**FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT: Out-of-School Youth: \$ 557,478.78
In-School Youth: \$ 185,826.26**

RFP CLOSING DATE: JUNE 4, 2021

The Southeast Local Workforce Development Board (SELWDB) calls individuals, non-for-profit organizations, as well as for-profit organizations, employers, and community-based organizations to present proposals to provide services, under the WIOA Youth Program, to in-school and out-of-school youth. The selected providers will be contracted to provide services for the Program Years 2021 and 2022. All contracts will be awarded for a two (2) year period.

Section 123(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Public Law 113-128 of July 22nd, 2014, states that the local board shall award grants or contracts on a competitive basis to providers of youth workforce investment activities. All providers must have the capability to comply with the performance measures for the Youth Program, as stated on the Guideline to Prepare and Submit Proposals regarding this project.

The Southeast Local Workforce Development Board must make available all fourteen (14) elements of the Youth Program under WIOA. These services will be made available to eligible youth between 14 and 24 years of age that live in the municipalities of: Humacao, Juncos, Las Piedras, Maunabo, Patillas, San Lorenzo, and Yabucoa.

The proposals requested are to provide services under the following Youth Program elements:

1. Tutoring, study skills training, and instruction leading to secondary school completion, including dropout prevention strategies - Sec 129(c)(2)(A);
2. Alternative secondary school services, or dropout recovery services - Sec 129(c)(2)(B);
3. Paid and unpaid work experience that have as a component academic and occupational education, as well as internships for out-of-school youth – Sec 129(c)(2)(C);
4. Occupational skill training – Sec 129(c)(2)(D);
5. Education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster – Sec129(c)(2)(E);
6. Leadership development opportunities – Sec129(c)(2)(F);

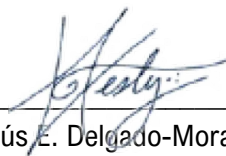
7. Adult mentoring for the period of participation and a subsequent period, for a total of not less than 12 months – Sec129(c)(2)(H);
8. Follow up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of participation, for out-of-school youth - Sec129(c)(2)(I);
9. Financial literacy education - Sec129(c)(2)(K);
10. Entrepreneurial skill training - Sec129(c)(2)(L);
11. Services that provide labor market and employment information about in-demand industry sectors or occupations available in the local area - Sec129(c)(2)(M);
12. Activities that help youth prepare for and transition to postsecondary education and training - Sec129(c)(2)(N);

Changes in technology, globalization and labor market evolution requires for our youth to be trained in on-demand occupations. The Southeast Local Workforce Development Board will give priority, in the selection process, to those proposals that are innovative and aligned with current local labor market demands.

On **May 11, 2021**, a pre-bidding conference will take place thru the Microsoft TEAMS platform, at **10:00 am and 2:00 p.m.** All interested proponents **must** attend. If the proponent does not attend the pre-bidding conference and still presents its proposal, the latest **will not be opened and will be disregarded, with no reconsideration available for such proponent.** Both sessions will be equal in content and are held to provide more time options for the interested proponents.

The Guidelines to File Proposals for Eligible Service Providers for the Youth Program are available right from the moment of this publication, and are to be requested, as well as access to the pre-bidding conference, by email at: juntalocal@nortecentral.com. On the subject line use: RFP – Eligible Youth Service Providers. Not following the provided guidelines will be reason enough not to consider the presented proposals. All questions regarding the RFP or the required documentation, among others, must be sent to propuestas.juntalocal@aldsureste.org. No questions will be answered by phone or in-person. Once the RFP is closed, no questions will be answered and the proponents must wait for the Evaluation Committee to complete the evaluation process, and to issue the notifications letters.

The RFP closes on **June 4, 2021** at **11:59 p.m.** All proposals must be submitted by e-mail at: propuestas.juntalocal@aldsureste.org. No hard copies will be accepted.



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