



**WIOA Youth RFP Public Q & A**  
*Up-to-date as of December 14, 2020*

**Question:**

Prior to the Bidders' Conference, would it be possible to find out if PacMtn is looking for a lead agency that serves all five counties, or are you looking to distribute the opportunities across the counties served (for example, one agency would serve one particular region)?

**Answer:**

We can certainly answer this question prior to the Bidders' Conference. It will be absolutely necessary for the service provider/providers selected to serve the entire PacMtn region. It is possible through this procurement for a single proposal, multiple proposals, a single provider, multiple providers, or a consortium of multiple providers submitting a single proposal as a group to be selected. Ultimately, through whatever proposal(s) are selected, it will be required to demonstrate equitable and reasonable service to each county in the PacMtn region.

**Question:**

Is this RFP is a 3 year term?

**Answer:**

This Request for Proposals is intended to select a contractor for Program Year 2021- Program Year 2022 (with Program Years running from July 1-June 30), with the opportunity for annual continuation of the contracted relationship for up to 4 total program years (including PY21-22 and ending at the conclusion of PY24 on June 30, 2025.) Contract continuation annually and at any point is contingent on contractor performance. However, regardless of performance, PacMtn WIOA contracted services are always returned to the community for procurement of new proposals after every fourth program year per best practice authorized by our Board of Directors, to ensure services remain competitive. In past cycles, contracted relationships with service providers have been renewed annually as the primary choice for service provision for the following year.



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Are the funds available to several organizations, or is a lump sum split to several organizations?

**Answer:**

Dependent on the nature of the proposals received, it is possible for a single proposal, multiple proposals, or a single proposal submitted by a consortium of multiple providers working/submitting together to be selected either for the whole award amount or for portions. It will be critical, however, that through whatever proposal or combination of proposals is selected, services are provided equitably and seamlessly throughout the entire PacMtn region.

**Question:**

In order to offer paid internships with students with barriers, would Equus be involved to provide payments to the youth or would the organization providing the Wexes pay them and get reimbursed per the contract?

**Answer:**

Equus is the current provider of WIOA Youth Services for the PacMtn Region. This procurement is intended to source the new and/or ongoing provider(s) of WIOA Youth Services for PacMtn. Whomever is selected as the WIOA Youth Provider(s) will be expected to demonstrate through their proposal how they will provide youth with Work Experience (WEX)/On-the-Job Training(OJT)/employment placement, payment of subsidized employee wages, provision of supportive service dollars, and payment/placement for professional development trainings and certifications.

**Question:**

How many youth are you looking for to enhance their lives?

**Answer:**

The exact number of Youth expected to be enrolled in the WIOA Title I Youth Program for services for PY21-22 is not yet determined. In PY19-20, 180 youth enrollments were expected, and in PY20-21, 240 enrollments were expected.