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One Stop Operator

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Background Information

In July 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Congress passed the Act by a wide bipartisan majority; it is the first legislative reform in 15 years of the public workforce system. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

One of six Local Workforce Areas in the state of Oklahoma, the Central Oklahoma Workforce Area covers 9 counties in the Central Oklahoma. Those counties are: Canadian, Cleveland, Hughes, Lincoln, Logan, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie and Seminole. The Board of Commissioners from each of those counties has appointed one of their own to set on the Board of Chief Elected Officials Consortium (BCEO). The BCEO has appointed the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board (COWIB) as the Local Workforce Board (WDB) for the area. The BCEO has selected the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board (COWIB) to act as their fiscal agent. COWIB provides board staffing, fiscal agent functions, and does the contracting of WIOA service provision. Operation of the One-Stop Centers, Youth Services, and Adult and Dislocated Worker services has been currently contracted through Dynamic Workforce Solutions (DWFS).

The purpose of the WIOA Programs is to provide allowable workforce activities to eligible clients that will increase employment retention and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill level attainment by participants. As a result, successful application of these activities will improve the quality of Oklahoma's workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the State and Nation. The WIOA places an emphasis on serving youth within a comprehensive youth approach that focuses on long-term services that provide the education, skills, work experience, and support that youth need to successfully transition to careers and productive adulthood. The WIOA youth funds are targeted at young people who are both in and out-of-school, to assist them in their career and educational goals. Bidders are encouraged to read the Act to understand the scope of authorized activities. In general, these activities are:

- a) to establish a one-stop delivery system described in section 121(e);
- b) to oversee youth workforce investment activities as described in Section 129
- c) to oversee the career services described in Section 134(c)(2) to adults and dislocated workers, respectively, through the one-stop delivery system in accordance with such paragraph;
- d) to ensure training services as described in Section 134 (c) (3) to adults and dislocated workers, respectively, are made available;
- e) to ensure that services from all partners are available and accessible to all the citizens and businesses in the Central Workforce Area;
- f) to eliminate duplication and redundancy among the partner services;

- g) to establish and develop relationships and networks with large and small employers and their intermediaries; and
- h) to develop, convene, or implement industry or sector partnerships.”

One-Stop Operator Activities

Compliance:

1. Ensure COWIB policy and procedure is followed;
2. Ensure compliance with WIOA, WIOA regulations, state and local policies, and the U. S. Department of Labor Statement 29 CFR 38 Implementation of Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Final Rule Coordinate the provision of services to eliminate or minimize duplication;
3. Ensure One Stop partners are utilizing the common intake, case management, referral process and client tracking systems appropriately.

Management:

1. Management of the day-to-day operations of the Oklahoma Works centers and access sites;
2. Coordinate Service Delivery among Core and Required Partners including physical and electronic sites;
3. Coordinate Oklahoma Works system performance measures and deliverables established by the COWIB;
4. Annually report physical, programmatic and technology accessibility ensuring accommodations and accessibility for all;
5. Serve as the Accessibility Compliance Representative (ACR) to comply with Oklahoma Works Access for All Certification;
6. Administer the customer database system currently in operation at the One Stop which allows One Stop staff to track and report on customer usage of the One Stop and services; Provider will use the system to track and report on customer activities as requested by the COWIB;
7. Contractor is expected to ensure that the one-stop partners adhere to the MOU agreements and reporting procedures;

Community/Partners Relationships

1. Establish and maintain key relationships with workforce system partners
2. Implement quality and continuous improvement principles within the system
3. Responsible for capacity building within the system and with all partner staff
4. Promote workforce programs and educate local, community and faith-based organizations about the Workforce System
5. Convene monthly meetings of the One Stop Partners

Business Services

1. Coordinate with the Business Services Team to develop, offer and deliver quality business services that assist specific businesses and industry sectors in overcoming the challenges of recruiting, retaining, and developing talent for the regional economy
2. Identify and work to address immediate and long-term skilled workforce needs of high demand industries and growing occupations. Create a report that identifies critical skill gaps within and across industry sectors
3. Oversee the job posting information from businesses to the statewide employment database and assist employers who prefer to enter data directly
4. Direct center staff on the screening and recruiting of candidates for job openings for area employers
5. Respond to employers' requests including providing interview space, job fairs, and other services offered by Oklahoma Works
6. Coordinate with the Rapid Response (RR) Coordinator to align system partners local RR services for workers who have or will be dislocated from their jobs due to a business or plant closure, a major employer downsizing, or natural disasters
7. Collaborate with system partners to facilitate and participate in special projects such as job fairs, business driven workshops, and be responsible for communicating employers' needs to the Oklahoma Works staff

Client/Customer Services

1. Ensure all potential customers are served through an integrated, seamless process related to the various services/functions offered in order to reduce duplication of resources, minimize number of contacts, and streamline processes utilizing the most efficient service strategies
2. Verify all customers have access to Oklahoma Works and partner services
3. Research, identify, and report in writing to COWIB any ADA compliance discrepancies for all customers at each Oklahoma Works location
4. Develop and work to implement an effective Outreach and Recruitment campaign for potential customers

COWIB, in coordination with the BCEO, is seeking to establish and build a partnership with an organization which can demonstrate that it can provide a positive and measurable impact on the citizens of our area while building a network of employment and training service providers in the Central Oklahoma Local Workforce Development Area that will assist all customers in securing in-demand occupations (high-demand, high-wage and high-skill occupations as defined per the COWIB Demand Occupation List).

Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit Proposal from qualified entities to provide the One-Stop Operator Services for the Central Oklahoma Workforce Area. The Proposal which, in the opinion of the awarding body, best provides for establishing a workforce system of services in the Central Oklahoma local workforce area will be invited to enter into contract negotiations. Resulting contracts will be negotiated with respect to cost, scope, and content in a manner that achieves the establishment of this System in the best interest of the Local Area. The successful bidder's program will be required to perform all services as outlined in this Request for Proposal. The period of performance will be November 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Any contracts entered into as a result of this RFP may be extended for two (2) additional one-year periods, if agreeable to both parties.

Dates and Deadlines

The time line shown below is an estimated schedule of the RFP process.

Publication of Legal Notice	September 4, 2024
Proposal Date	September 4, 2024
Mailing / E-Mailing of RFP to Proposers	September 4, 2024
RFP Questions Submission Date	September 13, 2024
Deadline for Receipt of Completed Proposals	2:00 pm CDST October 2, 2024
Public Opening of Sealed Bids	2:30 pm CDST October 2, 2024
Review and Negotiations with Approved Bidders	October 3 - 25, 2024
Contract(s) Written By	October 31, 2024
Contract(s) Performance Begins	November 1, 2024
Contract(s) Performance Ends	September 30, 2025

Note: The deadline shown above (2:00 pm CDST October 2, 2024) is extremely important. The completed proposal must have been physically received on or prior to that deadline. If you plan to have your proposal delivered other than by personal delivery, please remember that even though the proposal may be postmarked prior to the deadline, if it is not received by the deadline time and date, it absolutely cannot be considered.

The Proposal should be delivered or mailed to:

Central Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board

Attn: Ashley Sellers

3813 N. Santa Fe Suite 135

Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Solicitation Process

The solicitation process for the Request for Proposal (RFP) will follow a structured and transparent approach to ensure fair and open competition. The process begins with the

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development and approval of the RFP document, which includes a detailed scope of work, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements. Once finalized, the RFP will be advertised publicly through various channels, including the organization's website, to reach a broad audience of potential bidders. Interested parties will have the opportunity to submit questions for clarification during a designated question and answer period. All responses will be provided in writing and shared with all prospective bidders to ensure consistency and fairness. Proposals must be submitted by the specified deadline and in the format outlined in the RFP. Upon receipt, proposals will be logged, reviewed for compliance with submission requirements, and evaluated according to the established criteria by a selection committee. The committee will score and rank the proposals, and the top-ranked bidders may be invited for presentations or interviews. Following the evaluation, a recommendation will be made for the award, subject to final approval by the appropriate authority. All bidders will be notified of the outcome, and the selected bidder will enter into contract negotiations to finalize the terms of the agreement.

General Proposal Information

This Proposal may make references to the WIOA Grant Recipient and/or WIOA Fiscal Agent. For this RFP, those references are for the same entity. The WIOA Fiscal Agent is the entity designated by the Local Elected Officials Consortium and in this workforce area it is the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board. This Proposal also makes references to the Workforce Board (COWIB). For this workforce area this is the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board. The proposer should note that the roles of various parties in the WIOA system are flexible and may vary from one workforce development area to another. Even within one workforce area the roles of the COWIB, WIOA Fiscal Agent, Youth Committee, and other entities may vary from time to time depending upon changes in the roles as determined by the appropriate governing entities. These changes should not affect the sub-recipient(s) in carrying out the tasks required in the contract(s).

