DENVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & OPPORTUNITY WORKFORCE SERVICES
Denver Workforce Services assists employers to **hire, train, and retain** a quality workforce while providing jobseekers the ability to **access, explore, prepare, learn, and connect** to employment, training, and other workforce development opportunities.
Our Customers

Jobseekers
Access - Virtual tools, 3 Workforce Centers, DWIN partner network
Explore – Labor market and career pathway information
Prepare - Job readiness training, career coaching
Learn - Workshops, individual training accounts (tuition assistance)
Connect - Recruitment events, work-based learning

Employers
Hire - Job postings, applicant referrals, recruitment events
Train - On-the-job training, internships, apprenticeships
Retain - Upskilling and incumbent worker, consulting
OPERATION OF THREE WORKFORCE CENTERS

Workforce Center at Westside - 1200 Federal Blvd.
Workforce Center at Montbello – 4685 Peoria St.
Workforce Center at DEN – 8500 Pena Blvd., Main Terminal

DENVER WORKFORCE INTEGRATION NETWORK (DWIN)

Roundtable of 36 providers and resources throughout Denver, all of whom share a stake in serving our employers and jobseekers. DWIN ensures:
• Best practices are being shared
• Critical information-sharing takes place
• All of what Denver has to offer for its employers and jobseekers is operating in an aligned, cooperative manner

We work together serve those jobseekers who are experiencing barriers to success
• People transitioning from the justice system
• People experiencing homelessness
• People living with disabilities
• Veterans
• Jobseekers over age 50
• People with a language barrier,
• People needing extra help with remedial skills
• People who seek support accessing & using technology
• New Americans
DIRECT SERVICES

Operation of 3 Workforce Centers
- Resource Center Coordinators
- Workforce Center Representatives

Employer Services Team
- Sector Partnerships
- Work-Based Learning
- Certified Youth Employer Program

Education & Training Services Team
- Eligible Training Provider List
- Back-to-Work 50+
- New Americans
- Gateway Training Program

Denver Construction Careers Program
- New workforce requirements on $10m+ City projects
- Registered Apprenticeship Goals
- Priority Hire Goals
- WORKNOW
Funded Partners

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One-Stop Operator (DWIN)

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Adult Services
- Dislocated Worker Programs
- Technology Employment in Colorado Partnership 2.0 (TEC-P 2.0)
- Disability Employment Initiative
- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA)
- Disaster Grants (Responds/Recover)
OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

Ability Connection Colorado
• WIOA out-of-school youth
• Youth with disabilities
• Youth with additional barriers to employment

Center for Employment Opportunities  WIOA out-of-school youth
• Youth with juvenile conviction as a barrier

Urban Peak
• WIOA out-of-school youth
• Youth experiencing homelessness
Denver Public Schools
- WIOA In-School Youth
- Family and Community Engagement (FACE)

Denver Youth Employment Program
- Hybrid online, in-person
- Ages 14-24
- Incorporates Financial Literacy
- Earn up to $1,776 (120 hours)
24 unique funded partners beginning 9/1/2021

Volunteers of America, Bill Daniels Veterans Services Center
• Veterans Service to Career Program

CommunityWorks
• Pathways Home Program

WORKNOW (CCD)
• Construction Workforce Pipeline

6 Local Workforce Areas
• TEC-P 2.0

Denver Public Library
• Wi-Fi and Laptop Loaner Program
Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Relief
- Work Options for Women (WOW)
- Center for Work Education and Employment (CWEE)
- Jewish Family Services (JFS)

State Stimulus - Upskilling
- 2nd Chance Center
- Mile High Youth Corps
- Prodigy Coffeehouse

State Stimulus - Innovation
- Volunteers of America
- Mi Casa Resource Center
- Servicios De La Raza
- Denver Housing Authority
The City and County of Denver’s Office of Economic Development (DEDO), on behalf of the Denver Workforce Development Board (Denver WDB) is seeking to contract with Youth Service Provider(s) that employ vision, innovation, accountability, and efficient and effective utilization of resources in workforce development programming.

The DEDO/Denver WDB, is seeking proposals from experienced organizations interested in providing a transformative, state-of-the-art business model that reinforces our mission, vision, and values to provide services to out-of-school (OSY) youth. The OSY program authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and serves out-of-school and disconnected youth within the City and County of Denver.
It is Denver’s goal to create a state-of-the-art and coordinated workforce system that focuses on a fully integrated service delivery strategy, which ensures that all customers flow seamlessly throughout. As customers are engaged across multiple entry points, their individual needs shall be identified and addressed, and they will be provided with access to programs, services and navigation to supplementary supports.

This service delivery model is a collective impact approach to help customers discover appropriate and client-centered services at a single location. This vision promotes cutting-edge practice and technology that fosters livable sustainable wages, sustainable employment, as well as offering career pathways for Denver’s vulnerable populations.
FUNDING & PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Funding
• Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
• Out-of-School Youth Program
• $900,000 available

Period of Performance
• 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023
• One-year contract with the possibility of 2 additional years
ELIGIBLE RESPONDENTS

Eligible respondents include governmental, educational institutions or not-for-profit organizations or agencies engaged in a public service.

Private, for-profit organizations engaged in providing employment and training and educational opportunities may apply.

Proposers must be registered with the Colorado Secretary of State to do business in Colorado. Entities that are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency are not eligible.

Proposal reviews and awards are contingent upon respondents being current with the City on any loan, contractual, or tax obligation as due, and in compliance with rules, regulations, and provisions of existing or past City contracts.
TIMELINE

RFP ISSUED
Friday, November 12, 2021 1:00 p.m. (MST)

PRE-PROPOSAL QUESTIONS DUE
Friday, November 19, 2021 – 4:00 pm (MST)

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE
Tuesday, November 30, 2021 2:30 (MST)

QUESTIONS ON RFP GUIDELINES DUE
Friday, December 3, 2021, 4:00 p.m. (MST)

ADDENDUM TO RFP RELEASED
Tuesday December 7, 2021 4:00 p.m. (MST)

COMPLETED PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Monday December 13, 2021 4:00 p.m. (MST)
QUESTIONS

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EMPLOYERS CALL 720-865-WORK