

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Workforce Investment Board will only receive proposals on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Union County Administration Building, Freeholders Meeting Room, 6th Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ, for the:

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING CONSORTIUM

The funding source is Program Year 2014 Workforce Investment Act Youth funds. The anticipated funding period is May 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016.

Proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4.

Allowable participant activities and services are based upon Section 129 of the Act and shall be used to carry out programs that provide objective assessment of the needs of the individual participant, develop individual service strategies and provide preparation for postsecondary educational opportunities, linkages between academic and occupational learning, preparation for unsubsidized employment and effective connections to intermediaries with strong links to the job market and local/regional employers.

Funding allocations governed by this public notice will be included in the Request for Proposals. Successful Proposers must demonstrate current or future service delivery capabilities to serve youth in Union County effectively.

In an effort to assist candidates intending to apply for these funds, a PROPOSER CONFERENCE will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Union County Administration Building, Freeholders Meeting Room, 6th Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ.

Request for Proposals may be obtained online as of Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at <http://ucnj.org/rfqs-rfps-rccps/> If further information is needed, please contact the Union County Workforce Investment Board at (908) 558-2567. Proposals may be mailed upon request by calling Philip Kandl at (908) 527-4860.

All questions regarding the RFP must be made in writing directed to Philip Kandl. Questions may be e-mailed no later than Friday, April 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. to pkandl@ucnj.org

All information requested in the Request for Proposals must be provided or the proposal shall be disqualified. Proposals **MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED** "PROPOSALS FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING CONSORTIUM." Proposals must be made in the form required by the specifications and one (1) original and two (2) copies must be received **no later** than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Proposals may be submitted prior to the deadline. If mailed, enclose proposals in a sealed envelope labeled "PROPOSALS FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING CONSORTIUM", and address to Union County Workforce Investment Board, Administration Building, 4th Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207. Proposals submitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Furthermore any proposals submitted after the published deadline will not be accepted.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, and to accept any proposals which, in their judgment, are most advantageous, price and other factors considered, and will best serve the interest of Union County.

Proposers are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.