The Workforce Board (COWIB) authorized this Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure services and/or products as described in this package. All individuals, companies, agencies or other entities submitting Proposal must be aware of the limitations stated in this section.

The COWIB, in receiving Proposal, reserves the right to withdraw this Proposal at any time prior to the signing of a contract(s). The COWIB reserves the right to cancel or reissue this RFP in part or in its entirety.

Proposal selected for review will be evaluated and may be negotiated. The COWIB reserves the right to fund all, some, or none of the Proposal received. The actual amount of any contract(s) that is written is subject to negotiation prior to the finalization of the contract(s). The Proposal that are most advantageous to the COWIB in terms of both quality and cost will be recommended for contract(s) negotiations.

Proposers may be asked for clarifying statements or other data prior to or during the review and negotiation process. These statements or data will be requested only to clarify items already

included in the Proposal that was submitted. The statements or data provided by the proposer will be considered to be a part of the Proposal.

Proposal selected for review will be evaluated according to criteria set forth in this Proposal package. Some evaluation criteria will have minimum acceptable scores that must be met. Failure to meet the minimum scores will eliminate the Proposal from further evaluation and consideration. Proposal will be evaluated by a team of evaluators. This team may consist of members of the COWIB, Chief Elected Officials, or others to whom this task has been assigned. The evaluation committee will make a recommendation to the COWIB, the Chief Elected Officials Consortium (BCEO) or other entity to which this responsibility has been assigned. The evaluation committee has been authorized to make the final decision on the organization(s) to which a contract(s) will be awarded.

The evaluation team will only review Proposal for programs that include the services requested in this Proposal package. Proposers may include additional services as a part of the Proposal, but the Proposal must, at a minimum, contain the training and/or services that are specifically shown.

The Proposal that are received will be made available, upon request, to the public. However, the Proposal will be made available only after the COWIB has made the award to a proposer and the protest period has begun.

The COWIB has established a procedure to resolve any protests, disputes, claims, or grievances that may arise from this procurement process. A copy of this procedure will be made available to any proposer upon request. This procedure gives a proposer an opportunity to protest the award and provides for a review of the process and a determination to be issued by the individuals conducting the review. The notice of award and notice of the protest process will be provided at the time proposers are notified of the outcome of their Proposal. This notice will be provided to each proposer within 5 days of the date of award of a contract(s) and may be provided via e-mail, fax, direct contact by telephone, or by regular mail. The protest process will provide for a minimum of 5 days for a proposer to submit a protest. The notice of the protest process will provide information on the name and contact information of the individual to whom the protest must be submitted.

Proposers shall not offer or provide any gratuities, favours, or anything of monetary value to any officer, member, employee, or agent of the COWIB, Chief Elected Officials Consortium, Fiscal Agent, or other organization for the purpose of having an influencing effect toward their own Proposal or any other Proposal submitted hereunder.

Modifications to Proposal that have been submitted will be accepted only under these guidelines. (1) The original Proposal that was submitted must be withdrawn. The proposer must provide a written request to withdraw the original Proposal; and (2) a completely new Proposal must then be submitted. No changes may be made to the Proposal subsequent to the deadline date.

Pre-contract(s) costs and the costs of preparing this Proposal are not allowable costs and cannot be included in the Proposal budget nor in any resulting contract(s) budget.

Proposers should be aware that funding for WIOA programs is always subject to availability and other conditions. Funding for future periods may be changed significantly if appropriations for WIOA programs change or if demographics change within the State or local workforce area.

No employee, officer, or agent of the COWIB, Chief Elected Officials Consortium, Youth Committee, or other organization shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract(s) supported by WIOA funds if a conflict of interest, or potential conflict, would be involved.

Proposers shall not engage in any activity that will restrict or eliminate competition. Violation of this provision may cause a proposer's bid to be rejected.

The COWIB reserves the right to contact any individual, agency, employer, or grantees listed in a Proposal, to contact others who may have experience and/or knowledge of the bidder's relevant performance and/or qualifications, and to request additional information from any and all proposers. The COWIB also reserves the right to conduct a review of records, systems and procedures, including credit and criminal background checks, of any entity selected for funding. This may occur either before or after the award of a contract(s) or agreement. Misrepresentation of the proposer's ability to perform as stated in the Proposal may result in cancellation of any contract(s) or agreement awarded.

The sub-recipient(s) will be monitored by the WIOA Fiscal Agent and/or COWIB monitors and must have an annual audit included in the contract(s). Other monitors, auditors or reviewers from State and/or Federal agencies may also monitor or audit the sub-recipient(s) and must be provided access to all records and documents associated with the performance of this contract(s).

The sub-recipient(s) that is selected through this RFP is expected to be familiar or become familiar with the WIOA Act and Regulations and applying them in developing the response to the RFP. The COWIB and/or WIOA Fiscal Agent will, after the contract(s) has been awarded, provide technical assistance to the sub-recipient(s).

The Contract(s) That May Result from This RFP

The Board is seeking an entity that can actively engage a variety of organization in partnerships that will improve both the quantity and quality of services that may be received through the Oklahoma Works system. Winning bidders must be willing to ensure services are available to be delivered in all 9 counties without regard to whether there is a permanent presence in any one county.

Interaction with the business community in the entire area is a necessity. This means any sub-

recipient(s) must have the ability to assist the business community members as well as eligible participants; this may be done by making direct contact or relying on the board's business services coordinator or a partner member to initiate contact with businesses. The resulting contacts will often mean that the successful bidder will ensure there is a system in place to provide quality referrals to employment to aid companies actively recruiting new employees. This process requires that the One-Stop operator work in unison with not only the Board, but also partners. The primary objective of the Board is to place its business customers in a more competitive position than prior to receiving our services. This can mean ensuring the appropriate jobseekers are referred to fill open positions, clients are afforded the opportunity of increasing their job skills in order to make them more competitive and both our jobseekers and businesses become more profitable as a result of being engaged with the workforce system in Central Oklahoma.

Eligible Bidders

An eligible bidder under this RFP may be any public or private entity; including but not limited to: a post-secondary educational institution, a community-based organization, a non-profit agency, unit of government, faith-based organization or a private for-profit business. Successful bidders must demonstrate current or future service delivery capabilities to provide effective services to all citizens that reside in the Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area. In addition, the successful bidder(s) must ensure that all Oklahoma Works Center in the area are delivering high quality and effective services. Current sites are El Reno, Holdenville, Oklahoma City, Seminole, Shawnee. It is also incumbent on the winning sub-recipient(s) to ensure there is a method established to provide appropriate services all 9 counties.

Any proposer with whom COWIB executes a contract for the provision of the services described in this Request for Proposal shall be a sub recipient pursuant to applicable federal laws and regulations and shall be required to comply with 2 CFR Part 200, as well as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and all other applicable federal and state laws and regulations. A for profit organization must comply with the appropriate regulations that are contained in FAR.

Resources

Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area is a 9-county area and is considered as both a Workforce Development Area and a Workforce Development Region. Information concerning the existing local plan and operational policies may be accessed at <http://www.COWIB.org>.

The State of Oklahoma WIOA policies may be found at <http://Oklahoma Works.gov>. Proposers must be knowledgeable of the statutes, regulations, rules and policies for the funding streams identified in the chart in section II.C. A copy of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and regulations may be found on the U.S. Department of Labor web page at <https://www.doleta.gov/WIOA/>.

Technical Assistance

An explanation or clarification of this RFP and to answer other questions will be provided on the Central Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board's website located at www.COWIB.org.

To assist in this process, proposers are asked to submit their questions via e-mail prior to the close of business on September 13, 2024. This will allow the appropriate individual sufficient time to prepare an answer and have the question and answer available to all who are considering presenting a Proposal. Questions may be submitted electronically; all questions and their answers will be posted at www.COWIB.org website.

Questions via e-mail should be submitted to:
ashleysellers@cowib.org

General Procurement Statements

1. COWIB is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages competition at all levels. Any interested and qualified Proposer is encouraged to submit a bid.
2. Prospective Proposers should inform COWIB if the specifications or other Proposal requirements are faulty, unnecessary, or inhibit competition. If COWIB agrees with the Proposer, an amendment will be issued.
3. All prospective Proposers must adhere to the Uniform Administrative Requirements of the Office of Management and Budget or the appropriate FAR.
4. All Proposal in response to the RFP become the property of the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board. The Proposal will not be available for public viewing until after a contract with the new service provider is finalized. All information not deemed PROPRIETARY and contained in bid responses will become open for public review once a contract is signed or all bids are rejected.
5. This Request for Proposal does not commit COWIB to fund any Proposal submitted before execution of a contract.
6. COWIB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposal received or to negotiate terms of the Proposal with any qualified Proposer.
7. No contracts will be awarded as a result of this RFP without approval of the COWIB Evaluation Committee. Further, COWIB reserves the right to withdraw from negotiations at any time before a contract is executed.

