

LEGAL NOTICE

“REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS”

Educational Attainment & Work Readiness Initiative

The Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (WIB) seeks applications in response to its Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Educational Attainment & Work Readiness Initiative (EAWRI). EAWRI will fund two English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, one General Educational Development (GED) class, and one Pre-GED class with a Work Readiness component for each of the four classes.*

Eligible applicants consist of Community Based Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Non-profits, and Educational Institutions. Non-profit applicants must hold a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service. Program participants must be Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligible* and reside in the WIB's region*.

EAWRI shall result in an increased learning level (based on pre and post program testing) and receipt of a Work Readiness training certificate. The main goal of EAWRI is a gain in employment status, e.g., unemployed to employed, under employed to gainfully employed, receive a wage increase, receive a promotion, etc.

*Detailed information is provided in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

The funding source for this program is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

RFP packets will be available on the WIB's website (www.gnbwib.org/RFPsMultiples.html) by close of business on Friday, July 24, 2009, or by calling Annie Massicotte, Business Office Manager, at 508-979-1504, ext. 11.

RFP packets will also be available at the BIDDERS' CONFERENCE on Friday, July 31, 2009, 3 PM in the WIB conference room, 227 Union Street, Suite 208, New Bedford, MA 02740.

PROPOSALS must be submitted by Friday, August 21, 2009, no later than 4:00 p.m. Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted. To be considered, proposals must be submitted *as follows*: one (1) signed original and two (2) electronic copies (one in Adobe pdf and one in Word format). Please e-mail to balexander@gnbwib.org.

This request does not bind the WIB to accept any or all proposals and allows the WIB to negotiate with proposers if it is in the best interest of the WIB.

Please send all proposals to:

Bridget A. Alexander, Esq., Director of Development
Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board, Inc.
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New Bedford, MA 02740-5946

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Please run on Friday, July 24, 2009

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