



Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
Title I Administrators
MassHire Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
MDCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: October 31, 2019

Subject: **Request for Proposals through Commonwealth Corporation**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of two Request for Proposals through Commonwealth Corporation.

Background: Commonwealth Corporation is pleased to announce the release of two Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the following programs:

- The Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program RFP
- The Employment Program for Young Adults with Disabilities RFP

The Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program RFP

Commonwealth Corporation is seeking applications from partnerships that have demonstrated experience, success and current capacity in providing

occupationally-focused training and placement programs for returning citizens and can provide services immediately upon grant award.

The target population includes individuals who will be released within one month of a program start date or individuals who were released within 6 months of enrolling in a program or a combination of both. Applicants must demonstrate that the services they propose to provide will result in job placements for participants by end of the grant period.

Deadline to submit proposals: Friday, November 22, 2019 by midnight. Please upload your submission electronically - <https://commcorp.tfaforms.net/328785>.

***Special Note:** Commonwealth Corporation plans to release another request for proposals in winter 2019-2020 to support partnerships to engage in the design of occupationally-focused training and placement programs for returning citizens. \$116,000 will be available for this program, applicants may not request more than \$20,000.*

The Employment Program for Young Adults with Disabilities Program RFP

Commonwealth Corporation is seeking applications from partnerships led by a community-based organization with:

- I.* demonstrated success and expertise in preparing young adults with disabilities for employment, placing them in unsubsidized positions, and providing post placement support that leads to employment retention and,
- II.* evidence of effective partnerships with employers that engage them in program design and delivery and have resulted in placements and retained employment of young adults with disabilities in targeted occupations at the employers' workplaces

Deadline to submit proposals: Monday, December 2, 2019 by midnight. Please upload your submission electronically - <https://commcorp.tfaforms.net/328779>.

Action

Required: Please share with managers, staff and partners as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please contact the following individuals with questions -

The Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program RFP -

Questions will be accepted in writing through Friday, November 15, 2019. Please submit all questions via email to Zac Rich at zrich@commcorp.org. Applicants

can sign up at [this link](#) to receive email notifications when new responses are posted.

The Employment Program for Young Adults with Disabilities RFP -

Questions will be accepted in writing through Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Please submit all questions via email to Anthony Britt at abritt@commcorp.org.

Applicants can sign up at [this link](#) to receive email notifications when new responses are posted.