Availability of Funds

Funding for each program year is determined by the US Department of Labor based on an established formula for WIOA State Formula Funds awarded to States by no later than June of each year. To aid in the planning process for submitting a Proposal, respondents should note that in PY23 our budget was approximately **\$89,000** Program Year 2024 amounts are subject to change, based upon the actual amount allocated to the region and available carry-over funds, if any, allocated by COWIB. COWIB as the fiscal agent is responsible for providing system infrastructure.

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It is understood that funds will fluctuate from year-to-year. The contract agreement shall be modified to increase or decrease funding as needed to reflect actual federal funds received during the contract period. The successful sub-recipient will be awarded a cost-reimbursement contract with the possibility of a negotiated profit margin for those eligible entities. The Board may expand the scope of the contract to include other workforce programs, funding or requirements that the Board deems necessary and appropriate.

All agreements are subject to the availability of funds to the Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area.

Incorporation of RFP into Contract

All conditions contained in this Request for Proposal and completed Forms and any statements contained in the Request for Proposal will be incorporated into any contract regarding this matter. Failure of the contracting organization to accept these obligations may result in the cancellation of the selection. The sub-recipient shall assume responsibility for all services offered in their bid Proposal whether or not they were produced. The sub-recipient will be responsible for all material errors and omissions in the performance of the contract.

Payment Process

The Board will use a cost-reimbursement contract which may or may not include a pay for performance piece as well as potential profit for eligible entities. The selected sub-recipient will be reimbursed for allowable actual service delivery costs on a monthly basis after submittal and approval of payment vouchers as instructed in the contract.

In addition to the provisions of this Request for Proposal and the awarded Proposal, which shall be incorporated by reference in the contract, any additional clauses or provisions required by the terms and conditions will be included as an amendment to the contract.

The Board values high performance, continuous improvement and responsiveness to Board and system customer needs. The Board understands that a for-profit entity may be selected through this process. If so negotiations for arriving at a methodology for rewarding exceptional performance in the form of profit will be finished before the start date of the contract.

The successful bidder may only serve eligible individuals using WIOA funds as defined by the WIOA and is responsible for all WIOA participant enrollments in the Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area. The successful bidder shall create, collect, and maintain all records relating to One-Stop operations and WIOA service provision activities that are required to be made by applicable federal or state laws or regulations, made relevant by guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor, and/or which are necessary for determining the Central Oklahoma Workforce Area's attainment of the local levels of performance negotiated with the

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Governor and the chief elected official of the Central Oklahoma Workforce Area. Reimbursement for program costs will be made on a monthly basis providing that these performance standards are being met. Performance Standards will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

For examples of past and current Performance Standards see also Section III.B.3 Program Outcomes and Deliverables of this RFP.

Any revenues above costs generated by any not-for-profit organization through use of these funds, including interest income or other program generated income, must be reported and then returned to the WDB. Any return of revenues to the provider for use to extend the contract or provide additional services will be at the sole and absolute discretion of WDB.

Proposers may not charge individuals eligible for workforce programs a fee for any service; however, if the Proposal intends to charge fees for non-eligible individuals and/or businesses, the service and fee structure must be fully described in the narrative. The Board reserves the right to retain a portion of the income generated from such activities.

The sub-recipient will be responsible for all benefits (vacation, health insurance, etc.) and withholdings as any staff of the sub-recipient will remain staff of the sub-recipient and will not become employees of COWIB. The contract will be solely for personnel, professional, and training. The WDB will only reimburse personnel costs for time actually worked, and reasonable vacation, sick leave, and holidays as provided for in the bidder's personnel policies and earned during the contract term. No other paid leaves of absence will be reimbursed by COWIB nor should they be part of the negotiated sub-recipient price.

Subcontracting

The WDB acknowledges the need to form viable partnerships that will help to enhance the delivery of workforce activities identified in the State Plan throughout the Central Oklahoma local workforce area. Proposal utilizing specialized services to deliver such activities may include sub-recipients and/or vendors. Any subcontracting must be clearly identified in the Proposal narrative and the Board prior to contract execution must provide approval. If the proposer currently subcontracts certain functions or activities and intends to do so as part of this Proposal, the sub-recipient/vendor must be identified and a certification included from the sub-recipient/vendor attesting to their agreement to the terms of the Proposal and any resulting contract.

Interview Rights to Jobs Created

The successful proposer for WIOA One Stop Operator services must agree to interview all incumbent program operations staff who apply for employment with the new provider. Incumbent staff will be granted consideration for experience in lieu of education requirements

for any position for which they are otherwise qualified. In the event of a transition and a reduction of staff, the Board shall carefully oversee the process to ensure that there is no loss of service or reduction of quality.

Contract Provisions

The contract(s) will have provisions regarding the provision of services being delivered in a functional delivery system. This may require the sub-recipient(s) to provide some services that are traditionally delivered by other entities that are none-the-less allowable services. In functional delivery system, other entities may also be required to deliver some of the services that are included in the statement of work of this contract(s).

The contract(s) may also have provisions which are not described in this RFP. Those provisions may be necessary due to changes in applicable laws or regulations, provisions added or changed to reflect negotiations made subsequent to the issuance of this RFP, requirements not known at the time of the issuance of this RFP, or other reasons.

Contract(s) Based Costs

All costs that are approved in a contract(s) must be reasonable and necessary to carry out the planned functions. The costs must be allowable and allocable to the proper grants and cost categories. If the sub-recipient(s) is a public entity or non-profit entity, the contract(s) will not include a provision for profit. Profit margins with for-profit organizations may be negotiated. Profit margins must be reasonable and cannot be based on a percentage of actual costs. Profit margins will be based upon meeting and/or exceeding standards. It is anticipated that a higher profit margin may be negotiated for exceeding negotiated performance goals. Profit will be paid on a quarterly basis depending on meeting negotiated standards.

The sub-recipient will be reimbursed for actual travel expenses required for travel within the region as well as for meetings and conferences provided by COWIB, Oklahoma Workforce Association or Oklahoma Employment Security Commission as applicable to WIOA. Out of area travel must be approved in advance by the Board's Executive Director and the sub-recipient must have the funds in their budget to support the requested travel.

Proposers should note that they are not required to provide rent, utilities, telephone service and telephones, internet service, janitorial services, lawn and grounds maintenance, equipment purchases, equipment maintenance, equipment software, and assessment supplies for One Stop Center and Satellite offices. All of these items will be provided by the WIOA Fiscal Agent for the workforce area.

Criminal History Reports

The contract(s) that results from this RFP may contain a requirement that the contract(s) or provide a current (within the past 12 months) and satisfactory OSBI criminal history report on all individuals working in any manner for the sub-recipient(s) if the individual will be providing services to workforce Clients. The criminal history report shall be deemed to be satisfactory if it

contains no history of criminal offences which would be considered crimes which present a danger to Clients. These reports, if required, must be submitted to the WIOA Fiscal Agent not less than 10 days prior to the scheduled beginning date of performance under the contract(s). If the reports are not submitted by that deadline, the contract(s) will be declared to be void and no payments will be made to the sub-recipient(s). The cost of the criminal history reports will be paid by the sub-recipient(s) and cannot be included in the contract(s) costs.

Program and Performance Measures

The contract(s) that results from this RFP will have certain requirements for performance. The contract(s) may require that the sub-recipient(s) submit reports of expenditures, Clients served, goals versus actual performance reports, WIOA performance reports, audits, reviews made by other entities, or other information that is necessary for the COWIB to evaluate the performance of the contract(s) or. The contract(s) may have provisions requiring minimum performance levels to be achieved before funding for remaining periods is available. The contract(s) may have a provision to reduce or eliminate funding for future periods if that minimum performance level is not attained. It is also possible to eliminate specific service areas from the contract(s) should the sub-recipient(s) fail to meet minimum performance standards in each of the three areas. Sub-recipient Performance will be based on the following measures:

One-Stop Operator Performance

1. Conduct a Partners' Meeting every month
2. Develop and implement a customer satisfaction survey
3. Maintain effective working relationship with partners
4. Develop new partnerships in the workforce system
5. Create a system for engaging the Business Community
6. Conduct presentations to Community Based Organizations
7. Create efficiencies in Workforce Oklahoma Centers.
8. Ensure COWIB policy and procedure is followed

The determination of whether the sub-recipient(s) has met or exceeded the performance items shown above will be made as of June 30 of each year. To be determined to have satisfactory performance, the Sub-recipient(s) must meet or exceed the performance items in 6 of the 8 measures shown above with no measure falling below 80% of the negotiated rate. Sub-recipient(s) will complete the Projected Performance Form included in the RFP.

