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Addendum #1

RFI NO.: RFI 2018-63

Increasing VR Service Delivery to Student with Disabilities

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This addendum is being issued to provide the Answers to Questions submitted timely by vendors during the Question and Answers period.

Please be advised all questions are <u>keyed as submitted.</u>

<u>Submitted by: Red Lion Jobs, Inc.</u>

1. How does what you are seeking differ from the STAR program? sounds like the same thing/

   VR is looking for new and innovative approaches to delivering Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS).

2. In your solicitation for information you say the State is NOT interested in duplicating any services currently provided by VR in hours or via existing contracts. You list Career Exploration Counseling, Work Readiness Training, Self-Advocacy and Peer Mentoring, Postsecondary Counseling and Community-Based Work Experience as areas to be addressed. It seems to me these services are already being provided by the STAR program, the Self-Advocacy program and the On The Job Training program currently being done by VR.   How is what you are requesting not a duplication of these services?????

   VR is looking for new and innovative approaches to augment current service delivery options.

<u>Submitted by: Viability</u>

3. Is there a recommended page length for the RFI?

   No.

4. Once the RFI is completed how is it submitted? Electronically or paper? What are the addresses?

   Please refer to the instructions included in the RFI.

5. How detailed do the financials need to be? Audits? Or just a general overview of our financials?

   A general overview is acceptable.

Submitted by: Educational and Professional Services, Corp.

6. Can services be deliver in Spanish? Can we offer a bilingual English-Spanish program?

   VR is interested in information about all service delivery options.

Submitted by: Disability Solutions for Independent Living, Inc.

7. What is the total maximum number of projects you are going to approve in each VR Area?

   No maximum number of projects has been determined.

8. Is there a limit to the amount of projects that are going to be approved in a given VR area?

   No limit per area has been determined.

9. What is the format of submission, aside from the documents listed in the response format section… for example, are you looking for details, such as curriculums, lesson plans, learning settings or would just course descriptions suffice?

   Information submitted should be at a high, overview, level.

Submitted by: Brevard Achievement Center

10. Would any of the 5 services offered be available to students during the school day?

    Services may be offered during the school day when coordinate with and approved by the school district (local education agency/LEA).

11. Would money for transportation for students participating in the program be made available to agencies that were able to provide transportation to students if the program was offered after school and or weekends?

    Transportation is not anticipated as part of these services.

12. Is there a way that VR could offer a cash incentive to those that complete the programs? This could be part of an increased benchmark.
VR cannot offer a cash incentive.

13. Would VR consider paying a pro- rated rate for those that didn't complete the entire program offered?

We are unable to answer this. This determination would be made based on the structure of the approved program.

14. Would individuals participating in these programs be able to also participate in our pilot VR funded special project program Industry Readiness Training? We would like to possibly tie in the Pre-ETS services to the IRT program we are currently working with VR on.

We are unable to answer this. This determination would be made based on the structure of the approved program.

Submitted by Alliance Community & Employment Services, Inc.

15. How many counties a provider can serve at one time?

This has not yet been determined.

16. How many participants can a provider serve in a classroom setting?

This has not yet been determined.

17. How much is vocational rehabilitation reimbursing / paying per participant?

This has not yet been determined.

18. How session is vocational rehabilitation authorizing?

Question is unclear. We're unable to answer.

19. How do provider recruit participants?

This has not yet been determined and would be up to the provider to propose.

20. Do provide have to submit pre-ETS curriculum before providing service?

It is anticipated that curriculum would have to be approved prior to service delivery.

21. How many hours have to complete for payment?

This has not yet been determined.

22. Should participants be already receiving vocational rehabilitation services?

Participants will not necessarily be VR customers.

23. How many providers per county?

This has not yet been determined.

24. When / how will providers know is awarded the RFI?

As indicated in the RFI, responses submitted will be reviewed for informational purposes only. The RFI will not result in the award of a contract.