

Public Notice

As the Administrative unit for the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board, the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is soliciting proposals for the operation and management of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Basic Education and Literacy Projects for a period beginning October 1, 2010 and extending through September 30, 2011 with the availability of three, one-year additional options.

The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to provide basic education, literacy services and/or work preparedness for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program participants, former TANF Program participants and/or individuals who are at-risk of becoming TANF participants. Proposers are encouraged to incorporate into their proposals a component offering “work-related soft skills” training in conjunction with basic education and literacy training in partnership with area employer(s).

The mission of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board is to improve the quality of life in this area through economic development by providing a first-class workforce for present and future businesses. Counties that comprise the East Texas Workforce Development Areas are: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties.

The Workforce Solutions East Texas Board is making approximately \$201,893 available through this RFP. Proposals are limited to \$75,000. The amount of funds available is subject to change.

Persons or organizations wanting to receive a Request for Proposals (RFP) package, should submit a request by letter, fax, or email to the East Texas Council of Governments, 3800 Stone Road, Kilgore, Texas 75662, Attn: Gary Allen (903-984-8641 Ex 227). The fax number for ETCOG is (903) 983-1440 or email gary.allen@etcog.org.

The Request for Proposals package will not be released prior to June 16, 2010. The deadline for receipt of proposals is Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. CDT.

Questions concerning the RFP process should be addressed by email or fax to Gary Allen (see above) or Crystal McCoy, Regional Planner I, crystal.mccoy@etcog.org or fax 903-983-1440. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) are encouraged to apply. ***All programs and employers under the auspices of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board are in compliance with EEO. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.***