

South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.

Request for Qualifications

For

Veterans Employment Training Seminar Program

RFQ Issue Date: December 17, 2015

Key Dates:

Mandatory Letter of Intent to bid due - January 4, 2016, 12:00 Noon EST

Written Questions Due – January 8, 2016, 12:00 Noon EST

Questions answered January 12, 2016

Application Due Date – January 22, 2016, 12:00 Noon EST

Award Announced – January 29, 2016

Contract Begins – February 1, 2016

I. Background and General Information

- A. The South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. (hereinafter the Board) issues this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to procure an entity or individual capable of providing the Veterans Employment Training Seminar program within WorkOne offices in Region 8.
- B. The purpose of this RFQ is to expand existing services to Veterans in Region 8 by providing Veterans with a five day seminar that walks Veterans through strategies for reemployment. These seminars and job placement efforts will be integrated into existing WorkOne employment, training and job placement activities. A more detailed Statement of Work is included in this RFQ.
- C. The Board intends to be as inclusive as possible in this solicitation. The goal is to receive a wide variety of applications from entities or individuals interested and qualified to provide the Veteran Seminars within Region 8. The possible points available in the evaluation process are 100. Minority and Women's Business Enterprises certified by the Indiana Department of Administration will be granted 4% extra consideration when proposals are evaluated.
- D. It is the intent of the Board to host the veteran seminars at the Bloomington, Bedford and Linton WorkOne offices at no facility rental cost to the contractor. WorkOne Express offices are located in Nashville, Spencer, Loogootee, Washington and Paoli. The contractor can also use these facilities at no cost depending on where the Veterans live and level of interest by Veterans. All other costs for delivery of the seminars will be borne by the contractor.
- E. The resulting contract with the successful applicant will be for a period beginning February 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The form of the contract will be a negotiated unit price contract with performance benchmarks.
- F. The South Central Economic Growth Region 8 consists of Owen, Monroe, Brown, Greene, Lawrence, Daviess, Martin and Orange counties. Applicants are encouraged to visit the Board website at <http://www.southcentral8.org/> to learn more about Region 8. The Department of Workforce Development funds the various activities within the WorkOne.
- G. The Board is seeking interested and qualified entities able to provide effective Veterans Seminars in Region 8. The services delivered must meet the specifications of this RFQ. The Board anticipates contracting with one entity for these services. The entity selected should demonstrate the characteristics listed below.
 - Flexibility
 - Creativity
 - Successful Similar Experience
 - Understanding of the Statement of Work

- H. The Board reserves the right to make an award to any applicant or to make no awards, if that is deemed to serve the best interests of the Board and Region 8. The application process is competitive and follows government procurement rules.
- I. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 provides the framework for a national workforce preparation system that is flexible, responsive, customer-focused and locally managed. The Board envisions a system that meets the needs of residents and businesses alike. The goal of programs under the Act is to increase employment, job retention, and earnings and develop the work potential of the residents of Region 8.
- J. This Request for Qualifications is not in itself an offer of work nor does it commit the Board to fund any applications submitted. The Board is not liable for any costs incurred in the preparation or research of applications.
- K. Successful applicants must negotiate a contract before the Board will make any final commitment.
- L. All commitments made by the Board are contingent upon the availability of funds.
- M. The Board assures that it will comply fully with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws: Section 188 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended. The Board also assures that it will comply with all other regulations implementing the laws listed above. This assurance applies to the WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity, and to all agreements that the Board makes to carry out the WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity. This WIOA Title I funded program is an equal opportunity employer / program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.
- N. By submitting an application, all applicants are providing an assurance that they will comply with the above nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions.
- O. The applicant should note that under the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, the contents of your application or other information submitted to the Board is subject to public release upon request, except those items specifically exempt from disclosure. The applicant shall mark as "proprietary" those parts of its application that it deems proprietary. However, the applicant is alerted that this marking is advisory only and not binding on the Board. If there is a request from the public under F.O.I.A. to inspect any part of the application so marked, the Board will advise the applicant and request further justification in support of the "proprietary" marking. If the Board determines, after receipt of the justification, that the material is releasable, the applicant will be notified immediately. Under no circumstances will an application or any part of an application be released prior to the contract award decision.

