

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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Workforce Development Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: January 24, 2018

Subject: **Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) Competitive Integrated Employment Services (CIES) Request for Responses (RFR) Posted**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) has posted the Competitive Integrated Employment Services (CIES) Request for Responses (RFR) on COMMBUYS.

Background: The CIES RFR is available on COMMBUYS. Application bids open on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 and will be accepted until Noon on Friday, February 23, 2018. EOHHS anticipates announcing qualified providers in March 2018.

The Bid Solicitation Number is **Open Market Bid BD-18-1039-EHS01-EHS02-22880**.

The COMMBUYS link to the CIES RFR is given below. If you cannot open the link from this document, copy the link into your browser to access the RFR.

<https://www.commbuys.com/bs0/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-18-1039-EHS01-EHS02-22880&external=true&parentUrl=bid>

EOHHS is reopening the Competitive Integrated Employment Services (CIES) procurement in order to secure additional vendors or programs to fill geographical and program needs. Vendors that are not currently qualified under CIES may apply at this time. Vendors who are currently qualified and under contract with EOHHS will retain their status and need not reapply for any reason. Please note that at this time, DTA is interested in new vendors.

If you are a Provider who has previously been approved for CIES with any of the following four agencies, you do not need to submit another application. The four (4) agencies are:

- Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB)
- Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)
- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)

If you are a Provider currently providing CIES services to the Department (DTA) in an area and choose to expand services to another area or areas, you must notify Kimberly Rowe-Cummings, Director, Employment Services Program, in writing at the address given below identifying the location(s) where you wish to expand your CIES services. You do not have to file an application for this RFR. However, you must prepare and submit a CIES Business Plan and a CIES Provider Overview.

If you are a Provider that has been approved for CIES services for one of the four Departments listed above and wish to now provide CIES services to DTA, you must notify Kimberly Rowe-Cummings, Director, Employment Services Program, in writing at the address given below identifying the location(s) where you wish to expand your CIES services. You do not have to file an application for this RFR. However, you must prepare and submit a CIES Business Plan and a CIES Provider Overview.

*Kimberly Rowe-Cummings
Director Employment Services Program, (ESP)
Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance
600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111*

Any other interested Vendor must submit a complete application for the RFR for approval for CIES services. Applications are reviewed and scored by a team. Refer to the RFR for details on scoring.

Note: An application does not guarantee that a Vendor will become an approved CIES Vendor. Similarly, requests by current approved Vendors to provide CIES services in an expanded area, does not guarantee that such requests will be approved. All requests are determined by funding and allocated slots needed for specific locations.

Interested providers should refer to the posted RFR for all information regarding this Bid opportunity. This issuance provides general information only to announce the bid posting for interested parties.

Action

Required: Local Workforce Development Boards, Career Center Operators, and workforce partners should forward the information contained in this issuance to interested partners or providers who have stated an interest previously.

Effective: Immediately