

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) Services

Bidder's Conference
January 9, 2019



Agenda

- Welcome
- RFP overview
- Questions
- Conclusion



Partner4Work

- Partner4Work is the Workforce Development Board for Pittsburgh/Allegheny County
- We connect funding, expertise, and opportunities to develop a thriving workforce in the Pittsburgh region
- We partner with...
 - Businesses to source and train the talent needed to grow the region's economy
 - Job seekers to break down barriers and open doors to careers in growing industries
 - Agencies to make an impact in communities and reach people where they are



System Overview

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- PA Department of Human Services (PADHS; formerly DPW)
- Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) Services
- Partner4Work
- Contracted EARN service providers



Request for Proposals (RFP)

- Identify one or more providers of EARN services to support the TANF program in Allegheny County
 - Providing workforce services to clients of PADHS County Assistance Offices (CAO)
- Services currently delivered through three EARN centers, each operated by a different provider
 - Downtown Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Wilkinsburg
- Allegheny County covers two workforce development areas
 - The City of Pittsburgh still operates its own EARN program, separate from P4W
- RFP sections
 - General information
 - Statement of work
 - Proposal process and requirements



Anticipated Contract Periods

Program Dates and Contract Periods		
Contract period 1 (base)	July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	Base contract award
Contract period 2 (option)	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	Renewable by P4W
Contract period 3 (option)	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	Renewable by P4W
Contract period 4 (option)	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	Renewable by P4W



Statement of Work: What are we buying?

- Referral and Enrollment
- Participation and Attendance
- Career Services
- Case Management and Supportive Services
- Training, Education and Credentialing Services
- Community Service
- Client Incentives
- Employer Engagement

- Site Administration and Operations
- Partner Collaboration and Referrals
 - Staff Training and Development
- Performance Requirements and Standards
- Data Management and Reporting
- Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS)
- Contract Oversight and Evaluation



Who are we looking for?

- Innovation and creativity
- Expertise and experience
- Close partnership
- Capacity
- Demand-driven



What are the goals?

- Placement Rate Tier 1
- Placement Rate Tier 2
- Placement Rate Tier 3
- Retention Rate
- Credentialing Rate
- Activity Compliance Rate
- Referral to Enrollment Rate



Anticipated Contract Awards

- One or more contracts with both cost-reimbursement and performance payment components
- P4W intends to provide up to \$2.65 million (in total) for delivery of all services described in this RFP, made available through costreimbursement
- P4W anticipates up to \$350,000 (in total) will be available based on performance of selected providers
- Actual amounts to be determined



RFP Timeline

Release of RFP:

Bidder's conference:

Questions due:

Proposal due date:

Selection of providers:

December 19, 2018

January 9, 2019

January 25, 2019 by 5:00 PM EST

February 4, 2019 by 5:00 PM EST

Mid-April 2019



Proposal Contents and Scoring

- Cover Sheet Required, but not scored
- Executive Summary Required, but not scored
- Organization Overview 20 points
- Program Narrative 55 points
- Budget & Budget Narrative 15 points
- Attachments 10 points
- Total points available 100 points





