

RFP ADDENDUM #1

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Please note that our new Address is 450 Columbus Ave, Suite 5, Hartford CT 06103

RFP ADDENDUM # 1 - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, Sign and submit Addendum with BID

Question #1 - Is there an estimated date for the announcement/notification of the awardees? Will you make the name of the firm/organization you've selected to deliver the "boot camps" available?

Answer #1- We do not have an estimated date at this time. However, our goal is to review the proposals as quickly as we can and then determine any awardees. Much will depend on how many submissions we obtain. The name of the selected provider will be publicly available.

Question #2- How much money is behind this RFP, and what is the ideal cost to train each participant?

Answer #2 – There is not a set amount of money behind this RFP. We are looking to applicants to provide some guidance regarding how much it would cost to establish a tech boot camp program as described in the RFP and what a reasonable cost might be – understanding that the state would be willing to subsidize some of the costs under the right proposal.

Question #3 - What can the budget be used for?

Answer #3 – In the RFP, we ask you to provide a proposed budget and budget narrative (including sources and uses of funds) for the duration of the program, including fee proposal, staffing (administrative and instructor), recruiting, marketing, curriculum/classroom supplies, overhead costs, etc. As part of that proposal, we ask you to provide an estimate of how much of a subsidy you might need from the state.

Question #4 - Is there a minimum number of students? How many students are you looking to train?

Answer #4 - We do not have a set number of students, though our overall goal is to significantly increase the number of eligible tech talent in the state. We are looking for applicants to provide some guidance on what might be a reasonable expectation in a marketplace like Connecticut. We have initiated this RFP because we perceive that there is a serious need for tech talent in the state. As a result, we are hoping the program is impactful enough to help fill that need – perhaps not in the first year, but certainly over time, assuming the program shows success and is renewed.

Question #5 - The boot camp is 10 to 16 weeks, Is it OK to run it in the summer? Is it OK to run it as evening or weekend classes?

Answer #5 – We have not placed any limitations on when the boot camps can run.

Question #6 - Is the software development courses to be offered exclusively via ground-based (F2F) instruction at the respective locations or can they also be offered online?

Answer #6 – We are open to online courses, assuming that the applicant can effectively meet the other criteria laid out in the RFP.

Question #7 - Does the DECD, through this RFP, envision one boot camp encompassing both Data Science and Analytics and Full Stack Development, or does it envision one boot camp for Data Science and Analytics and a separate boot camp for Full Stack Development?

Answer #7 – Our preference is for the latter – one for Data Science and a separate one for Full Stack. Please note that we may pick separate vendors for each.

Question #8 – At the time it submits a bid, is a bidder entity required to hold any license or otherwise be registered with the State of Connecticut?

Answer #8 - No, although the RFP requires you to fill out an agency vendor form.

Question #9 – At the time it begins rendering services under any resulting contract, is a bidder entity required to hold any license or otherwise be registered with the State of Connecticut?

Answer #9 – The vendor would need to have whatever licenses are required to provide training service in Connecticut. If you are selected, we can work with you to determine what, if anything, is necessary.

Question #10 – How soon upon awarding of the agreement could we begin enrolling and providing the required training to participants?

Answer #10 - Our anticipation is that you would be able to begin enrolling as soon as practicable after the contract is finalized.

Question #11 - Does your office have a database of local employers with contact information that we may access to promote enrollment?

Answer #11 – We do not have an accessible database, but we would certainly work in helping you promote enrollment.

Question #12 – Is there an existing employer advisor board or similar group of employers that the DECD is working with that we could have access to?

Answer #12 – We work with several groups of employers and certainly can be helpful in ensuring that they are aware of the boot camps.

Question #13- What’s the earliest we could expect to receive payments in return for services that are delivered? After July 1, '18? After Oct 1 '18

Answer #13 - After the contract is finalized, it will take us a few weeks to set up payment processing.

Question #14 - Has your department already identified a preferred vendor to provide the services described herein?

Answer #14 - No

Question #15 - As we have no plans for participating in the CT Health Exchange are we still required to complete the CHRO Employment Information Form?

Answer #15 – Yes

Question #16 – Which of the five (5) Non Discrimination Forms listed on this page ([here](#)) are we required to complete?

Answer #16 – Presumably you would fill out either C, D, or E, depending on your own circumstances

Question #17 – Do you require a separate Insurance Certificate of Insurance for employees?

Answer #17 – We are not requesting one as part of this RFP application process.

Please sign below and return with your BID package.

Company Rep. Signature _____

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