

Identified One-Stop Operator Role:

Through assistance from the local contracted consultant (Educational Data Systems, Inc.) and the thirteen (13) mandated partners, a scope of work was crafted based on a collective promise by the partners to financially support an entity that will perform the following roles:

1. Serve in the WIOA-defined operator role – which includes overseeing the daily one-stop activities and partner resource delivery at the North Aurora location, implementing service delivery objectives as identified in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), measuring customer satisfaction, tracking and reporting of data and activities, creating referral linkages/systems and coordinating continuous improvement efforts.
2. Provide two staffing functions defined as the center Navigator and Resource Center Coordinator – which includes two (2) FTEs to welcome individuals to the one-stop center, perform initial intakes and assessments, facilitate referrals, manage and deliver job seeker assistance in the computer resource area.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Process:

- RFP Released on March 30, 2017 and Published on March 31, 2017.
- Posted on Kane County's website and the National Association for Workforce Development Boards (NAWB) along with distribution to 26 agencies/organizations bid listing.
- One proposal was received by National Able Network, Inc.
- The proposal was evaluated by a team of Workforce partner representatives along with the Executive Committee of the local Workforce Development Board.
- The evaluation resulted in the Executive Committee forming a recommendation on April 27, 2017 to award the One-Stop Operator contract to National Able Network, Inc. contingent on an executed cost sharing agreement within the local Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as documented at: <http://www.countyofkane.org/Lists/Events/Attachments/4610/Executive%20Committee%204-27-2017.pdf>.
- Final approval is pending with the grantee which is anticipated to occur on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Kane County Board meeting.
- Contract execution for National Able Network, Inc. is anticipated to conclude no later than June 30, 2017 after the local MOU is fully executed for a contract start date of July 1, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$237,599.00.
- Two (2) additional one-year renewals for PY 2018 and PY 2019 are available based on availability of funds and successful achievement of contract requirements and/or goals.

Youth Services Procurement:

As the previous contracting cycle for youth services throughout Kane, Kendall, and DeKalb Counties concluded on June 30th 2019, the Youth Committee requested Kane County release a Request for Proposal procurement for Program Year 2019 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020), renewable for Program Years 2020 and 2021.

Proposers were asked to speak to five areas of service which address specific elements and benchmarks, such as WIOA work-based learning and the prioritization of out-of-school youth. The RFP emphasized the four WIOA fundamentals that have been previously underscored in programming: 1) Priority Populations, 2) Outreach & Recruitment, 3) Project Partnerships, and 4) Work Based Learning/Paid & Unpaid Work Experiences.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Process:

- RFP Released Published on January 22, 2019.
- Posted on Kane County's website along with distribution to 200+ agencies/organizations via a bid listing.
- Nine proposals were received for consideration.
- The proposals were evaluated Workforce partner representatives along with the Youth Committee of the local Workforce Development Board.
- The evaluation resulted in the Youth Committee forming a recommendation on April 11, 2019 to award Youth Services contracts to seven (7) sub-grantees.
- On May 23, 2019 the Executive Committee of the local Workforce Development Board accepted the Youth Committee's recommendation along with funding amounts and forwarded to the Workforce Development Board authorization for seven (7) Program Year 2019 contracts for WIOA Youth service delivery totaling \$1,810,279.
- On May 29, 2019 the Workforce Development Board voted and accepted the recommendation as forwarded by the Executive Committee for seven (7) Program Year 2019 contracts for WIOA Youth service delivery totaling \$1,810,279 to begin on July 1, 2019 and conclude on June 30, 2020.
- Two (2) additional one-year renewals for PY 2020 and PY 2021 are available based on availability of funds and successful achievement of contract requirements and/or goals.

Business and Career Services, Inc.

Service Area: Kane and Kendall Counties

PY19 Contract Amount: \$295,920

Provides 18 to 24 year-old out-of-school youth an opportunity for career exploration in manufacturing through a 4-week boot camp and 200 hour paid internship. The internship provides mentoring, guidance, skills training and hands-on work experience needed to transition into a career or education in manufacturing. Interested youth should contact Eddie Perez at eperez@bcsillinois.org or 847.437.9538 for more details.

Central States SER, Jobs for Progress Inc.

Service Area: Southern Kane County

PY19 Contract Amount: \$245,000

Out-of-school youth receive job readiness coaching and benefit from exposure to a diverse array of career opportunities through work-based learning placements. Young adults that require assistance to finish their High School Equivalency as well as those that are in need of post-secondary guidance benefit from the personalized attention of an Education Coach to attain a credential. Interested youth should contact Jose Zambrano at jzambrano@centralstatesser.org or 708.715.5300.

Elgin Community College

Service Area: Northern Kane County

PY19 Contract Amount: \$356,801

In-school youth receive hands-on exposure in a sampling of career modules, enhance their academic skill levels, develop leadership and life skills, increase career awareness, improve computer skills, and obtain help finding employment. The out-of-school youth concentrate on career exploration, life skills, GED preparation, vocational training, job search skills, and employment assistance. Youth in need may participate in paid work experience to help transition into unsubsidized employment. Interested youth should contact Jackie Espinoza at jespinoza@elgin.edu or 847.214.6984.

Grundy/Kendall ROE

Service Area: Kendall County

PY19 Contract Amount: \$162,457

Provides 16-24 year olds (in-school or out-of-school) with job search skills training, GED tutoring and assessment, academic remediation, subsidized work experience, assistance with FAFSA and financial aid, career counseling, and assistance with legal problems or court-ordered probation. Participants with disabilities are assisted in overcoming barriers to their successful transition to community competitive employment and/or vocational training in post-secondary education. Interested youth should contact Laura Stransky at lstransky@roe24.org or 630.553.4166.

Kishwaukee College

Service Area: DeKalb County

PY19 Contract Amount: \$304,256

Provides 16-24 year old out-of-school youth with the opportunity to participate in occupational training to help them obtain employment. Career counseling, assessment, employment readiness training, and financial support for tuition and fees, textbooks and supplies assist youth in choosing a meaningful career path. Students are linked to unpaid job shadowing or paid work experience opportunities. Youth lacking a high school diploma are referred for GED classes and provided similar support in preparation for their educational and career path. Contact Dariana Lee at Dlee2@kish.edu or 815.825.9341.

Parents Alliance Employment Project

Service Area: Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties

PY19 Contract Amount: \$163,045

Provides out-of-school youth with disability the opportunity to learn on-the-job through a rotation of internships while providing them with intensive assistance to aid in the development of self-sufficiency for eventual placement in unsubsidized employment. Interested youth should contact Hailey Mankivsky at hmankivsky@parents-alliance.org or 630.938.2122.

Waubonsee Community College**Service Area: Southern Kane/Kendall Counties****PY19 Contract Amount: \$282,800**

Provides out of school youth ages 16-24 with year-round guidance and support. The program helps youth with barriers to employment or education develop skills and credentials needed to successfully obtain and retain employment. The program promotes student learning and supports personal and career development, guiding students towards self-reliance and self-sufficiency. Interested youth should contact Marques Clark at , Kmclark1@waubonsee.edu or 630.966.4176.

Procurement Details Documented At:

<https://www.countyofkane.org/Lists/Events/Attachments/5278/Full%20Board%205-29-2019.pdf>