- P. The Board will authorize the Region 8 Workforce Board Director to negotiate a contract for the provision of services arising from this RFQ. The Workforce Board Director shall direct the negotiation and contracting process.
- Q. The specifications in this RFQ may change based on issuance of State or Federal policy. The Region 8 Board will work with the successful applicant to implement any changes required by the State of Indiana or Department of Labor. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to work cooperatively with the Board and Workforce Board Director to comply with subsequent changes.
- R. By submitting an application the applicant certifies to his/her knowledge and belief that there is no conflict of interest (real or apparent) inherent in the application or in delivering the plan of work if the Board awards a contract. A conflict of interest would arise if any individual involved in the preparation of this RFQ, application review and rating or award decisions has a financial or other interest in or represents the applicant organization and would be likely to gain financially or personally from the award of a contract. The same would hold true for any member of the individual's family, partner, or an organization employing or about to employ any of the above as a direct result of the successful award of a contract under the RFQ. Applicants are prohibited from attempting to influence the award of a contract by contacting Board members or Elected Officials. The Board reserves the right to disqualify an application or cancel a contract should a conflict of interest be discovered.
- S. The applicant assures that it will be the provider of the services requested and will not subcontract significant functions to other entities if awarded a contract.
- T. The successful bidder must maintain a financial management system that complies with generally accepted accounting principles. Financial records must be available for review and monitoring purposes.

II. Application Requirements

- A. Applications must be received by 12 Noon EST, January 22, 2016 in person or by mail at the address indicated. Applications received after that time and date will be rejected. Please note that applications must be received not postmarked. Applications shall not be submitted electronically or by FAX.
- B. Submit four copies of your application on 8½”x 11” white bond. You may single space your application but margins must be at least an inch and font size must be no less than 12. One copy should be submitted unfolded and unstapled. Also submit an electronic copy in Word (.doc file) to corcoranjfc@msn.com. When you submit the electronic copy request confirmation that that your application has been received.
- C. Audits: Submit independent audits of your organization for the past two years along with any separate management letters prepared by the auditors. You should submit the audits electronically when you submit your electronic copy of your proposal on January 22, 2016. The audits are not part of your proposal. Do not send paper copies. Submit these audits to corcoranjfc@msn.com. The Board will review the audits to determine the financial stability and accountability of your organization.
- D. Attachment A, an application cover page, should be completed and used as the cover page for the application.
- E. Attachment B, Non-Collusion Affidavit needs to be signed and submitted.
- F. Attachment C, Assurances and Certifications should be signed and submitted.
- G. Your response to the narrative section of the application is limited to no more than 10 pages. This page limitation is imposed for the sake of the reviewers of your application. This limitation does not include other sections of your application such as: Attachments A, B, and C. The Executive Summary will count toward the 10 page narrative limit.
- H. Applications will be submitted “Return Receipt Requested.” If hand delivered, the deliverer must have a prepared receipt for signature and time/date. Faxed applications will not be accepted. The transmitting envelope will be clearly marked “application” and addressed to:

John F. Corcoran, Director
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board
2597 W. Vernal Pike
Bloomington, IN 47404
812-332-4496

