



**AMENDMENT #1  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 20220101  
TANF WORKFORCE TRAINING & EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS (WTEP) 2022 SERVICES**

Amendment to the RFP is as follows:

1. Questions and Answers attached.

Please acknowledge receipt of Amendment #1 by returning it, along with your proposal package, by July 18, 2022, at 2:00 PM, CT. This acknowledgement should be enclosed in your proposal package. **Failure to submit this acknowledgement may result in rejection of the proposal package.**

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
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Question Number	RFP Page Number	RFP Section Reference Number	Question & Answer
1	Page 9 &10 Page 11 Page 17 Page 22  Page 64	Sec. 2.3 Sec. 2.4(1) Sec. 2.5(B) Sec. 4.3(3) Sec. 4.3(9) Attach. H(C)	<p>This entire proposal should be at least 20 pages? I understand some attachments don't include that total. Or are there several sections that should be at least 20 pages? If so, which sections please?</p> <p><b>ANSWER: Please refer to Attachment H, Section C.</b></p>
2	Page 10	2.4	<p>Are custodial parents of dependent children and non-custodial parents with a support obligation for dependent children, ages 16 to 59, who are not in high school and are unemployed or underemployed, with household income up to 200% of the annually published federal poverty guidelines the <b>ONLY</b> individuals that can be served?</p> <p>The RFP states target. Are respondents to this RFP limited to serving the target population as described in the RFP?</p> <p><b>ANSWER: Yes.</b></p>
3	Page 10	2.4	<p>Where you say Workforce Training and Educational Programs that target custodial parents of dependent children and non-custodial parents with a support obligation for dependent children, ages 16 to 59, who are not in high school and are unemployed or underemployed, with household income up to 200% of the annually published federal poverty guidelines.</p> <p>Can MDHS consider allowing a percentage of the target population to be served as custodial and non-custodial parents and do a percentage of population that's below poverty guidelines that may not have a dependent?</p> <p><b>ANSWER: No.</b></p>
4	Page 11	2.4.2.a	<p>Work Ready Community: Is the goal of 60% of those served obtaining a Bronze level or higher CRC only for the individuals we serve in high poverty areas?</p> <p><b>ANSWER: No.</b></p>

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5	Page 64	Attachment H – F.2 and H.6	<p>Do we need to put cost proposal packets in both places?</p> <p><b>ANSWER: Prefer for Cost Proposal Packet be included in Cost Data Section 4.3.6., but either will suffice.</b></p>
6	Page 7	2.4	<p>Note: Subgrantees that receive funding from any other source, such as another agency or grant, shall not be reimbursed for providing any of the proposed services as required and detailed in Sec. 2.4</p> <p>a. Can the individual be served from multiple fund sources, just not for the same service or can the individual be served if they are eligible for TANF and WIOA? i.e. WIOA for training and TANF/SNAP for a support service</p> <p>b. Can TANF be use to cover items related to training if it’s not eligible to receive WIOA funding? i.e. testing fees, lab fees, or books</p> <p><b>ANSWER: All other funding should be utilized prior to the use of TANF funding. TANF may be used to supplement other funding sources but must not be used to supplant other funding sources.</b></p>
7	Page 57	3.2	<p>As of April 2022, the federal government stopped using the DUNS number to uniquely identify entities. Entities doing business with the federal government will instead use a Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) created at <a href="https://sam.gov">SAM.gov</a> We noticed that the DUNS number is requested in the MDHS RFP. To clarify, should we use the DUNS number or the Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) number in the RFP MANDATORY form/document?</p> <p><b>ANSWER: Both the Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) number and the DUNS number may be provided.</b></p>
8	Page 11	3.0	<p>If awarded, will there be any other options to verify income for students other than the our previously created Income Verification Form? This has proven to be a barrier for many students. We are open to other suggestions that you may have.</p> <p><b>ANSWER: Every effort must be made to obtain verifiable information about a prospective participant’s income or lack thereof. If the verifying agency has done its due diligence and is still unable to provide sufficient evidence, the individual shall be deemed ineligible until adequate verification can be obtained.</b></p>

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			<p>Agencies may reach out to the Division of Workforce Development and Partnership Management for additional ideas or question of adequacy.</p>
9	Page 11	3.0	<p>One possible solution: if the student cannot provide the Income Verification Form, can MDHS assist with verifying the student’s TANF status and issue a waiver for those receiving benefits from MDHS, allowing them to participate in the Subgrantee/MIBEST program?</p> <p>ANSWER: TANF/SNAP recipients should have a letter from the Department of Human Services indicating their eligibility. The applicant will be responsible for providing this information for verification.</p>

We may need to define “Dependent Child(ren)” as a biological child that is either younger than 19 or be a student younger than 24 as of the end of the current calendar year.