

WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA IN-SCHOOL YOUTH RFP INFORMATIONAL SESSION

March 14, 2007

Q. Which school districts are being targeted under this RFP?

A. The school districts being targeted under this RFP are: City of Peekskill, City of Mount Vernon and the City of White Plains school districts.

Q. Are you expecting prospective respondents to meet with the school districts prior to submitting a proposal?

A. Respondents are required to contact the perspective school contact as listed in the RFP on page 10 to discuss their respective proposal and to get the agreement of the school. Respondents who did not contact the respective school district will be considered non responsive.

Q. Why have you decided to engage the schools?

A. The Board decided that in order to help youth prepare for the workforce by completing high school, attaining work readiness, life skills and occupational training that a greater impact could be made with the youth if we engaged the youth during the school day.

Q. Are the schools aware of the time frames when the proposals are due and anticipated start date?

A. Yes.

Q. Is Wage Gain a WIA Younger Youth outcome?

A. Wage Gain is not a WIA Younger Youth outcome.

Q. If a youth works six (6) weeks during the summer, does the count as summer employment?

A. Yes, summer employment must be at least six (6) weeks.

Q. Are the respondents required to propose the number of youth they plan to serve?

A. Yes, the respondent is required to propose the number of youth they plan to serve.

Q. Can you tell us what you have determined as the cost you want to spend per youth?

A. The Westchester/Putnam Workforce Investment Board has an approximation of the cost per youth; however, the Board wants to give respondents the opportunity to propose what the cost per youth should be based on their program.

Q. What is the contract period for the first year?

A. The contract is for a two (2) year period. The first year contract period is anticipated to start April 16, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Q. If the school has already tested the youth, can we use those test scores as the pre-test?

A. All youth must be pre-tested within sixty (60) days after enrollment in the Academy or no more than sixty (60) days prior to enrollment into the Academy. School administered standardized test(s) can be used in lieu of pre-test if the test is within the stated time frame.

Q. Does, the same rules for pre-testing apply to special education students?

A. Yes, the same rules apply to special education students for pre-testing.

Q. What is considered occupational skills for younger youth?

A. A younger youth who receives training on a specific occupation/trade/skill and obtains a license and or certification at completion constitutes occupational skills training.

Q. Does a younger youth attending a pre-apprenticeship program qualify as one of the WIA outcomes after high school graduation?

A. A pre-apprenticeship program does not count as one of the WIA outcomes post high school graduation.