- I. Assemble your application using the following order. Use this as a checklist to ensure the proper order. Failure to follow RFQ instructions could result in rejection of your application.
- Cover Page (Attachment A)
 - Executive Summary
 - Application Narrative
 - Attachment B (Non-Collusion Affidavit)
 - Attachment C (Assurances and Certifications)
- J. All entities interested in submitting a proposal must submit a Letter of Intent no later than 12:00 Noon EST January 4, 2016 to John F. Corcoran, South Central Region 8 Workforce Board. These letters must be received, not postmarked by January 4, 2016. Your Letter of Intent may be mailed, or emailed to corcoranjfc@msn.com. If you email the Letter of Intent, please request confirmation that we have received the letter. The address is:
- John F. Corcoran
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.
2597 W. Vernal Pike
Bloomington, IN 47404
- K. Written questions regarding this RFQ may be submitted in writing to John F. Corcoran, South Central Region 8 Workforce Board. You may also email questions to John at corcoranjfc@msn.com. All questions will be responded to, compiled and shared with all bidders that submitted a Letter of Intent to bid. Questions will be accepted up to 12:00 Noon, January 8, 2016.
- L. An electronic copy of the RFQ package is available online at www.southcentral8.org and www.in.gov/dwd/2476.htm. If you would like a copy in Word format please send an email to John Corcoran.
- M. The questions and answers will be researched, compiled and emailed on January 12, 2016 to all bidders submitting a Letter of Intent to bid.
- N. Members of the Board, the Workforce Board Director and others designated by the Board will review applications. Funding recommendations will be developed and provided to the Board. The Board's Executive Committee must approve all contract awards. An award decision is expected by January 29, 2016. A contract will be executed soon thereafter.

The application evaluation weights are listed below.

- 50% Experience and Past Performance
- 30% Understanding of Work to be performed
- 20% Proposed Cost per Seminar Participant

- O. Appeals/Complaints: Applicants have the right to appeal any action or decision related to this RFQ. Appeals will be reviewed and investigated by the Board. The decision of the Board in such situations shall be final. Applicants wishing to make a formal appeal should do so in writing to:

John F. Corcoran, Director
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board
2597 W. Vernal Pike
Bloomington, IN 47404

III. Application Narrative

A. Experience - Application Evaluation 50%

The narrative of your application is limited to 10 pages. This limitation does not include any of the required attachments or the one page resume.

Please include a one page **Executive Summary** that allows the reader to understand key aspects of the applicant and the approach to providing the requested services.

1. Profile the Applicant

- a. What is the legal status of your organization? Is your organization certified by the State of Indiana as an MBE or WBE?
- b. Describe your organization, the governance structure, length of existence, vision, mission, goals and major services currently offered.
- c. Provide a brief resume of the individual(s) available for this project. We prefer one key individual to be assigned to this work. The individual(s) should perform the key functions required for the Veterans Seminars (does not count toward the 10 page limit.)
- d. Provide an organizational chart or listing of individuals within your organization. (does not count toward 10 page limit)
- e. Provide three references of individuals outside of your organization familiar with the quality of prior services you have provided.

2. History of Similar Work

- a. Applications must include information to demonstrate that the provider has a record of success in delivering similar services or projects. Describe your related experiences and qualifications.
- b. Describe your knowledge and experience with programs funded by the Department of Workforce Development, and the US Department of Labor.

B. Understanding of Work to be Performed 30%

- a. Describe your understanding of the Region 8 workforce development structure, services, funding and contractors.
- b. Describe your understanding of workforce challenges and opportunities in Region 8.
- c. Describe how you would implement the Statement of Work contained in this application.
- d. Describe how the Veterans Seminars will be integrated into the flow of services in the WorkOne.
- e. Describe how the Veterans Seminars will be promoted and advertised in the Region.
- f. Describe the topics to be covered in each seminar.
- g. What are the maximum and minimum numbers of participants per Seminar?
- h. How soon after contract award will the first seminar take place?

C. Proposed Fee 20%

- a. Up to \$75,000 is available for the Veterans Seminars, we anticipate serving 100 or more Veterans during the contract period. If you propose to serve more than 100 Veterans the Board may award additional points during the evaluation of the applications.
- b. The proposed funds request should be an all-inclusive fee that includes your cost for compensation, travel, supplies and other costs. There is no need to break this amount down to component costs.
- c. How many Veterans do you propose to enroll in the Seminars during the contract period?
- d. How many Veterans constitute a "seminar class"? What is the minimum number of Veterans needed to operate a seminar.
- e. How many Veterans do you project will complete the seminars?
- f. What is the projected cost per seminar enrollee?
- g. What is the projected cost per seminar completer?