Contract(s) Renewal and Extension

The contract(s) that results from this RFP may have a provision for extension. The terms and lengths of any extension will be established by the COWIB and will be included in the contract(s) provisions. All extensions must be documented in a modification to the contract(s). Each extension must be for not more than one year and a maximum of two extensions is permitted. Extensions will be contingent upon established performance in the above-mentioned measures

Early Terminations

The contract(s) that results from this RFP will have provisions for termination of the contract(s) for failure to satisfactorily perform the tasks that are required. The contract(s) that results from this RFP may also have provisions which allow the contract(s) parties to cancel the contract(s) at any time by providing reasonable advance notice to other contract(s) parties. The contract(s) will also provide for termination of the contract(s) for lack of funds.

Modifications

The contract(s) will have a provision for modifying the contract(s). Modifications may be necessary to incorporate changes required by Federal or State laws and policies. Modifications may be necessary to increase funds to the Contract(s) or if funds become available through National Emergency Grants, Trade Adjustment Assistance, or other sources. Since there are two distinct areas of performance measures, it may be necessary to modify the contract(s) to eliminate one or more of the services being provided by the Sub-recipient(s) and solicit new providers. Should the Sub-recipient(s) fail to meet performance measures the contract(s) will not be extended.

Assignment and Subcontracting

A part of the Proposal evaluation is based upon the previous experience of the proposer and its staff. The contract(s) will contain a provision that prohibits subcontracting or assigning the work to be performed without the written permission of the COWIB.

Indemnification

The contract(s) will include an indemnification clause. The indemnification clause will state that the proposer (sub-recipient(s)) shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Oklahoma, the U. S. Department of Labor, the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board, the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board officers, agents, and employees and the WIOA Chief Elected Officials Consortium from liability of any nature and kind, including costs, expenses, and attorney fees, for or on account of any actions, claims, suits, and damages of any character whatsoever arising out of any negligent act or omission of the proposer (sub-recipient(s)) or any of its employees, agents, volunteers, sub-recipients, or representatives.

Dispute Resolution - The contract(s) will have a provision for dispute resolution. This provision will require the Contract(s) or to use administrative processes and negotiation in attempting to resolve disputes arising from this contract(s). The contract(s) will require the sub-recipient(s) to continue to provide services while the dispute process is ongoing.

Audit Rights

The contract(s) will have a provision which will allow The Fiscal Agent, the State of Oklahoma, the U. S. Department of Labor, the Comptroller General of the United States, any of their duly authorized representatives, or others with statutory audit rights to perform audits after reasonable advance notice to the Contract(s) or at any time during the contract(s) period or within five (5) years from the date of final payment of this contract(s). At any time during normal

business hours and as often as Fiscal Agent or any of the above parties may deem necessary, the Contract(s) or shall make available to their duly authorized representatives for examination, all its records with respect to all matters covered by this contract(s). The Fiscal Agent, the State of Oklahoma, the U. S. Department of Labor, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have authority to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts from, any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contract(s) or which are directly pertinent to this Contract(s), including all contract(s), invoices, materials, payrolls, personnel records, conditions of employment, and other data relating to all matters covered by this contract(s).

Access to Records and Records Retention

The contract(s) will have a provision relating to Records Retention. That provision will require the Sub-recipient(s) to maintain all records pertinent to this contract(s), including financial, statistical, property, client records, and supporting documentation. These records shall be preserved and made available to the Fiscal Agent and its agents for a period of five (5) years after the date of final closeout of this contract(s). However, in the event of an audit, records shall be kept by Sub-recipient(s) until the audit is completely resolved. This may require a retention period longer than 5 years. If the Sub-recipient(s) is unable to retain the necessary Fiscal Agent client and financial records for the required period, the Sub-recipient(s) shall transfer such records to Fiscal Agent. Such records shall be transmitted to Fiscal Agent for acceptance in an orderly fashion with documents properly labeled and filed, and in an acceptable condition for storage.

Copyrights and Rights to Data

The contract(s) will have a provision relating to Copyrights and Data. That provision requires the Sub-recipient(s) to agree that the Fiscal Agent, the State of Oklahoma, and the U. S. Department of Labor shall have unlimited rights to any data first produced or delivered under the contract(s).

Pre-Agreement Cost Clause

The contract(s) will have a provision relating to Pre-Agreement Costs. That provision will state that in the event any signatures on the contract(s) are made subsequent to the beginning date of the contract(s), allowable expenditures of funds between the beginning date of this contract(s) and the actual signature date of the contract(s) will be allowed for no more than 30 calendar days prior to the actual signature dates of the contract(s).

De-obligations

The contract(s) that results from this RFP will contain clauses regarding availability of funds. Those clauses will allow the COWIB to decrease or eliminate funding to the sub-recipient(s) if funding made available to the COWIB is not sufficient to allow for full payment of the contract(s).

At the time the contract(s) is written, the actual funding amounts provided to the workforce investment area may not be available. The contract(s) may be modified prior to or subsequent to the beginning of the year to reflect changes that are necessary due to actual funding amounts

received. If the contract(s) is extended after the first term, any budget amounts remaining from budgets at the end of the year may not be carried over and expended in the extended period. The carry-over of any funds is an item that must be negotiated with the COWIB and/or Fiscal Agent for the workforce area.

Price Adjustment

The contract(s) will have a provision relating to Price Adjustment. That provision will state that if the contract(s) was negotiated in reliance upon cost data supplied by the Contract(s) or; the Fiscal Agent can adjust the price to exclude any significant sum by which the price was increased because the Contract(s) or had submitted cost data in the original Proposal which was not accurate, complete, or current.

Insurance

The contract(s) that results from this RFP will have certain requirements for insurance. There is no requirement that proof of insurance be submitted with the Proposal, but evidence of insurance must be provided prior to beginning the performance of work under the contract(s). The WIOA Fiscal Agent for the workforce area has a policy regarding insurance that is required of it and sub-recipient(s). Those requirements will be included in the contract(s). Those requirements may include general liability coverage, fire/theft insurance on property, insurance for motor vehicles used by employees of the sub-recipient(s), workers compensation, and blanket bond coverage.

EEO Requirements

Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Assurances The contract must comply with Section 188 of WIOA, which prohibits discrimination against all individuals in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, transgender status, and gender identity), national origin (including limited English proficiency), age, disability, or political affiliation or belief, or against beneficiaries on the basis of either citizenship status 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 and 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 basis of age; and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs; and all other relevant regulations implementing the laws listed above. (29 CFR Part 38). The contract also assure compliance with 29 CFR Part 38 and all other regulations implementing the laws listed above. This assurance applies to the parties' operation of the WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity, and to all agreements to carry out the WIOA Title I-financially assisted programs or activities. The contractor understand that the United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. The Contractor shall take Affirmative Action to ensure that qualified applicants from groups which have historically been denied equal opportunity for employment because of the above factors shall be provided access to and encouraged to participate in employment and training activities.

The Contractor agrees to develop and implement an Affirmative Action Plan or MOA (Methods of Administration) as a formal assurance and guide for compliance with EEO requirements. OWDI 13-2017 Assurances Contracts, cooperative agreements, job training plans, and policies and procedures must contain the nondiscrimination assurance specified in 29 CFR § 38.25 and 38.26. The nondiscrimination assurance must state the grant applicant **will “comply fully with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the WIOA”** (29 CFR Part 38 Preamble) and acknowledge the government’s right to seek judicial enforcement of the nondiscrimination assurance. Also, in accordance with 29 CFR § 38.25, each application for federal financial assistance under WIOA Title I must include the nondiscrimination assurance. Application for assistance is defined as the process by which required documentation is provided to the Governor, recipient, or the DOL prior to, and as a condition of, receiving federal financial assistance under WIOA Title I (including both new and continuing assistance).

Client Grievances

The contract(s) will include a provision that requires the Sub-recipient(s) to adopt procedures for hearing and resolving grievances and complaints arising out of this contract(s), in conformity with COWIB/Fiscal Agent's established policies.

The Sub-recipient(s) agrees that any customer grievances initiated as a result of this contract(s) and left unsettled by Sub-recipient’s grievance procedures shall be received and resolved in accordance with COWIB/Fiscal Agent's Grievance Procedure. The Sub-recipient(s) shall abide by Final Determinations issued under COWIB/Fiscal Agent's grievance procedures.

The Sub-recipient(s) agrees to inform all sub-recipient(s), including OJT employers, of the availability of Sub-recipient(s)’ grievance procedures, for use by the sub-recipient(s) in the event the sub-recipient(s) have no grievance procedures of its own.

