

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) - State Workforce Investment Board

Request for Workforce Proposals

Background

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) reforms and modernizes workforce development. Mississippi created an innovative State Plan to produce a more efficient and effective workforce system in our state. We encourage you to read our plan – *The Mississippi Works Smart Start Career Pathway* – at www.mississippiworks.org.

Purpose

The State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) is seeking workforce proposals for the use of State Workforce Investment Board Funds. Proposals should be in compliance with WIOA and align with the Mississippi State Plan. These proposals should demonstrate how the idea/concept will assist the State in meeting the goals set forth in the State Plan, as well as the WIOA law and regulations.

SWIB will evaluate submitted proposals for allowability, innovation, and alignment with the goals of the State Plan. A request for workforce proposal is not an implied award of grant funds. SWIB reserves the right to recommend project proposals that best meet the objectives of the Governor, the Board, and the intent of the WIOA State Plan, and will have the greatest economic benefit for the State. Alignment with Sector Strategy initiatives is required. Grant award must not exceed \$250,000 and will be awarded for an effective date of July 1, 2019.

Instructions

Proposals should follow the order below and must include the following information:

1. Identify the proposing organization and title of the activity.
2. Specify the contact information; include contact's name, title, address, phone number, and email.
3. Identify proposed beginning and end date of the workforce proposal. The duration of the proposal should not exceed 18 months.
4. Provide cost of the proposal. Proposers are encouraged to use leveraged funds to support the effort. Please list other resources such as foundation, private, State, and Federal funding to support the proposed activities.
5. Provide a proposal narrative no longer than 4 pages that includes the following:
 - a. Describe activities and services to be provided.
 - b. Describe proposal's goals and alignment with Mississippi's WIOA State Plan.
 - c. Describe measureable outcomes that will be delivered including potential number of job placements as a result of the proposed activities.

Submission

Proposers may submit workforce proposal forms in electronic format (Word or .pdf files) or any questions to info@swib.ms.gov by March 29, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. CT. The subject line should read "Workforce Proposals for "State Workforce Investment Board Funds."