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**SWWDC Requests Proposals for an estimated \$1.2 million in Youth Services**

The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) is requesting proposals for the delivery of services to in-school and out-of-school, low-income youth ages 16-21 years old in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I. Total funds available are expected to be approximately \$1.2 million. Actual allocations will not be known until May 2010.

The RFP can be downloaded at [www.swwdc.org](http://www.swwdc.org). A bidders' conference will be held Monday, December 21, 2009 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Clark College, Room Gaiser Hall, Room 213. Please email your intent to attend to [info@swwdc.org](mailto:info@swwdc.org). Proposals are due January 22, 2010.

The goal of the program is to ensure SW Washington youth are prepared for post-secondary success and serve as a skilled and qualified pipeline to fill local area workforce demands. Specifically, successful bidders will work with eligible youth to assist them as necessary in completing their secondary education, developing work readiness and occupational skills, transitioning into post-secondary education and training and/or employment.

Contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to begin July 1, 2010 and end June 30, 2011 with an option for renewal for up to three years (through June 30, 2013) without further solicitation.

For more information about the SWWDC, its programs, and WIA related resources, visit [www.swwdc.org](http://www.swwdc.org).

**About the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council**

The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) provides leadership and resources to increase economic development by providing a trained and productive workforce in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties. Led by a diverse board of representatives from business, labor, community-based organizations and government agencies, the SWWDC responds to the unique needs of SW Washington. For more information, visit [www.swwdc.org](http://www.swwdc.org).

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