Duplicate Funding

The contract(s) will have a provision requiring the sub-recipient(s) to agree that any sub-recipient(s) costs which are already allocated to other sources may not be included in the cost of the contract(s). The sub-recipient(s) must inform the COWIB/Fiscal Agent if the sub-recipient(s) applies for or receives funds which affect the cost or performance of work under this contract(s) and how the sub-recipient(s) plans to allocate duplicated funds. The local COWIB/Fiscal Agent must have the right to renegotiate the contract(s) relative to the changed cost. This provision will notify the sub-recipient(s) that COWIB federal funds can be used only to supplement training resources available through Education Assistance Programs. COWIB federal funds may be used in conjunction with PELL, SEOG, and other programs, but funds from different sources must be used to pay for different services with no duplication.

Compliance with Law

The contract(s) will have a provision requiring the Sub-recipient(s) to maintain compliance as follows:

In rendering the performance hereunder, Sub-recipient(s) shall comply with the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Public Law 113-128, with the regulations promulgated there under, and with the following:

1. Applicable Federal Laws and appropriate OMB Circulars
2. Laws of the State of Oklahoma
3. WIOA Policies as adopted by the Oklahoma Office of Workforce
4. Local Laws
5. The Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board's Local WIOA Plan
6. COWIB Policies and Procedures
7. U. S. Department of Labor Statement 29 CFR 37.20 Regarding the Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 1998.

In the event of a conflict between such laws and regulations and the terms of this agreement, precedence shall be given to the laws and regulations.

Reporting

The contract(s) that results from this RFP may have a requirement that the sub-recipient(s) make regular presentations to the COWIB, Chief Elected Officials Consortium, or other similar groups. These reports may include information on Clients, customer needs identified, services being provided for Clients, employer needs, reports on progress that has been made on meeting the real time performance metrics, and similar types of information. While these reports may contain information not included in the performance measures previously mentioned, they are metrics required by COWIB and important to the successful management of the WIOA programs.

The contract that results from this RFP may have additional requirements that the contractor make regular presentations to the COWIB, Local Elected Officials, or other similar groups. These reports may include information on customers, customer needs identified, services being provided for customers, employer needs, reports on progress that has been made on meeting the real time performance metrics, and similar types of information.

The sub-recipient(s) or will also be required to provide to the COWIB any narrative, statistical, and financial reports related to the elements of the contract(s) in the forms and at such times as required by the COWIB.

Program Income

The contract(s) will have a provision relating to Program Income. That provision will state that if the sub-recipient(s) receives any program income as a result of activities funded under this contract(s), the income must be properly accounted for and cannot be spent without advance Fiscal Agent approval. Program income must be accounted for according to the requirements of OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, policies of the WIOA Fiscal Agent, State of Oklahoma, and/or the WIOA Act and Regulations.

Property/Capital Expenditures

The contract(s) will have a provision relating to Property/Capital Expenditures. That provision will state that the Sub-recipient(s) shall follow their normal procedures in purchasing, renting, or leasing any property described in the Project Budget. Procurement procedures must follow the policies of the State of Oklahoma for WIOA as outlined in the policy guidance provided by the Oklahoma Office of Workforce (OWDI #10-2017). The provision will stipulate that the property must be handled in accordance with the Property policies of the State of Oklahoma. However, it is anticipated that the successful bidders will not be required to make any property or capital expenditures.

Corrective Action

The contract(s) will have provisions describing processes relating to corrective actions. This provision will describe notices to the sub-recipient(s), corrective action steps, corrective action plans, timeframes, and similar provisions.

Patent Rights

The contract(s) will have a provision relating to Patent Rights. That provision will state that if products are produced under this contract(s) to which a patent is granted, the patent rights shall belong to Fiscal Agent, the State of Oklahoma, or the U. S. Department of Labor. This provision shall not apply to products produced by the sub-recipient(s) other than this contract(s) and which are used in the performance of the work required by this contract(s).

Disallowed Costs

The contract(s) that results from this RFP will have certain provisions regarding disallowed costs and audit/monitoring findings. The contract(s) will have provisions that require the sub-recipient(s) to repay any expenditure that is found to be unallowable. The contract(s) will have provisions requiring the sub-recipient(s) to remedy any deficiencies found in audits or monitoring reports prior to additional expenditures or additional receipts of funds.

Contract(s) Administration

The contract(s) that results from this RFP will have certain requirements for contract(s) administration. The contract(s) or will be required to comply with appropriate OMB Circulars, State of Oklahoma policy guidance, and applicable local policy guidance from the COWIB and/or WIOA Fiscal Agent. The proposer must have the technical competence and expertise in management and administration to properly administer the contract(s).

Sub-recipient(s) Self-Monitoring

The contract(s) that results from this RFP will have certain requirements for self-monitoring. The sub-recipient(s) will be required to periodically conduct this self-monitoring to ensure compliance with WIOA and local policies, budgets, performance measures, and similar measures. The COWIB as the WIOA Fiscal Agent will require the sub-recipient(s) to submit periodic reports on its self-monitoring efforts.

Contract(s) Type

The successful proposer may be offered a standard cost reimbursement and/or a performance-based contract(s) with the potential of profit, depending on the type of entity that is offered a contract(s). The successful proposer(s) will be a sub-recipient(s) of the COWIB. The sub-recipient(s) chosen will be reimbursed for costs on a monthly basis. In the case of for-profit entities, profit will be paid on a quarterly basis.

One-Stop Operator

The role of the One-Stop Operator is equivalent to that of a managing partner. The One-Stop Operator is responsible for ensuring that the integrated service delivery system at the Center supports all of the Board's policies related to oversight and implementation of the one-stop delivery system. Additionally, the Operator is responsible for ensuring the service delivery system at every center are being delivered in accordance with the Board's products and processes and will work with Board staff to develop a Continuous Quality Improvement process for center operations. The operator identifies issues that need to be addressed that have to do with service delivery. The Operator works with partners to form a solution, but is empowered to make the final call when a decision cannot be reached or when timing requires an immediate decision. The Sub-recipient(s) will provide staff to assume the role and responsibility of the One-Stop Operator in the Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area. They will be working to increase the placement opportunities for jobseekers and increase the number of job seekers placed. The sub-recipient(s) will be working with COWIB to develop new services for jobseeker and businesses. This will include providing guidance on identifying high demand occupations in growth industries, as well as identifying work skill gaps that exist across industry sectors.

The Operator will work with Board staff on building a resource allocation model based on work being done at each center and the potential of work at each center. It has been determined that none of the roles required of the One-Stop Operator are administrative in nature and therefore the entire cost of this position has been determined to be a program cost.

Special Projects Proposed

Proposers may wish to present information on any special projects that the proposer believes will be of benefit to workforce customers. Should these special projects require an additional expenditure of funds, the proposer should include an estimate of the additional amount needed. If the Proposal requires staff to provide WIOA services in a location other than in a workforce center, the reasoning for that type of Proposal needs to be completely explained. The cost of such a project including the overhead involved in not being located in a workforce center should be completely itemized. The inclusion of any special projects in a Proposal that is ultimately funded does not commit the COWIB to fund the special projects. Proposal that involve services provided in a non-workforce center will be graded in the same manner as all other Proposal.

Delivery of Services - Information on the One Stop System

The Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board has selected the following locations for Oklahoma Works Centers in their workforce area. The COWIB is also looking at ways to improve

the quality and quantity of services available to Clients through centers and reserves the right to move the sub-recipient(s)' staff to other locations or centers as identified by COWIB. The contract(s) may require the sub-recipient(s) to provide a center manager as well. Currently centers are located in El Reno, Holdenville, Oklahoma City, Seminole and Shawnee. The selected sub-recipient(s) will work with the board to determine the most efficient use of staff to ensure adequate services are provided in each of the centers. Proposal will include an estimation of staffing levels or alternative methods of providing services in each of the center location. The use of population, employment opportunities, etc. should be used in justifying their Proposal for staffing patterns.

Proposal

This RFP contains a Proposal format. This must be followed. All data shown on the outline must be fully explained. The signature page must be completed, signed, and notarized or the Proposal will not be accepted for review.

Submitting the Proposal will constitute a legal, binding offer for a period of not less than 90 days from the date of the submitting of the Proposal.

Proposers must submit one original (so marked, with original signatures) Proposal, five (5) paper copies (for a total of six response packages) and one (1) electronic copy (in .pdf format via flash drive) to: Ashley Sellers, 3813 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Suite 135, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118.

All Proposal must be received in a sealed package by 2:00 pm CDST October 2, 2024. Proposal received after this date and time will not be considered. Proposal must be marked on the outer packaging with information identifying the sender and the statement: "Proposal for The Central Oklahoma WIOA One-Stop Operator

Proposal may be mailed via regular mail, express delivery or hand-delivered. Because this is a sealed bid process, faxed or emailed Proposal are not acceptable.

COWIB is not liable for any costs incurred by organizations prior to awarding the contract.

