

# Career Center Procurement

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**WIA: Competition or Grandfathered from JTPA**

**WIOA: Selection only through a competitive process**

## **678.600 Who may operate a one-stop center**

- Single eligible entity or consortium of one-stop partners
- Local board only with approval of CEO and Governor
- Other interested organizations capable of carrying out one-stop operator duties
- Elementary & secondary schools not eligible
- Non-traditional public secondary schools (night, adult or career & technical) eligible

## **678.605 How is the one-stop operator selected**

- Competitive process not less than every 4 years
- Allows local boards to examine operator effectiveness and make adjustments based upon one-stop certification (Up to 18 months estimated for RFP process) (well documented)
- Local board conducts the competition consistent with WIOA and COFAR (WIOA trumps COFAR)
- Procurement by sealed bid, competitive proposals or sole source ( high bar to justify SS)
- Past experience not enough to select, robust market research recommended

## **678.610 How is sole source selection accomplished**

- Requirements about maintaining written documentation & conflict-of-interest (Gov. approved)
- Local board may be selected only with CEO and Governor approval

## **678.615 Can entity currently serving compete to be one-stop operator**

- Local boards may compete only if firewalls & conflict-of-interest policies & procedures
- Staff of the state agency continues to provide labor exchange services
- Firewalls must ensure that current operator may not be involved in conducting the competitive process

## **678.635 Effective date of this subpart**

- One-stop operator selected must be in place no later than July 1, 2017
- Allows for transition, market research, cost-price analysis and competition
- Local boards need to plan immediately and be able to demonstrate that they are planning for a one-stop operator competition during FY16

## **RELATED ISSUES:**

- One-stop operating/infrastructure costs
- Partner contributions and MOUs
- Firewalls where the current one-stop is also the fiscal agent