

BIDDERS CONFERENCE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: Can providers administer the TABE onsite or will it be administered by Career Center Staff?

Answer: It is preferred that providers administer TABE at their facility, but CAPTE can administer if need be.

Question: Are providers sub-recipients of the grant, and would any subcontractors be considered sub-recipients?

Answer: All who are awarded funding would be considered sub-recipients, and any subcontractors would be considered sub sub-recipients.

Question: Do evaluations of participants need to be sent to CAPTE on a regular basis?

Answer: No, all providers will provide monthly reports.

Question: During the 12 month follow up period, if a participant loses their job, is another chance given and performance re-started once they gain employment again?

Answer: No. Performance for employment are captured in the 2nd and 4th quarter after the exit quarter.

Question: Does the 20% requirement of work experience funds include stipends?

Answer: No. Stipends are separate from the 20% work experience wages, and should be goal oriented.

Question: Who determines confirmation of eligibility and final determination of participant approval?

Answer: CAPTE Youth Case Manager

Question: Does the credential obtained by a participant have to be a national accreditation?

Answer: Yes, the credential must be a nationally recognized.

Question: What are the criteria for provider participants?

Answer: That decision is up to the provider. Outside WIOA qualification, case management by the provider should determine suitability in order to obtain successful outcomes.

Question: How is the interest inventory used?

Answer: The interest inventory is used to assess an individual's career interests. It determines if one's interests are in line in with what they want to be trained in. Scores that are either too high or too low indicates too broad or no interest at all in the participants chosen course of training.

Question: Must a provider provide both education and occupational skills training to respond to the RFP?

Answer: No. Proposals can be for one or the other, or both.

Question: Are WIOA eligibility requirements verified by CAPTE staff after we, as a provider, deem them eligible?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Can a provider have requirements that are above and beyond WIOA requirements?

Answer: Yes, it is encouraged.

Question: Is this process essentially submitting a budget for approval?

Answer: The youth committee asks that all proposals total no less than \$50,000. Once the youth committee decides on which agencies to fund, they may adjust the dollar amounts of the proposals submitted and awarded.

Question: Does a standard form exist for employers to fill out to verify employment after exit?

Answer: No. That information can be provided in the submitted monthly reports to CAPTE.

Question: Can UI still be utilized to verify employment after exit?

Answer: Yes, but UI reports can lag 6-9 months. CAPTE staff can enter employment information manually to be sure it is captured.

Question: Is military counted as employment after Occupational Skills Training?

Answer: No, but it will count if the participant is a high school drop out and earns their GED or High School diploma prior to joining the military.

Question: Is the \$13.50 per hour cap in work experience wages or work based learning programs the maximum wages that can be earned?

Answer: Yes, while in the program, but a participant can make higher wages in employment.

Question: Why must organizations show that they receive additional funding sources other than WIOA funds?

Answer: This is a reimbursement program. Providers should not be 100% reliant on WIOA funds. Providers should already be established and not use WIOA funding as a start-up.

Question: Can food be purchased using WIOA funds?

Answer: No

Question: Should travel costs be itemized under "Direct/Indirect Costs" or "Travel/Transportation"?

Answer: Costs such as transportation assistance for participants should be itemized under Supportive Services. Transportation and travel costs by staff (mileage, etc) should be listed under Travel/Transportation.

Question: If wanting to submit a proposal for all categories under the RFP, must a separate proposal for each program be submitted and why?

Answer: Yes. Bidders may apply in one (1) or all categories. A separate proposal must be submitted for the General Education Development (GED) Program and High School Diploma Program, the Occupational Skills Training, the Work-Based Learning Program or Blended Out-of-School/In-School Youth program. All proposals should clearly indicate the area of training for which the proposal is being submitted. Proposals cannot be combined. CAPTE will not reimburse participant costs already paid from another federal program, nor for the same participant across different OSY contracts with the same contractor. Achieving the best result is the key; therefore, no preference or penalty will apply to those who bid in multiple categories.

Question: Please clarify the percent of the budget that must be spent on work experience opportunities?

Answer: Per WIOA and 20 CFR § 681.590(a), a minimum of 20 percent of local area program funds for the Title I Youth program must be spent on work experience.