The copy marked "Original" shall take precedence over any other copies, should there be a discrepancy. Proposal must be submitted by the Proposal due date and time. Proposal must reference the Request for Proposal and be sent to the specified address. Container(s) utilized for original documents must be clearly marked ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. Please note that the address label must appear as specified on the face of each container. Regardless of the reason, Proposal received late will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender unopened. If a recipient phone number is required for delivery purposes, 405-622-2026 should be used.

Data contained in the Proposal and all documentation provided therein, become the property of the COWIB. The data and documentation contained therein will not become public information until a contract is approved and signed. If the bidder wishes to have any information withheld from the public after the contract is signed, such information must fall within the definition of COWIB-RFP

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proprietary information contained within Oklahoma’s public record statutes. A separate sheet must be provided that clearly states which sections have been submitted as proprietary or have copyrighted materials. All proprietary information the bidder wishes COWIB to withhold must be submitted in a sealed package, which is separate from the remainder of the bid. The separate package must be clearly marked PROPRIETARY on the outside of the package. Bidders may not mark their entire RFP as proprietary. Bidder’s cost Proposal may not be marked as proprietary information. Failure of the bidder to follow the instructions for submitting proprietary and copyrighted information may result in the information being viewed by other bidders and the public. Proprietary information is defined as trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose. Bidders submitting information as proprietary may be required to prove specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive. Although every effort will be made to withhold information that is properly submitted as proprietary and meets the State’s definition of proprietary information, COWIB is under no obligation to maintain the confidentiality of proprietary information and accepts no liability for the release of such information.

Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the Request for Proposal instructions, responsiveness to requirements, completeness and clarity of content. If the bidder’s Proposal is presented in such a fashion that makes evaluation difficult or overly time consuming, it is likely that points will be lost in the evaluation process. Elaborate and lengthy Proposal are neither necessary nor desired.

Proposal will be evaluated by members of the Evaluation Committee. This committee will consist of COWIB Board members and staff with the appropriate expertise to conduct such Proposal evaluations. Names of the members of the Evaluation Committee will become public information.

Prior to award, bidders are advised that only the point of contact can clarify issues or render any opinion regarding this Request for Proposal. No individual member of the COWIB Board, COWIB staff, or member of the Evaluation Committee is empowered to make binding statements regarding this Request for Proposal.

Submission of Proposal

Proposal Sequence and Checklist of Documents that must accompany this application:

This page is only for instructions and should not be included as a part of the completed Proposal.

1. The cover page (should address the services and area being proposed)
2. The narrative sections (A-H)
3. The Certifications and Signature section (I)
4. In Kind Costs Contributed Forms
5. Budget Information Forms

6. Projected Performance Form
7. Pages from your recent audit report/monitoring reports

All pages must be numbered. The cover page must be page #1. Please check the formatting of the pages containing charts. Each of those pages should fit on a single page. A 12-point font must be used in creating your response.

Your completed Proposal must be submitted to the location and within the time limits as shown in the RFP package attached.

Budget Information

Budget forms are provided in the attachments of this RFP. Those forms are to be used to present your proposed budget.

Indirect costs and allocated costs can be charged to the contract(s) only if the proposer has an approved indirect cost plan or cost allocation plan included with the budget. The budget should be presented for the period of time that is shown in the Dates and Deadlines section of this RFP. The Budget Information Forms should be used and must be completed by detail line items. Multiple pages of these forms may be necessary. If multiple pages are used, please label them appropriately.

Proposers should include costs such as, but not limited to:

Staff Salaries

Staff Fringe Benefits

Staff Travel and Training

Insurance

General Liability (\$_____ per occurrence/\$_____ Annual Aggregate)

Blanket Bond (Theft/Employee Dishonesty) (\$_____)

Workers Compensation

Unemployment Insurance

Employee POV Coverage

Contract(s) Management

Profit (if applicable)

Audit

Cost not included in proposers' budgets include the workforce system management, rent, utilities, janitorial services, internet access fees, lawn and grounds maintenance, equipment purchases, equipment maintenance, equipment software, and assessment supplies for One Stop Center and Satellite offices.

An estimate of any in-kind costs that may be provided should be included on the In-Kind Costs Contributed forms.

The actual costs incurred during the performance of the contract(s) will require that the actual COWIB-RFP

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costs be distributed among various cost categories or funding streams. That distribution will be based upon the sub-recipient(s)' cost allocation plan or based upon instructions from the WIOA Fiscal Agent.

Cover Page

Proposal For: One-Stop Operator

To: Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board

Proposer Information

Legal Name:

Address:

Date This Proposal Was Prepared:

Proposers Federal Tax Identification Number:

Total Budget of This Proposal: \$

A. Proposers Contact Information and Description of Organization.

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The proposer should name a responsible person as the contact person. This individual should be familiar with the capabilities of the proposing organization, knowledge in contracting including financial budgets, and should have the authority to negotiate contractual issues on behalf of the proposer.

1. Include the full name, title, address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail, addresses, etc.
2. Include a description of the entity type and the principal functions which are performed by the proposer entity.
3. Include an organizational chart showing names and positions.
4. Include data on how long your organization has been in business and how long your organization has been providing services similar to those being proposed.
5. Include a list of references with their contact information, how long you have worked with them and in what capacity.

B. Prepare a narrative outlining how you will provide the staff to fulfill the required activities in the RFP and provide service at all workforce locations. Please separate your responses into sections according to what your Proposal covers. Your response to this section would be separated into the same headings as below. (Page Limit – 20)

One-Stop Operator

- Include a description of how the role of the One-Stop Operator will be fulfilled by your staff
- Describe the customer satisfaction process that you will initiate.
- Describe your organizations attributes that will allow you to support the Board and its role as policy maker for the Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area.
- How will this staff member be identified/hired by your organization? If already selected please list their qualifications for this vital role.
- Provide a detailed description of the one-stop operator's efforts to work with a variety of partners in improving the efficiency of workforce services in our area.
- Describe how you plan on engaging the partners.
- Describe in detail how you would increase the efficiency of the delivery of services.
- Describe your philosophy on a customer centered approach to services.
- Describe your organizational philosophy on community involvement of service delivery staff with local organizations, agencies, schools, Chambers of Commerce, etc. and

participation of staff on boards and committees throughout the region.

- Include a description of any special projects that the proposer feels would be of benefit to workforce Clients.
- Include a description of the specific challenges that the general population face in maintaining self-sufficiency in today's economy and workforce.
- Describe your approach to helping the Board meet and exceed its negotiated performance levels.

C. **Qualifications of Staff.** (Page Limit – 8)

1. Describe the qualifications for staffing that will be providing services to the Clients.
2. If staff has already been selected for this project, provide names and prior experience of each staff.

D. **Program and Performance Measures.** (Page Limit – 12)

1. Prepare a narrative relating your understanding of each of the performance measures.
2. Explain fully the steps you will take to assist the Western Oklahoma Workforce Development Board in meeting the negotiated state performance measures. Describe the processes you will utilize to ensure that you meet the required performance negotiated in the contract. Complete Projected Performance Form.

E. **Previous Experience.** (Page Limit – 7)

1. Describe your previous/current experience in delivering similar programs or services.
2. Provide data that will show the demonstrated effectiveness of those programs or services. This should include financial as well as programmatic demonstrated effectiveness.
3. Describe past experience with service integration, functional supervision, information sharing, joint case management of mutual clients, cross training of staff.

F. **Monitoring and Self-Evaluation.** (Page Limit – 2)

1. Describe the monitoring and self-evaluation procedures that will be followed. This should include the processes, the activities that will be monitored, who is responsible for the monitoring, and procedures by which deficiencies noted are corrected.
2. Include a description of the self-evaluation procedures that will be followed

- for analyzing expenditures versus budget or other measurements.
3. Include a description of your audit plan.
 4. Include a copy of the auditor's opinion page from your most recent audit. If there were questioned costs or audit findings, include a copy of the pages which describe those questioned costs and/or findings. (Audit not included in page limitation)

- G. **Budgets.** (Page Limit – 3 (Budget forms not included in page limit))
Present a program budget by line item using the Budget Information Forms. Proposers should refer to the Budget Information section of the RFP for additional information regarding budget content. It will be necessary to complete a separate Budget Information Forms and In-Kind Contributions Form.

If the proposer wishes to make comments regarding the budgets, the proposer should prepare a narrative to include those comments.

- H. **Present a Statement of Administrative Ability.** (Page Limit – 2)
1. Include a statement explaining the systems that you have in place and how they will provide the administrative support that is necessary to carry out their tasks.
 2. Include a description of financial systems and include a narrative describing your cost allocation plan.

I. **Certifications and Signature**

Certificate Regarding Drug Workplace Requirements

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.305, Section 98.20 and Subpart F, as amended in Volume 60 of the Federal Register on June 26, 1995 at 20 CFR Section 98.600.

