

PY15 WIA Youth Program RFP Bidders' Conference Minutes

April 21, 2015 10:00am-12:00pm

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY

Present:

Pat Gopen, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

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Kathy Templar, Wayne County Workforce Development

Patti Rockefeller, Wayne County Workforce Development

Mike Whirtley, Seneca County Workforce Development

Deborah McGrimley, Seneca County Workforce Development

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

- Introduction of Bidders' Conference purpose, meeting agenda, attendees
 - Review of RFP timeline; submission deadline, explanation of review/revision process.
 - Description and review of handouts; Common List of Acronyms, Attachment A: Common Measures At A Glance, Attachment B: Definitions of Key Terms
 - Review of TEGl 23-14
 - Review of draft regulations 681.210 Who is an out-of-school-youth, 681.430, 681.440, 681.460, 681.480, 681.490, 681.500, 681.510, 681.520, 681.530, 681.540, 681.550, 681.560, 681.570, 681.580, 681.590, 681.600, 681.610, 681.630, 681.640, 681.650, 681.660, 681.700, 681.710, 681.230, 681.240, 681.250, 681.260, 681.280, 681.290, 681.300, 681.400 and 681.410
 - We are anticipating approximately \$400,000 of WIOA Youth funds, allocations have not been issued.
 - We will serve out-of-school youth ages 16-24.
 - You may request funding for your organization to provide any or all of the 14 program elements. If your proposal does not provide for all 14 elements, you must demonstrate how a participant will access the other elements.
 - The 3 existing Youth Performance Measures; (Placement in Employment or Education, Attainment of a degree or certificate, and Literacy/Numeracy) remain in place for PY 015. However, the cohorts for PY 16 will begin during PY15.
 - New Performance Indicators will begin in PY2016 (July 1, 2016)
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- **Question:** Are there any high poverty areas in our four county region?
 - **Answer:** www.census.gov shows no 'high poverty area' with poverty at least 30% in our four county local area.
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- **Question:** How does NYS define 'Alternative School'?
 - **Answer:** Providers of adult education under Title II of WIOA are not considered schools, therefore youth attending these are considered OOS. Job Corps, Youth Build, adult high school equivalency programs, etc. are therefore not schools. If the 'alternative school' is funded with Title II funds, it is not considered a school.

- **Question:** Please clarify #8 in 681.210 (a low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment) WIOA secs. 3(46) and 129(a)(1)(B)
- **Answer:** This is an eligibility option for WIOA, for a participant that does not reach other eligibility criteria, but is **low income and requires additional assistance** (as per the FLWIB definition). There are only 2 reasons for low income eligibility (and only 5% can be enrolled low income); has hs diploma or equivalency and is basic skills deficient OR requires additional assistance.

- **Question:** What does ‘and occupational and academic’ mean?
- **Answer:** The new Required Element #5 is; Education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster.

- **Question:** Are they going to give guidance on DEV? What’s acceptable to use now that requirements have changed?
- **Answer:** The current DEV for WIA will be accepted until further notice. No DVRS, data validation requirement system has been issued as of yet. Until a new one is issued, TA 11.12-2 is the rule.

- **Question:** Under WIA, we cannot serve youth who have defaulted on student loans; is that the same with WIOA?
- **Answer:** This is not addressed in WIOA, the FLWIB or state will be setting the policy

Meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m

Minutes submitted by Dinah Brennan, FLWIB, Inc. Executive Assistant