

Announcement of Request for Proposals (RFP's)

For

One Stop Provider

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act & Jobs First Employment Services-Funding

South Central Connecticut

Workforce Investment Area

Workforce Alliance is one of Connecticut's five Local Workforce Development Boards established to provide direction and oversight of Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Jobs First Employment Service (JFES) service delivery throughout the state.

Workforce Alliance, Inc. (WA) is the regional workforce development board for the South Central Connecticut Workforce Development Area, consisting of the towns of: Bethany, Branford, Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Haven, Essex, Guilford, Haddam, Hamden, Killingworth, Madison, Meriden, Middlefield, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Old Saybrook, Orange, Portland, Wallingford, Westbrook, West Haven, and Woodbridge.

Workforce Alliance is requesting proposals with new innovative ideas for programs that demonstrate high performance in WIOA & JFES service delivery, efficiencies in administration and operations, creative uses of technology, social media, and information management. Additionally, Workforce Alliance is looking for collaborative strategies to strengthen and expand WIOA services delivery in alignment with economic development and direct connection to businesses throughout the South-Central region.

RFP Activity Timeframe

November 15, 2021	RFP issued
November 15-26, 2021	Q&A for Respective Bidders
November 30, 2021	Proposer Conference
December 13, 2021	Letter of Intent Due Date
January 24, 2022	Proposals Due Date
January 25 - February 7, 2022	Evaluator's Review
February 22 -25, 2022	Interview Finalists-in person or via zoom
March 24 2022	Announcement of Award

Interested parties should check the Workforce Alliance website to access the RFPs and revisit regularly for updates: <https://www.workforcealliance.biz/south-central-region/rfp/>.

All questions about the RFP or review process must be submitted in writing. All questions will be responded to in writing and published on <https://www.workforcealliance.biz/south-central-region/rfp/> by 4:00pm. Bidders may submit their questions between the dates of November 15,2021 and November 26, 2021, by 4:00pm EDT to Evelyn Brooks, Contract Management Coordinator, (ebrooks@workforcealliance.biz) or at the Proposer's Conference. No questions will be accepted after the time designated above.

The Proposer's Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, via Zoom at 1:30pm.

Participating in the Proposer's Conference is not mandatory and will not influence Workforce Alliance decisions. Please RSVP to [ebrooks@workforcealliance.biz](mailto:ebrooks@workforcealliance.biz) by Friday, November 26, 2021 12:00pm EDT with the following information: (a) your contact information including phone number and full email address; and (b) how many representatives from your organization or from partner organizations will be attending. Workforce Alliance will provide a Zoom link to those who RSVP.

Throughout the entire RFP schedule, no Workforce Alliance Board members, WA staff, or Chief Elected Official for the region may be sought out for advice or assistance. Such communication will constitute grounds for eliminating a proposal submission from consideration. Workforce Alliance, Board members and/or Chief Elected Officials for the region reserve the right to amend the RFP process and/or the RFP schedule without advance notification.

### **SUGGESTED READING BEFORE RESPONDING TO THE RFP**

[https://www.workforcealliance.biz/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/South-Central-CT-Local-Plan-Ex.Summary\\_Aug27\\_2020.pdf](https://www.workforcealliance.biz/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/South-Central-CT-Local-Plan-Ex.Summary_Aug27_2020.pdf) Executive Summary Local Plan

[https://www.workforcealliance.biz/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/WA-Statement\\_June-19-2020.pdf](https://www.workforcealliance.biz/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/WA-Statement_June-19-2020.pdf)  
Putting Our Beliefs into Actions

<https://www.workforcealliance.biz/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Integ-REAI-plan-Exec-Summary-Bd-Mtg-update-1-28-21.pdf> WA Racial and Accountability Integrated Plan Summary

[https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_04-15.pdf](https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_04-15.pdf) Vision for the One Stop Delivery System

[https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_16-16.pdf](https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_16-16.pdf) One Stop Operations Guidance for the American Job Center Network

[https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_19-16.pdf](https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_19-16.pdf) Operating Guidance for WIOA