



# Questions & Answers Regarding the Request for Quotes

For the period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022

## Approved Training Programs for Reentry Employment Programming

**Deadline:** Quotes will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis  
until October 31, 2022 at 9:00AM

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**RFQ Release Date:**  
February 8, 2021

**Partner4Work (TRWIB, Inc.) is an equal opportunity employer.  
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to persons with disabilities.**

Partner4Work's Pathway Home Program is funded by a Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) grant provided by the US Department of Labor (USDOL), the total value of which is \$916,657. Federal Award Id. No. (FAIN): PE-35039-20-60-A-55. CFDA #: 17.270- Reintegration of Ex-Offenders. Any services purchased through agreements resulting from this RFQ to serve Pathway Home participants will be fully funded by Partner4Work through the REO grant provided by USDOL. Successful applicants must comply with all applicable regulations and the terms and conditions of the REO grant provided by USDOL.

**What is the source of funding for this RFQ?**

Training providers procured through this RFQ will be eligible to enroll participants from two reentry employment programs, each with different sources of funding. The Pathway Home program for individuals returning for the Allegheny County Jail is funded by a Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) grant provided by the US Department of Labor. The Career Pipeline Program for young adults is funded by a grant from the PA Department of Labor & Industry.

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**Are training providers and transitional jobs providers required to enroll all program participants that are referred by Pathway Home and Career Pipeline program staff?**

No, program participants may be enrolled in training and transitional employment at the discretion of the provider procured through this RFQ. Providers may work with program staff to ensure that participants referred are a good fit for training or transitional employment.

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**Is this funding only available to applicants in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County?**

No, applicants located outside of Allegheny County may apply. However, the Pathway Home program and the Career Pipeline program intend to serve individuals who reside within Allegheny County. Therefore it may be unlikely that participants choose to attend training and transitional employment programs outside of the county.

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**Who are eligible training participants to be served through this RFQ?**

Training and transitional jobs providers who are approved for funding will receive referrals from the Career Pipeline program for justice-involved young adults ages 18-24, managed by Auberle Employment Institute, as well as the Pathway Home workforce program for individuals 18 and older exiting incarceration at the Allegheny County Jail and enrolled in the ACJ Reentry Program.

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**The pre-award assessment requests a total program budget. Would a per participant cost satisfy this requirement? If not, what should be provided?**

A per participant cost is acceptable for the pre-award assessment. Please note that the quote submitted in response to this RFQ must include a brief narrative describing the proposed program cost, including all program-related and administrative costs items.

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**My company is new and does not have a financial audit. Would my application be considered incomplete without it?**

An application will not be considered incomplete if it does not include a financial audit. If an organization does not have a recent financial audit, submission of alternative documentation such as internally produced financial statements or tax statements demonstrating your organization's capacity to operate under the payment method described in this RFQ are strongly encouraged.

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**Can vocational training be offered to participants via a virtual means such as Zoom, or are training services to be provided in-person?**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit proposals for vocational training programs that can be delivered virtually.

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**Are letters of support from funding agencies acceptable to demonstrate support for the proposed training program?**

While letters of support from funding agencies are welcome to show support for the proposed training program, applicants are highly encouraged to submit letters from employer partners to demonstrate strong training-to-employment pipelines for training graduates.

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