Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation
A Michigan Works! Agency, in cooperation with the Mayor's Workforce Development Board (MWDB)

Request for Proposals

Career Services and Readiness Training (CSRT) RFP - (REISSUED)

DUE DATE : ***August 9, 2021*** *at 5:00 PM* (*EST*) - *Extended from 7/2/21*

RE-ISSUE DATE: *July 30, 2021* *(previously issued 7/2/2021)*

The Mayor's Workforce Development Board (MWDB) is directly responsible and accountable to the State of Michigan, Labor and Economic Opportunity-Workforce Development (LEO-WD) for the planning and oversight of talent development programs in the City of Detroit. Designated by the MWDB, Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) serves as the fiscal and administrative entity that provides workforce services to job seekers and employers. DESC's primary funding streams include Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) that funds Michigan's PATH (Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope.) employment program, Food Assistance Employment and Training (FAE&T), Wagner-Peyser Employment Services (ES), and other public and private funding. The Corporation enters into contracts with qualified entities to provide workforce development programs and services to job seekers and employers.

In anticipation of potential American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, the City of Detroit and Detroit at Work developed a new program, Skills for Life, that incorporates multiple evidence-based components of the People Plan. Skills for Life is a paid, full-time, 4-to-14-month program that has two goals: upskill Detroit residents and place them along a pathway to the middle class and increase the capacity of City departments, including General Services, to reduce blight and deliver other services to residents.

DESC is seeking proposals from qualified individuals and/or organizations to provide as needed, Career Services and Readiness Training for DESC and the MWDB, known collectively as Detroit at Work.

DESC plans to award one (1) contract for requested services as detailed in this RFP. Prospective applicants must demonstrate their relevant experience and ability to effectively provide services as set forth in this RFP.

Bid package for this RFP is available for download at this DESC website: https://www.descmiworks.com/opportunities/rfps-and-rfqs/.

Notifications and changes related to this RFP will be posted to the website.

Proposals must be submitted electronically to procurement@detempsol.org on or prior to the due date /time. Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that its bid response is received by DESC on a timely basis. Late bids will not be accepted. Proposal submissions addressed to DESC staff will not be accepted. Confirmations of proposals submitted will be provided within 48 hours of receipt.

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