The Proposer certifies that it will continue to provide a drug-free workplace and that it is and will continue to follow the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

Certificate Regarding Conflict of Interest

The Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board maintains a written code of conduct that governs the performance of its members, the Youth Committee, employees, and agents engaged in the award and administration of contracts.

The proposer certifies that it is either not aware of any potential conflicts of interest between itself and the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board or that if there is a potential conflict of interest between itself and the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board, the proposer shall declare this potential conflict of interest below:

Certificate Regarding Debarment

The proposer certifies that it and its principles: (1) are not presently debarred,

suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency; (2) have not within a three-year period preceding this Proposal 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(s) 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 (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in this paragraph; and (4) have not within a three-year period preceding this Proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Certificate Regarding Lobbying

The proposer certifies that no funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the proposer, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract(s), the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract(s), grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. The proposer certifies that it is aware that a Certificate Regarding Lobbying, Certification for Contracts, Grant, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements will be included in the contract(s) that will be awarded through this Proposal.

Certificate Regarding Compliance with Federal Laws

The proposer certifies that it is an Equal Opportunity Employer and follows 29 C.F.R. §38.25, Section 188 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Executive Orders 11246 and 11375. The proposer certifies that it will provide guidelines for client grievance procedures.

Certification of Intent to Participate in the One Stop Delivery System

The proposer certifies that it, if selected for a contract(s) through this Proposal, agrees to support the WIOA One Stop concept and agrees to establish a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the One Stop Partners to participate in the planning and implementation of individual and mutual duties, obligations, and responsibilities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The proposer certifies that it will participate in the local integration plan and will fully participate in the integrated and functional delivery of services that have been approved by the Workforce Board.

Certification of Indemnification

The proposer certifies that it is aware that an indemnification clause will be included in the contract(s) that is awarded as a result of this Proposal. The proposer certifies that it is aware that the indemnification clause will state that the proposer (contract(s)or) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board, the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board officers, agents, and employees and the Central WIOA Consortium of Chief Elected Officials from liability of any nature and kind, including costs, expenses, and attorney fees, for or on account of any actions, claims, suits, and damages of any character whatsoever arising out of any negligent act or omission of the proposer (contract(s)or) or any of its employees, agents, volunteers, sub-recipient(s), or representatives.

Certificate Regarding Cost

The proposer certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief, the cost data submitted is accurate, complete, and current at the time this Proposal is submitted.

Certificate Regarding Transitioned Clients

The proposer certifies that it will honor the original plan of service to all clients that are being transitioned from a previous service provider. Clients that are “transitioned” are those eligible youth, adults and dislocated workers that are receiving WIOA services and have been registered as a WIOA client prior to the effective date of the contract(s) arising from this RFP. The proposer certifies that services to those transitioned clients will not be interrupted.

Attachments

- Certificate Regarding RFP Content
- Estimated In-Kind Costs Contributed
- Budget Information Forms
- Proposed Budget – WIOA Title I Services
- Projected Performance – One-Stop Operator
- Selection Process
- Evaluation Form
- Application Form
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- Certificate Regarding Conflict of Interest
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, And Other Responsibility Matters
Primary Covered Transactions
- Certification of Bidder
- Vital Service and Information Notice

Certificate Regarding RFP Content

The proposer certifies that it has read all of the information presented in the RFP. The proposer certifies that it understands that the contract(s) that will arise from this RFP will have the conditions, stipulations, and requirements that are stated in the RFP and that the contract(s) will have other legal provisions that are standard and customary contract(s) provisions, but which are not specifically shown in this RFP.

The proposer (proposer's representative) being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

- That I executed the accompanying Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that I had the lawful authority to do so.
- That the prices in this Proposal have been arrived at independently.
- That the Proposer has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any other actual potential proposer or Proposers having for its objective the controlling of the amounts of Proposal, or the limiting of the number of Proposal or proposers.
- That the Proposer has not paid, given or donated or promised to pay, give or donate to the COWIB or any officer or employee of the COWIB any money or other thing of value, including any special consideration, either directly or indirectly, in seeking to procure this contract(s).
- That, unless otherwise required by law, the prices quoted in this Proposal have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by Proposer until after Proposal are opened.
- I understand that this Proposal represents a legal offer to provide the services herein described, at the prices stated herein. This Proposal is binding for a period of 60 days from the date submitted.
- That, by signing and submitting this Proposal, the proposer agrees to each of the certifications contained in this Proposal.

Signature of Proposers Representative

Typed Name and Title

Name of Proposer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

SEAL

My Commission Expires ___/___/

Estimated In-Kind Costs Contributed

Proposer Name: _____

Budget for Period: 11/1/2024 through 9/30/2025

Detail of In-Kind Cost Item	Basis for Determining the Amount	Amount
Total of All in Kind Costs		

Proposed Budget – WIOA Title I Services

Proposed Budget Summary November 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

	Cost	% of Total
Staff Salaries:		
Staff Fringe:		
Staff Travel:		
Staff Training:		
Program Management:		
Profit:		
Total Proposed Cost Reimbursement Budget:		100%

Program Management is the costs associated with the corporate overhead cost in administering the contract(s). These costs would typically include the cost of required insurances, audit, a portion of space rental, communications need, utilities, accounting functions and other necessary administrative costs. The proposed cost should be documented and explained in the budget narrative. The bidder would need to detail how cost would be shared and distributed to the locations in the area they propose to serve. *If the organization has an approved indirect rate, then their proposed indirect cost would be shown on this line.*

Staffing Costs – WIOA Title 1 One-Stop Operator

Salaries: Include all positions, which will be charged to the contract(s) award. Record the number of people who will fill the position, the position’s gross monthly salary, its time distribution to WIOA by cost category, and the number of months the position will be filled. “Program total” is a sum of these factors.

Direct Programmatic Costs:

Leveraged from other Programs/Resources:

# of Positions	Title * (must be described below)	Gross Monthly Salary (\$)	% of Time	# of Months	Leveraged from other Programs/Resources:				
					WIOA Total Cost (\$)	Another Program Name	Salary %	Other Program Total	Both: WIOA and Other Program(s) Total (\$)

Projected Performance – One-Stop Operator

Period of Performance: November 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

Projected <i>Cumulative</i> Service Levels	Ending 12/31/24	Ending 3/31/25	Ending 6/30/25	Ending 9/30/25
Conduct a Partners Meeting				
Effective Working Relationship with Partners				
Number of New Partnership				
Presentations to CBO's				
New Efficiencies in Workforce Centers				
Monitoring to Ensure Compliance with COWIB Policies and Procedures				
Number of New Business Engagements				
Customer Satisfaction Rate				

Selection Process

The Proposal criteria provide a guideline for proposers and reviewers; however, the final decision for contract award rests solely with the Board. The Board is not required to contract with the entity receiving the highest score as a result of the Proposal review process. Proposal that do not meet minimum standards will be considered nonresponsive. Proposers that meet the minimum standards may be asked to make an oral presentation and answer questions about their Proposal.

Minimum standards

The Proposal and required copies must be received by **2:00 pm CDST October 2, 2024**, via U.S. mail, express mail, or hand-delivery.

1. Proposal must meet the Proposal requirements contained in Section II. [B. Proposal Narrative Requirements](#).
2. Proposers must be eligible bidders as described in Paragraph [C. Eligible Bidders](#) above.
3. The proposer's authorized signatory authority must sign the Proposal and all signature forms contained therein.
4. Proposers who intend to use established sub-recipient(s) to provide services must include original certifications from each sub-recipient attesting to their agreement to all terms of the Proposal and any resulting contract.

The primary consideration in selecting agencies or organizations shall be the effectiveness of the agency or organization in delivering comparable or related services based on demonstrated performance. This determination shall be in writing and take into consideration such matters as whether the organization has:

1. The ability to meet the program design specifications at a reasonable cost, as well as the ability to meet performance goals;
2. Experience in working with the business community;
3. Adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
4. A satisfactory record of past performance;
5. The ability to provide services that can lead to the achievement of competency standards for participants with identified deficiencies;
6. A satisfactory record of integrity, business ethics, and fiscal accountability;
7. The necessary organization, experience, accounting, and operation controls; and
8. The technical skills to perform the work.

The Proposal Evaluation Committee will meet to discuss the Proposal and develop recommendations. The Proposal Evaluation Committee may request additional information from any proposer prior to selecting the winning sub-recipient. The top finalists may be invited to make a 20 – 30-minute presentation followed by an opportunity to respond to follow-up questions by Committee members.

Upon conclusion of the review process, the Proposal Evaluation Committee will authorize staff and the fiscal agent to enter negotiations. The Board has empowered the RFP/Evaluation Committee to make such a decision.

