

RFP#36957 Pre-Bid for Youth Internship

Questions

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1. The problem statement says Children ages 15-24 – can you clarify on this statement. The target age group is 10th through 12th graders.
2. Willing and training employers who are only committed for 1 year? We make the initial contact with the youth and employer through the vendor, the long-term goal is to have youth employed after graduation, etc. Employer is responsible for the training.
3. Are hours of employment limited to standard work hours of 30 hours? Providers will have to provide timeframe within at least 8 weeks.
4. Is there an allowance for college readiness? What are we doing to get them to this point? The program is year round. The vendor will need to assess where the youth is academically compared to where they want to go. An example is, wanting to be a doctor but taking the basic math class in the 11th grade. The youth may need tutoring or to select a different career. The internship is a youth driven.
5. During the 8 week internship, the core of time is the internship? Soft skills can be built in but the majority hours have to be internship. It should be around 150 hours of per internship.
6. Can hours be different in the summertime? We would have to specifically look at what the programming is to determine if later times are allowed.
7. The evaluation tools, will they be given by our office? Yes, some tools may be provided by the evaluation team. Assessments would be completed by the vendor. Surveys would be given to the evaluation team. A new provider may have to create their tools for evaluation if we do not have them readily available.

Mary Ellen explained the OPD requirements.