IV. Statement of Work

The purpose of this project is to expand the existing Veterans services in Region 8. The Veterans Seminar program will provide Veterans who are eligible as dislocated workers under the NEG grant with information needed to seek and retain employment. This program shall consist of a five (5) day seminar that instructs participants in strategies for reemployment. This program shall take place at the Bloomington, Bedford and Linton WorkOne offices, and may be held at WorkOne Express offices in Region 8 depending on demand and space availability.

As part of implementation, the following activities will occur:

- Prior to attending the five day program, appropriate participants will be enrolled in WIOA and assigned a case manager. Participants will become actively integrated into the WorkOne office and receive services and access to programs as they are determined eligible and services and programs are available. Seminar participants will be Veterans and as such shall receive priority of service.
- WorkOne staff will be fully integrated into the seminars, creating a sense of partnership and cooperation between WorkOne staff, dislocated workers/Veterans, and seminar presenters and trainers.
- The Region 8 WorkOne office managers will oversee and direct the coordination of all activities between WorkOne staff and contractor staff delivering these seminars.
- The LVER, DVOP, case managers and other appropriate WorkOne staff will be engaged in the seminar, as appropriate, to provide presentations on topics such as WorkOne services, job search, and labor market information.
- The Region 8 WorkOne staff shall be responsible for all job placement services to Veterans attending the seminar. Seminar staff are not expected to contact employers in Region 8. If employer contacts are required to obtain employer participation in the proposed seminars, such contacts will be made by the Region 8 Business Services Director or other WorkOne staff.

All activities will be conducted in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to the program. The activities will also be in alignment with the State of Indiana's grant award for this project (EM-27352-15-60-A-18) and federal policy related to the Sector Partnership, including TEGL 31-14 and TEGL 22-04.

Deliverables

On a monthly basis the contractor shall provide a detailed activity report to the Board representative of significant activities, problems encountered and:

- Dates of Seminars planned and conducted by location;
- Number of Veterans enrolled;
- Number completing the 5 day seminar.

Attachment A

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Organization's Legal Name			
Contact Person:			
Address			
Telephone		Fax	
E-mail		Cell	
Total Funds Requested:			
Total Number of Veterans projected to be enrolled:			
Projected Cost per Seminar Veteran Enrolled:			

Check all applicable boxes:

For Profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sole Proprietorship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not-for-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faith-Based Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Labor Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Based Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Public Agency (Specify)			
Federal ID #			
<hr/> Authorized Signature _____ Date _____ Print Name: Title:			

Attachment B

Non-Collusion Affidavit

State of Indiana

County of _____

The respondent is hereby giving oath that it has not, in any way, directly or indirectly, entered into any arrangement or agreement with any other respondent or with any officer or employee of the Region 8 Workforce Board whereby it has paid or will pay to such other respondent or officer or employee any sum of money or anything of real value whatever; and has not, directly or indirectly, entered into any arrangement or agreement with any other respondent or respondents which tends to or does lessen or destroy free competition in the letting of the agreement sought for by the attached response; that no inducement of any form or character other than that which appears on the face of the response will be suggested, offered, paid, or delivered to any person whomsoever to influence the acceptance of the said response or awarding of the agreement, nor has this respondent any agreement or understanding of any kind whatsoever, with any person whomsoever, to pay, deliver to, or share with any other person in any way or manner any of the proceeds of the agreement sought by this response.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Print or Type Name

Subscribed and sworn to me this day ____ day of _____

Notary Public

County of

Commission Expiration Date

Attachment C

Assurances and Certifications

The authorized representative agrees to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations governing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Workforce Investment Boards, and any other applicable laws and regulations. The authorized representative certifies that the proposing organization possesses legal authority to offer the attached proposal. A resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the organization's governing body authorizing the submission of this proposal.

