

Request for Proposals

2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I

Year-Round Workforce Development Services to Youth

Posted: Friday, March 10, 2023

Bidder's Conference (Informational Session): **Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 1:00 PM**

Deadline for Submission: **Friday, April 21, 2023, 12:00 PM (Noon)**

Award Notification: **Friday, June 23, 2023**

RochesterWorks, Inc. anticipates the availability of \$980,000 in WIOA Youth Funds and seeks to solicit proposals from governmental units, public or private not-for-profit or for-profit corporations, local educational agencies, faith-based and community-based agencies to support Youth Workforce Development Service Navigators (Navigator) for the period July 1st, 2023 through June 30th, 2026.

The objective of a Navigator is to provide a coordinated approach through which RWI, and its community partners can collaborate to create community-wide access of workforce development services to youth. This will result in the maximization of resources to reduce the duplication of service by providing structured employment opportunities and increasing basic skills, job retention, and the earnings of local youth. A Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) unit equals one employee working full-time. We require a single full-time equivalent Navigator to fill each FTE Navigator position. Preference will be given to Agencies with the capacity to house two or more Navigators. Agencies without the capacity to house more than one Navigator should provide a detailed plan of action on how youth will be served through a Navigator transition.

Under this solicitation, up to 14 Navigators will be sought to focus on WIOA supported services for older disconnected out-of-school youth. For the sole purpose of this solicitation, older disconnected youth will be required to meet the criteria of being between 16 to 24 years of age, not currently enrolled in school nor employed, and not readily employable due to the lack of basic skills.

To learn more about this funding opportunity, go to the RochesterWorks website at www.rochesterworks.org, on the bottom of the page click on *Request for Proposals*. A Bidders Conference is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 1 pm via Zoom**. To RSVP, email Cassilda Campbell at ccampbell@rochesterworks.org