

Press Release

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SWWDC Requests Proposals for \$2 million Summer Youth Employment Program-Bidders' Conference Schedule for March 27.

Up to 800 summer jobs for low-income 14-24 year olds will be created in SW Washington under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council expects to receive \$2 million and is looking for contactors to run the programs this summer.

The SWWDC is soliciting proposals for three types of services for the SYEP. **Proposals are due April 10, 2009.** Eligible bidders may be public, private, or non-profit organizations. Services requested include:

- 1) Participant recruitment, screening, job placement, supervision; (multiple providers expected to be selected)
- 2) Work readiness skills; (one or more providers expected to be selected); and,
- 3) Payroll services (one provider expected to be selected for the entire three county area).

Work sites are also needed with local employers. Information for employers interested in serving as job sites is also contained within the RFP.

The RFP can be accessed at www.swwdc.org beginning **Tuesday, March 24, 2009**. A bidders' conference will be held on **Friday, March 27, 8:30 am – 10:30 am** at the Oak Tree Restaurant, 1020 Atlantic Ave, Woodland, WA.