In addition, the authorized representative assures, certifies and understands that:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) recipients are obligated to maintain the following assurance for the period during which WIOA Title I financial assistance is extended. Each request for proposal, proposal and application for financial assistance under WIOA Title I shall contain the following assurances.

"As a condition to the award of financial assistance from the Department of Labor under Title I of WIOA, the recipient assures that it will comply fully with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws:

Section 188 of the WIOA, which prohibits discrimination against all individuals in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief, and against beneficiaries on the basis of either citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States or participation in any WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the bases of race, color or national origin; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the bases of age; and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs."

The recipient also assures that it will comply with WIOA implementing regulations (due in January 2015) and all other regulations implementing the laws listed above. This assurance applies to the recipients operation of the WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity, and to all agreements the recipient makes to carry out the WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity. The recipient understands that the United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance.

<p>Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters: This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, implementing Executive Order 12549, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Parts 85), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).</p>

The undersigned applicant certifies that neither it nor its principals:

- (1) Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- (2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in Paragraph (2) of this section; and
- (4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

<p>Nondiscrimination: The undersigned applicant certifies that it shall comply with the nondiscrimination provisions outlined in the WIOA of 2014 including Title I, Sec. 188.</p>

Conflict of Interest: The undersigned applicant certifies that:

- (1) No manager, employee or paid consultant of the Proposer is a member of the Board of Directors, or an employee of the Board;
- (2) No manager or paid consultant of the Proposer is married to a member of the Board of Directors, or an employee of the Board;
- (3) No member of the Board of Directors, or an employee of the Board owns or has any control in the Proposer's organization;
- (4) No spouse of a member of the Board of Directors, or employee of the Board receives compensation from Proposer for lobbying activities;
- (5) Proposer has disclosed within the proposal response any interest, fact or circumstance which does or may present a potential conflict of interest;
- (6) Should Proposer fail to abide by the foregoing covenants and affirmations regarding conflict of interest, Proposer shall not be entitled to the recovery of any costs or expenses incurred in relations to any contract with the Board and shall immediately refund the Board any fees or expenses that may have been paid under the contract and shall further be liable for any other costs incurred or damages sustained by the Board relating to that contract.

Lobbying: This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, Implementing Section 1352 of the Program Fraud and Civil Remedies Act, Title 31 U.S. Code for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3018), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 93), Department of Education (34 CFR Part 82), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 93).

The undersigned applicant certifies that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, or locally elected officials.
- (2) In connection with the awarding of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
- (3) If any funds, other than Federal appropriated funds, have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, any officer or employee of Congress, an employee of a Member of Congress, or locally elected officials in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- (4) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and provide disclosure accordingly.

Drug-Free Workplace: This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, Implementing Section 5150-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, 41 U.S.C. 701; for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Part 85, 668 and 682), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

The undersigned applicant certifies that it shall provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (a) Publishing a policy statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the consequences of any such action by an employee;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, the availability of counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug abuse violations in the workplace;
- (c) Providing each employee with a copy of the Contractor's policy statement;

- (d) Notifying the employees in the Contractor's policy statement that as a condition of employment under this contract, employees shall abide by the terms of the policy statement and notifying the Contractor in writing within five (5) days after any conviction for a violation by the employee of a criminal drug statute in the workplace;
- (e) Notifying the Commission within ten (10) days of Contractor's receipt of a notice of a conviction of an employee; and,
- (f) Taking appropriate personnel action against an employee of violating a criminal drug statute or require such employee to participate in drug abuse assistance or a rehabilitation program.

These certifications are material representations of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction.

