

**CDOC-LCCL WAGEES Bidders Conference Q&A
12/2/14**

Q1: *It says mailed no later than four on the 11th, not due in the office. Which is right?*

A1: **PROSPOSAL MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. MST ON 12/11/14 AT THE ADDRESS INDICATED IN THE CDOC-LCCL WAGEES RFP FORMAL GUIDANCE, SECTION IV. A. GENERAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 8.**

Q2: Are the CDOC trainings mandatory for recipients?

A2: Yes, the CDOC and LCCL trainings are mandatory.

Q3: If we currently have intact & successful programs in operation in all 3 of the Regions, can we add to our programming and submit 1 proposal for all 3 regions?

A3: Yes, you may submit 1 proposal to serve 1 or more regions. The proposal should clearly state what services will offered in the regions if they vary.

Q4: Is there a specific amount we have to budget for the first six months and then the next 12 months?

A4: No, the budget should be for a full 18-month period.

Q5: If 500 thousand is available the first year and there are four subgrants, how can the awards be 300 thousand plus?

A5: It is anticipated that the grant awards for the 18-month will likely be about \$300,000.

Q6: If needed, is hand-delivery allowed for the proposal on December 11th by 4:00?

A6: Yes, it is permissible.

Q7: Is that 4pm MST for the due date on 12/11/14?

A7: That is correct.

Q8: Can we offer incentives to employers? For example, a hiring bonus?

A8: I do not know but will seek guidance from CDOC and post ASAP.

Q9: Do all staff need to be a CDOC approved provider before submitting grant app?

A9: No, you do not need to have a criminal background check before or provide information on being an Approved Treatment Provider prior to submitting the proposal.

Q10: Which document tells us where to send the proposal?

A10: The CDOC-LCCL WAGEES RFP Formal Guidance, Section IV. A. General Information on page 8.

Q11: Can we use funding to provide pre-release outreach efforts?

A11: Yes, this an allowable activity.

Q12: Can the grant funds be used to pay for (or scholarship) vocational programs or training for clients?

A12: Yes, it is an allowable expense. We expect such trainings to result in a recognized credential.

Q13: Does education strategies include community college?

A13: Yes, enrollment into post-secondary is an allowable activity and may count towards the Placement Performance measure if enrolled at least ½ time.

Q14: If you are providing services in multiple regions how will the dollars be designated? Can you apply for more than \$300,000?

A14: You may provide services in multiple regions and proposing organizations should determine how they plan to allocate the services and funds accordingly. No, a proposing organization cannot request more than \$300,000.

Q15: Is the participant objective per sub contractor or per region?

A15: Each organization that receives a \$300,000 must serve a minimum of 108 participants within an 18-month period.

Q16: Can rent or temporary rent be paid through the grant?

A16: We will work on getting clarification from CDOC. As currently understood, if housing is part of a larger program service (i.e. mentoring, job readiness, basic life skills etc.) the cost of housing can be included. We know housing is a major need for this population so we will work on getting more guidance from CDOC on allowable expenses associated with housing.

Q17: Adams County is literally across the street from Arapahoe County along a very long section of the Denver metro area. How do we proceed?

A17: You have a couple options. If you have multiple sites for service delivery you may wish to propose serving both regions. Another option to concentrate on one region where you have your primary or only service office and recruit from border regions. Nothing in the RFP guidance prohibits an organization from serving participants residing in other regions. It's more a matter of providing access to services.

Q18: Is there one budget for the entire 18 months or two budgets, one for each funding year?

A18: No, one budget for 18 months.

Q19: For agency staffers with criminal justice backgrounds are criminal backgrounds required to be submitted with applications?

A19: No, they are not. Denote this in 5.5 on page 6 of the Proposal Form. If selected, then background checks and clearances will need to be obtained.

Q20: Do we want to publish who did attend or are interested in case people want to partner?

A20: Unfortunately, this is isn't practical. Obtaining permission from each agency and disseminating in such a short timeframe is administratively burdensome and unpractical.

Q21: Are there any restrictions for Parolees we can serve, i.e. Sexual Offenders?

A21: No, the project does not place restrictions on the classification of parolees you may serve. However, a proposing organization may exclude certain classification if they so choose. For example, an organization may have a charter school on site that prohibits sexual offenders from receiving services on site.