



AREA LOCAL MAYAGÜEZ - LAS MARÍAS

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)  
YOUTH PROGRAM**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ELIGIBLE SERVICE PROVIDERS  
FOR IN-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH  
PERFORMING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THRU JUNE 30, 2025**

**FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION, THRU A GRANT AWARDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO AND ALLOCATED TO THE MAYAGÜEZ - LAS MARÍAS WORKFORCE CONNECTION LOCAL AREA**

**FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT:  
Out-of-School Youth: \$164,452.40 / In-School Youth: \$164,452.40**

**RFP CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**

The Mayagüez - Las Marías Workforce Connection Local Board calls individuals, non-profit organizations, as well as for-profit organizations, employers, and community-based organizations to present proposals to offer services under the WIOA Youth Program, to in-school and out-of-school youth for the Program Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. All contracts will be awarded for a two (2) year period.

Section 123(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Public Law 113-128 of July 22, 2014, states that the Local Board shall award contracts or grants on a competitive basis to providers of youth workforce investment activities. All providers must have the capacity to comply with the performance measures for the Youth Program, established by the WIOA.

Service providers will be contracted to offer the elements of the Youth Program under WIOA. The Local Board must make available all fourteen (14) elements. These services will be made available to eligible youth between 14 and 24 years that live in the municipalities of Mayagüez and Las Marías.

The proposals requested are to provide services under the following Youth Program elements:

- Alternative secondary school services, or dropout recovery services - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(B)
- Paid and unpaid work experience - the Local Board will ONLY be procuring the services related to the academic and occupational education components - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(C)
- Occupational training skills - the Local Board will only be procuring alternative activities to offer this element. The Board will not be requesting proposals for training services as the ones used to provide Individual Training Accounts - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(D)
- Education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(E)
- Leadership development opportunities - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(F)
- Adult mentoring for the period of participation and a subsequent period, for a total of not less than 12 months - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(H)
- Follow up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of participation - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(I)
- Tutoring, study skills training, and instruction leading to secondary school completion, including dropout prevention strategies - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(A)
- Financial literacy education - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(K)
- Entrepreneurial skills training - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(L)
- Services that provide labor market and employment information about in-demand industry sectors or occupations available in the local area - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(M)
- Activities that help youth prepare for and transition to postsecondary education and training - Sec. 129 (c)(2)(N)

Changes in technology, globalization and labor market evolution requires for our youth to be trained in on-demand occupations. The Mayagüez - Las Marías Local Board will give priority, in the selection process, to those proposals that are innovative and aligned with current local labor market demands.

A pre-bidding conference will take place through the Microsoft TEAMS platform on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 10:00 AM, and 2:00 PM. All interested proponents must attend. If a proponent does not attend the conference and still submits the proposal, the latest will not be opened and will be disregarded, with no consideration available for such proponent. Both sessions will be equal in content and will be held to provide more time options for the interested proponents.

The Guidelines to File Proposals for Eligible Service Providers for the Youth Program will be available right from the moment of this publication and are to be requested, as well as access to the pre-bidding conferences, by email at [propuestasjuntalocal@outlook.com](mailto:propuestasjuntalocal@outlook.com). On the subject line use: RFP Eligible Youth Service Providers 2023-2025. Not following the provided guidelines will be reason enough not to consider the presented proposals. All questions regarding the RFP or the required documentation, among others, must be sent to: [propuestasjuntalocal@outlook.com](mailto:propuestasjuntalocal@outlook.com). No questions will be answered by phone or in-person. Once the RFP is closed, no questions will be answered and the proponents must wait for the Evaluation Committee to complete the evaluation process and to issue the notifications letters.

The RFP closes on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 4:00 pm. Proposals must be addressed to: Ms. Hilda R. Renovales Cruz, Executive Director of the Mayagüez-Las Marías Workforce Connection Local Area, and may be sent by mail or delivered in-person to our office, located on #5 S Ramón E. Betances Street, Mayagüez, P.R. 00680.

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Mayagüez - Las Marías Workforce Connection Local Board

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