WIOA Sec. 184 (f): Discrimination Against Participants: -- If the Secretary determines that any recipient under WIOA Title I has discharged or in any other manner discriminated against a participant or against any individual in connection with the administration of the program involved, or against any individual because such individual has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or related to WIOA Title I, or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding or investigation under or related to WIOA Title I, or otherwise unlawfully denied to any individual a benefit to which that individual is entitled under the provision of WIOA Title I or the Secretary's regulations, the Secretary shall, within 30 days, take such action or order such corrective measures, as necessary, with respect to the recipient or the aggrieved individual, or both.

WIOA Sec. 188 (a):

- (1) Federal financial assistance.** -- For the purpose of applying the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), on the basis of disability under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), on the basis of sex under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), or on the basis of race, color, or national origin under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), programs and activities funded or otherwise financially assisted in whole or in part under this Act are considered to be programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- (2) Prohibition of discrimination regarding participation, benefits, and employment.** -- No individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in the administration of or in connection with, any such program or activity because of race, color, religion, sex (except as otherwise permitted under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972), national origin, age, disability, or political affiliation or belief.
- (3) Prohibition on assistance for facilities for sectarian instruction or religious worship.** -- Participants shall not be employed under WIOA Title I to carry out the construction, operation, or maintenance of any part of any facility that is used or to be used for sectarian

instruction or as a place for religious worship (except with respect to the maintenance of a facility that is not primarily or inherently devoted to sectarian instruction or religious worship, in a case in which the organization operating the facility is part of a program or activity providing service to participants).

(4) Prohibition on discrimination on basis of participant status. -- No person may discriminate against an individual who is a participant in a program or activity that receives funds under WIOA Title I, with respect to the terms and conditions affecting, or rights provided to, the individual, solely because of the status of the individual as a participant.

(5) Prohibition on discrimination against certain non-citizens. -- Participation in programs and activities or receiving funds under WIOA Title I shall be available to citizens and nationals of the United States, lawfully admitted permanent resident aliens, refugees, asylees, and parolees, and other immigrants authorized by the Attorney General to work in the United States.

Section 188 (3) WIOA Title I funds may not be spent on the employment or training of participants in sectarian activities.

Further, the undersigned applicant certifies that it shall comply with the provisions outlined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR 80 and 84).

With regard to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), the provider agrees to comply with the implementing regulations that require that each program of training services, when funded in all or in part with federal funds, shall be accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. The provider further agrees to meet all applicable requirements regarding facility access.

By signing, the applicant certifies that it will comply with all other regulations implementing the laws cited above. This assurance applies to the applicant's operation of the WIOA Title I - financially assisted program or activity, and to all agreements, the applicant makes to carry out the WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity. The applicant understands that the United States, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and the Board have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. NOTE: WIOA non-discrimination regulations will be published in January 2015. WIOA Section 188 and WIA Section 188 are identical.

Documentation of Financial Stability: The undersigned applicant certifies that it shall comply with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development with regard to providing documentation of financial stability. As part of their local application requirements, the Board is to specify its local protocol for documentation and submission requirements.

Reporting Requirements: The undersigned applicant certifies that it shall comply with the provisions of Sec. 122 of the Workforce Innovation Act of 2014 and the reporting and procedural requirements issued by the Board or the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

Where the prospective recipient of federal assistance funds is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective recipient shall attach an explanation to this certification.

The undersigned Authorized Representative of the applicant herein certifies that the statements above pertaining to Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Nondiscrimination; Conflict of Interest; Education Standards and Procedures; Documentation of Financial Stability and Reporting Requirements are true and correct as of the date of submission. This does not preclude the Board from requiring additional assurances as part of the local application requirements.

Further, the Authorized Representative acknowledges that if the information given to the Board by the applicant causes harm to a third party, then applicant will be held liable for any Board action resulting from reliance on that information.

The applicant must notify the Board in writing if the authorized signatory changes.

Certified by:

Signature of Authorized Official	Title	Date
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Typed/Printed Name of Signatory

Name of Organization