2022
Denver Youth Employment Program
Pre-Proposal Conference

JOB SEEKERS CALL 720-337-WORK
EMPLOYERS CALL 720-865-WORK

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Denver Workforce Services assists employers to **hire, train, and retain** a quality workforce while providing jobseekers the ability to **access, explore, prepare, learn, and connect** to employment, training, and other workforce development opportunities.
Our Customers

Jobseekers
Access - Virtual tools, 3 Workforce Centers, DWIN partner network
Explore – Labor market and career pathway information
Prepare - Job readiness training, career coaching
Learn - Workshops, individual training accounts (tuition assistance)
Connect - Recruitment events, work-based learning

Employers
Hire - Job postings, applicant referrals, recruitment events
Train - On-the-job training, internships, apprenticeships
Retain - Upskilling and incumbent worker, consulting
OPERATION OF THREE WORKFORCE CENTERS

Workforce Center at Webb – 201 W Colfax (Opening soon)
Workforce Center at Montbello – 4685 Peoria St.
Workforce Center at DEN – 8500 Pena Blvd. (Re-opening soon)

DENVER WORKFORCE INTEGRATION NETWORK (DWIN)

Roundtable of 30+ community-based organizations, non-profits and resource providers throughout Denver, all of whom share a stake in serving our employers and jobseekers.

DWIN ensures:

• Coordination and alignment of services
• Sharing of best practices
• Awareness and leveraging of available funding and resources
• One-stop access to the workforce network

DWIN works together to align services for jobseekers who are experiencing barriers to success:

• Veterans
• Justice-involved
• Youth
• People experiencing homelessness
• People living with disabilities
• Older adults
• New Americans
Operation of 3 Workforce Centers
- Virtual services
- Self-directed services
- One-on-one assistance

Employer Services
- Sector Partnerships
- Work-Based Learning
- Certified Youth Employer Program

Special Programs & Initiatives
- Back-to-Work 50+
- New Americans Integration Network
- DEN Gateway Training Program
FUNDED PARTNERS

• WIOA and Related Funding
  • Eckerd Connects
  • Denver Public Schools

• Grants
  • Volunteers of America, Bill Daniels Veterans Services Center
  • CommunityWorks
  • Technology Employment in Colorado Partnership (5 Local Workforce Areas)

• CARES Act
  • Denver Public Library

• Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Relief
  • Work Options for Women (WOW)
  • Center for Work Education and Employment (CWEE)
  • Jewish Family Services (JFS)

• American Rescue Plan State Stimulus – Upskilling
  • Second Chance Center
  • Mile High Youth Corps
  • Prodigy Ventures
  • Denver Housing Authority

• American Rescue Plan State Stimulus – Innovation
  • Mi Casa Resource Center
  • Servicios De La Raza
  • Urban Peak

TOTAL: $11,993,325
DENVER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

RFP BACKGROUND

The City and County of Denver’s Economic Development and Opportunity (DEDO), on behalf of the Denver Workforce Development Board (Denver WDB), is seeking interested and qualified youth service provider(s) to deliver structured career exploration, job readiness, and case-management supports to more than 200 local youth between the ages of 14 and 21, all anchored around a paid summer internship. Services shall include intensive case management for vulnerable youth, career exploration services, job readiness training, financial literacy education, supportive services, resource navigation, summer internship placements, and other individualized offerings based on the needs of the youth.
It is Denver’s goal to create a state-of-the-art and coordinated workforce system that focuses on a fully integrated service delivery strategy, which ensures that all customers flow seamlessly throughout. As customers are engaged across multiple entry points, their individual needs shall be identified and addressed, and they will be provided with access to programs, services and navigation to supplementary supports.

This service delivery model is a collective impact approach to help customers discover appropriate and client-centered services. This vision promotes cutting-edge practice and technology that fosters livable sustainable wages, sustainable employment, as well as offering career pathways for Denver’s vulnerable populations.
FUNDING & PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Funding
• Local CCD General and Federal Funds
• Denver Youth Employment Program
• $1,000,000 available

Period of Performance
• 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023
• One-year contract with the possibility of 3 additional years
ELIGIBLE RESPONDENTS

Eligible respondents include governmental, educational institutions or not-for-profit organizations or agencies engaged in a public service.

Private, for-profit organizations engaged in providing employment and training and educational opportunities may apply.

Proposers must be registered with the Colorado Secretary of State to do business in Colorado. Entities that are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency are not eligible.

Proposal reviews and awards are contingent upon respondents being current with the City on any loan, contractual, or tax obligation as due, and in compliance with rules, regulations, and provisions of existing or past City contracts.
TIMELINE

RFP ISSUED Monday, August 29, 2022 1:00 p.m. (MST)

PRE-PROPOSAL QUESTIONS DUE Friday, September 9, 2022 – 4:00 pm (MST)

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE Tuesday, September 13, 2022 2:30 (MST)

QUESTIONS ON RFP GUIDELINES DUE Monday, September 19, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (MST)

ADDENDUM TO RFP RELEASED Thursday September 22, 2022 4:00 p.m.(MST)

COMPLETED PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE Monday October 3, 2022 4:00 p.m.(MST)
QUESTIONS

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