Limitations

1. The Board is not liable for any cost associated with responding to this RFP and will not authorize such costs as part of the contract with the selected organization.
2. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposal received, to cancel or reissue this RFP in part, or its entirety.
3. The Board reserves the right to award a contract for any items/services solicited via this RFP in any quantity the Board determines is in its best interest.
4. The Board reserves the right to correct any error(s) and/or make changes to this solicitation as it deems necessary.
5. The Board reserves the right to negotiate the final terms of any and all contracts or agreements with proposers selected and any such terms negotiated as a result of this RFP may be renegotiated and/or amended in order to successfully meet the needs of the workforce area.
6. The Board reserves the right to contact any individual, agency, employer or grantees listed in the Proposal, to contact others who may have experience and/or knowledge of the proposer's relevant performance and/or qualifications; and to request additional information from any and all proposers.
7. The Board reserves the right to conduct an on-site review of records, systems, procedures, including credit and criminal background checks, etc. of any entity selected for funding. This may occur either before or after the award of a contract or agreement. Misrepresentation of the proposer's ability to perform as stated in the Proposal may result in cancellation of any contract or agreement awarded.
8. The Board reserves the right to withdraw or reduce the amount of an award or to cancel any contract or agreement resulting from this procurement if adequate funding is not received from the U.S. Department of Labor via the Oklahoma Office of Workforce (OOWD) or other funding sources or due to legislative changes.
9. Proposers shall not under penalty of law, offer or provide any gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value to any officer, member, employee, or agent of the Board for the purpose of having an influencing effect toward their own Proposal or any other Proposal submitted hereunder.
10. No employee, officer, or agent of the Board shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract supported by WIOA funds, if a conflict of interest, or potential conflict, would be involved.

- 11.** Proposers shall not engage in any activity that will restrict or eliminate competition. Violation of this provision may cause a proposer's bid to be rejected. This does not preclude partnerships or subcontracts.
- 12.** All Proposal submitted must be an original work product of the proposers. The copying, paraphrasing or otherwise using substantial portions of the work product from other entities and submitted hereunder as original work of the proposer is not permitted. Failure to adhere to this instruction may cause the Proposal to be disqualified and rejected.
- 13.** The contents of a successful Proposal may become a contractual obligation if selected for award of a contract. Failure of the proposer to accept this obligation may result in cancellation of the award. No plea of error or mistake shall be available to successful proposer as a basis for release of proposed
- 14.** Services at the stated price/cost. Any damages accruing to the Board as a result of a proposer's failure to contract may be recovered from the proposer.
- 15.** A contract with the selected proposer may be withheld, at the Board's sole discretion, if issues of contract or questions of non-compliance, or questioned/disallowed costs exist, until such issues are satisfactorily resolved. The Board may withdraw award of a contract if the resolution is not satisfactory to the Board.

Right to File Grievance

Any organization making application under this RFP has the right to file a grievance. A bidder may file a protest in writing, with the COWIB Executive Director, who will then have ten (10) working days in which to reach an informal resolution of the protest.

Ashley Sellers, Chief Executive Officer
Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board
3813 N. Santa Fe Ave, Suite 135
Oklahoma, OK 73118

Should the protest not be resolved within ten (10) days, the bidder may submit in writing a protest to the COWIB Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then have thirty (30) days to reach a decision. No further appeals will be allowed.

OOWD and/or USDOL shall review a complaint or protest regarding sub-recipient selection procedures only if the complainant furnished evidence that:

1. All administrative remedies of the COWIB Executive Director and the Executive Committee have been exhausted;
2. The complaint involves a violation of federal law or regulation (federal jurisdiction); a violation of State law or regulation (State jurisdiction); or a violation of the Central Oklahoma Workforce Development Area protest procedures.

Evaluation Form

Proposal received subsequent to the deadline will not be reviewed and considered for funding. The signature page must be complete, signed, and notarized or the Proposal will not be considered.

A Proposal must receive at least 130 points to be considered for a contract. This does not mean that a Proposal receiving a score of 130 points or higher will automatically receive a contract. Considerations will be given to the entire evaluation process in order to maximize the benefit to the businesses, jobseekers and youth that make up our customer base. A Proposal receiving less than 130 points will be considered to be unacceptable. The total maximum points that can be awarded are 200. The following criteria will be used to evaluate all Proposal. The evaluators will award some, all, or none of the points that are shown for each evaluation item.

Evaluation Item	Range	Maximum Points
Format and Completeness. Up to 10 points may be deducted if the Proposal submitted does not follow the prescribed format or if other forms are not satisfactorily completed.	0 – (-10)	0
Delivery of The Services Required in the RFP (B)	0 - 35	35
Qualifications of Staff (C)	0 -15	15
Performance Measures (D)	0 - 30	30
Previous Experience (E)	0 – 30	30
Monitoring and Self-Evaluation (F)	0 - 10	10
Budgets (G)	0 - 35	35
Administrative Ability (H)	0 - 10	10
Demonstrated Knowledge of Programs, Objectives (All)	0 - 35	35
Totals	-10 - 200	200

COWIB-RFP
WIOA Title I One Stop Operator
Release Date: September 4, 2024

Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board
Program Year 2024

Application Form

On behalf of: _____
Bidder Organization

Street Address

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

Proposed Service

I am submitting the attached Proposal for the delivery of Program Year 2024 services funded under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, PL 113-128 and its accompanying regulations, and I certify that I am authorized by the bidder to bind them to this Proposal.

I certify that the contents of the application are truthful and accurate and the above named bidder agrees to comply with the policies stated in this application; and that this application represents a firm request subject only to mutually agreeable negotiations; and that the above named bidder is in agreement that the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal for funding; and that the above-named bidder has not been debarred or suspended from receiving federal grants, contracts, or assistance and that the above-named bidder waives any right to claims against the Chief Elected Officials Consortium (BCEO), members and staff of the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board, Inc.

I understand that the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board or the BCEO has no obligation to fund this Proposal and that no obligation will exist until a contract has been negotiated and entered. Upon issuance of a contract, I certify I will carry out the goals of the program according to the terms and conditions set forth in the contract and modifications thereto, including the Project Design and the Budget. I further certify that agency officials listed below are authorized to negotiate a binding contract for the bidder and will be available during Proposal evaluation.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Signature _____

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, And Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

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 an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making 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.

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, an Officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents 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 disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

_____	_____	
Name of Grantee or Sub-recipient	WIOA Title I Program/Title	
_____	_____	
Typed name of Certifying Official	Signature	Date

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.305.320 and Subpart F.

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

Publishing a policy statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.

Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph A.

Notifying all employees that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

Abide by the terms of the statement; and

Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.

Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under paragraph D.2. with respect to any employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working. The Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under paragraph D.2., with respect to any employee who is so convicted

Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination consistent with the requirement of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F).

Signature _____

Date _____

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

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WIOA Title I One Stop Operator

Release Date: September 4, 2024

Certificate Regarding Conflict of Interest

By signing and submitting this Certificate Regarding Conflict of Interest the undersigned covenants that no officers, members or employees of its governing board have any interest, and that none shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict with full and complete execution of this contract. Sub-recipient further covenants that in the performance of this contract, no person having any such interest will be employed. [WIOA Section 107 (h)]

No employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for an award. The officers, employees, and agents of the recipient shall neither solicit no accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from sub-recipients, or parties to sub agreements.

Signature

Date

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, And Other Responsibility Matters Primary Covered Transactions

Applicant Organization _____

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.510, Participants' Responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (Pages 19160-19211).

The prospective primary participant, (i.e., grantee) certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

Have not within a three-year period preceding this Proposal 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.

Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/Proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in This certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this Proposal.

Signature

Date

Typed name and Title of Authorized Representative

Certification of Bidder

_____, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says: **1.** (S)he is the duly authorized agent of _____ the offeror submitting the competitive offer which is attached to this statement, for the purpose of certifying the facts pertaining to the existence of collusion among offers and between offerors and state officials and employees, federal officials and employees, Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board members and employees, local elected officials and employees, as well as facts pertaining to the giving or offering of things of value to any of the afore mentioned parties in return for special consideration in the letting of any contract pursuant to the offer to which this statement is attached; **2.** (S) He is fully aware of the facts and circumstance surrounding the making of the offer to which this statement is attached and has been personally directly involved in the proceedings leading to the submission of such bid; and **3.** Neither the offeror nor anyone subject to the offeror's direction or control has been a party: **a)** to any collusion among offerors in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to submit an offer at a fixed price or to refrain from submitting an offer, **b)** to any collusion with any state official or employee, federal official or employee, Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board member or employee, Chief Elected Officials or employee as to quantity, quality, or price in the prospective contract, or as to any other terms of such prospective contract, nor **c)** in any discussions between offerors and any state official, federal official, Board member, Chief Elected Officials concerning exchange of money or other thing(s) of value for special consideration in the letting of the contract.

Signature

Date

Typed name and Title of Authorized Representative