



PUBLIC NOTICE

Award of 21-24 Local & Regional Plan RFQ

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The Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (WDB) was seeking quotes from individuals or entities to develop the WDB's 4-year Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local Plan and the Middle Sierra Regional Plan to be consistent with the policy direction of the California State Plan. The WDB's current Local and Regional Plans can be found at www.mljt.org.

Under WIOA sec. 108, each Local WDB must, in partnership with the appropriate chief elected officials, develop and submit a comprehensive 4-year plan to the Governor. The plan must identify and describe the policies, procedures, and local activities that are carried out in the local area, consistent with the State Plan. Local plans are considered to be part of the regional plan under federal law and regulation. Local plans can demonstrate that they involve key stakeholders, including the major employers and industry groups from the relevant regional economy and organized labor, and can demonstrate that they account for the entire workforce training pipeline for the relevant regional economy, including partners in K-12 education, career technical education, the community college system, other post-secondary institutions, and other Local Areas operating in the relevant regional economy by making use of regional planning efforts that meet these very same criteria.

Regional plans and partnerships required by WIOA function under California's State Plan as the primary mechanism for aligning educational and training provider services with regional industry sector needs in California's fourteen WIOA Regional Planning Units (RPUs). California state law requires coordination between the K-12, Community Colleges, and WIOA systems and requires the use of sector strategies as the operational framework for the state's workforce system. These two state mandated requirements are met under the State Plan by making federally required WIOA regional plans and partnerships the primary mechanism for aligning educational and training programs with regional industry sector needs. As such, the main aim of regional plans is the development of "regional sector pathway" programs, by which is meant the identification, utilization, and servicing of career pathway programs aligned with regional industry sector needs in each of the RPUs.

A Request of Quotes was advertised and solicited on October 27, 2020, for the 2021-24 Local & Regional Plan RFQ and closed on November 04, 2020. The RFQ for the 2021-24 Local and Regional Plan RFQ was also posted to the agency's website. The RFQ was responded to by two bidders. A selection was made based on who had a more comprehensive workplan and more affordable cost per hour.

MLJT would like to acknowledge the Award of the 2021-24 Local & Regional Plan RFQ, as required by Uniform Guidance, to **David Shinder, 12056 N. Raphael Way, Tucson, AZ 85742**

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