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**WSW Seeking Proposals for Youth Employment & Training Service Providers**

**Vancouver, Wash. (Dec. 6, 2016)** – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), formerly the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, is seeking proposals for the delivery of services to out-of-school youth ages 16-24 in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I.

The purpose of this solicitation is to identify and fund organizations that will design innovative programming and comprehensive services that ensure Southwest Washington youth are prepared for post-secondary success and to serve as a skilled and qualified pipeline to fill local area workforce demands.

Bidders must specify the counties to be served (Clark and/or Cowlitz/Wahkiakum counties). Respondents are encouraged to submit consortium proposals that leverage resources and build coalitions that result in an innovative, responsive and cohesive youth system.

Proposals will be accepted from any combination of private for-profit agency, state or local unit of government, private nonprofit organization, business service organization or educational agency that can demonstrate the administrative capability to successfully provide the services identified in this RFP.

A bidder conference will be held Thursday, December 15 from 1-4 p.m. at the Port of Kalama, 110 W. Marine Drive, Kalama, WA 98625 in the Commission Room.

**Proposals are due by 5 p.m. PDT on January 20, 2017.**

To view the Request for Proposal (RFP), go to [www.workforcesw.org](http://www.workforcesw.org) and click the RFP button in the bottom right corner of the home page.

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**Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW)** (formerly known as the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council), a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, contributes to regional economic growth by providing investments and resources to improve the skills and education of the workforce in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. WSW-funded programs help businesses find and hire the employees they need and provide people the skills, education and training to find work or advance in their careers. WSW partners with employers, community colleges and universities, labor groups, government and economic development agencies, high schools and community organizations. For more information, visit [www.workforcesw.org](http://www.workforcesw.org).

This program financed with funds provided through Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WSW is an equal opportunity employer and provider of employment and training services. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Washington relay service: 711.

*Serving businesses, job seekers and youth in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.*