

Solicitation Summary: Youth Employment Programs and Training Services For Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Minnesota Youth Program

Date of Solicitation: Issued: November 30, 2020; **Due:** December 23, 2020

Number of Proposals Received: 2 – (HIRED for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Services and Tree Trust for Minnesota Youth Program (MYP))

Review Team Agencies: A committee comprised of Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board (WDB) member, Youth Committee members and Dakota County staff

Purpose:

The WDB and its Youth Committee seeks contractors to provide comprehensive youth employment and training services authorized under both Title 1 of the federal WIOA (Public Law 113-128) and the state MYP (MN Statutes 116L.561).

Services Description:

The WDB and its Youth Committee have been given the responsibility of identifying eligible providers to carry out youth career development activities under both WIOA and MYP. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is being issued to solicit proposals for the operation of youth career development programs in Dakota County.

WIOA Youth Program services provide out-of-school youth between the ages of 16-24 and in-school youth between the ages of 14-21, with year-round employment and training services including work-based learning, an introduction to career pathways, attainment of recognized credentials and wraparound support services.

The MYP services provide short-term employment and training services to low-income and at-risk youth ages 14-24 who lack the academic and applied skills considered critical in the workplace.

Solicitation Selection Criteria:

The review panel reviewed the proposal received for the following criteria explained in the RFP:

- Executive Summary
- Program Design
- Knowledge of Statutes and Mandated Programs
- Organization Capacity
- Performance
- Appendices

Evaluation Results:

The Review Panel, WDB, and Youth Committee reviewed and approved contracting with HIRED for WIOA Youth Services and Tree Trust for MYP.

Rationale of Recommended Vendor:

It was determined the selected providers had the skills necessary to partner with and the proposed projects met the requirements for both the WIOA Youth Services and Minnesota Youth Program Services.