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SWWDC Seeking Proposals for Employment & Training Service Providers for its Adult & Youth Programs

Vancouver, Wash. (Feb. 10, 2014) – The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) is soliciting proposals from organizations to provide employment and training services to adults and youth in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.

WIA Adult/Dislocated Worker & One-stop Operator

The first proposal is for operation of WorkSource One-Stop centers in Vancouver and Kelso, and delivery of services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker programs.

Respondents to this RFP must submit one proposal for the delivery of <u>both</u> Adult and Dislocated Workers services, at a minimum, and/or for One-stop Operator services. Bidders must specify the counties to be served (Clark <u>and/or</u> Cowlitz/Wahkiakum counties) for which they are applying. All WIA services funded through this RFP must be provided at an existing WorkSource Center.

A Bidders' conference for the WIA Adult proposal will be held Friday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fort Vancouver Community Library at 901 C Street, Klickitat Room, Vancouver 98660.

Proposals for services to Adults are due March 24 by 5 p.m. PST.

WIA Youth: Out-of-School

The second proposal is for delivery of services to Out-of-School youth ages 16-21 years old in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I.

In particular, this RFP seeks service providers that demonstrate a commitment and history of serving target populations, including those who have dropped out of school, are basic skills deficient and/or have significant barriers to employment.

A Bidders' conference for the WIA Youth proposal will be held Tuesday, February 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fort Vancouver Community Library at 901 C Street, Klickitat Room, Vancouver 98660.

Proposals for services to Youth are due April 4 by 5 p.m. PDT.

Both RFPs can be viewed at <u>www.swwdc.org</u>.

Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, is the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. SWWDC brings together funding, state agencies, local service providers, colleges and community organizations to provide employment and training services to employers, job seekers and youth. Learn more at <u>www.swwdc.org</u>.

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