



Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: February 17, 2023

Subject: **New Funding Opportunity - DYS Skill Up to Support DYS Youth**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS) is offering a new funding opportunity – the ***DYS Skill Up: Career, Technical and Workforce Training and Employment Services Rolling Request for Responses (RFR) to Support DYS Youth.***

Request For Responses is now posted on CommBuys.

Background: The Department is seeking to competitively procure Career, Technical and Workforce Training and Employment Services for youth up to 22 years of age from entities that include educational institutions, workforce development agencies, community-based service providers and businesses with demonstrated track records of providing quality career, technical and workforce programs and

services. The goal is to give juvenile justice involved young people transferable work skills and realistic pathways to meaningful employment in the community.

The important dates are as follows:

Event	Date	Time
RFR Release	February 13, 2023	
Bidder's Conference	The 1 st Tuesday of Every Quarter (if this falls on a holiday, the Bidder's Conference will be held the following Tuesday)	10:00 -11:00
New to State Business Informational Meeting	New to State Business Informational Meetings will be held at the end of the Quarterly Bidders Conference	11:00 -11:30
Proposals Due	This Procurement Has a Rolling Submission Deadline	4:00
Contract Start Date	On a Rolling Basis Per Each Response Submitted	

Please find the procurement link below and feel free to forward it to any potential bidders.

<https://www.commbuys.com/bsa/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-23-1035-DYS01-DYS01-84462&external=true&parentUrl=close>

This new funding opportunity is intended to expand capacity to provide career services to juvenile justice involved young people.

The application process is simple, and the funding period of performance runs through FY25.

Local areas are encouraged to think creatively about applying for these funds as "companion funding" for youth enrolled in Youthworks or other youth programs.

Action

Requested: Please share with all interested parties.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please send inquiries to Phillip Davis, Department of Youth Services
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