



NOTICE OF SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS TO OPERATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT PROGRAMS

Mid-East Commission, as Administrative Entity for the Rivers East Workforce Development Board and the Rivers East Workforce Investment Consortium will be accepting Request for Proposals (RFP's) from qualified and eligible organizations and businesses for the competitive selection of Adult & Dislocated Worker program operation(s) and local One-Stop Operation(s) under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Please note, this is a combined RFP for program operations and one-stop operations.

North Carolina NCWorks Commission and Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS) policy information is available at the DWS website: <https://www.nccommerce.com/jobs-training/workforce-professionals-tools-resources/workforce-policies>. Rivers East policy information is available at our website: <http://riverseastwdb.org/policy-issuances/>.

Mid-East Commission will develop cost reimbursement contracts with successful bidders with the intent to enter a two-year contract cycle beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. The second year extension is available provided the selected service provider(s) are demonstrating and documenting successful performance, and adequate WIOA funding is available to the Local Area to support continued program operations. *The initial funding period will be July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.*

The Rivers East Workforce Development Board and Rivers East Workforce Investment Consortium is comprised of Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin & Pitt Counties. RFPs are being accepted for all five (5) counties.

RFP packages will be released for competitive procurement after 10:00 am beginning Friday, April 1, 2022. RFP packages are due no later than 12 noon (Eastern Standard Daylight Time), Thursday, April 30, 2022. **Late proposals will not be accepted regardless of the circumstance.** To receive the RFP package, please contact Lou Stout, Compliance Manager, at lstout@mideastcom.org. All requests should include the following: contact name, company name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address. RFP packages will be submitted via Dropbox which will be shared during the mandatory bidder's conference.

All prospective bidders must attend the bidder's conference. The conference will be held, via Zoom, on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 2:00 pm. To request the Zoom link, please contact Lou Stout at lstout@mideastcom.org. Additional questions regarding the RFP package must be submitted in writing to Lou Stout, lstout@mideastcom.org, no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. All questions and answers will be posted to the Rivers East website no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Mid-East Commission, the Rivers East Workforce Development Board, and the Rivers East Workforce Investment Consortium is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. This Notice of Solicitation to operate WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and One-Stop Operations is 100 percent federally funded through an award from the US Department of Labor/ETA in the amount of \$1,114,175.