




DATE: May 18, 2022

TO: Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board

FROM: Rob LeBeau, Director - ARWDB 

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ACTION – Approve Provider Contract Extensions

Requested Action (What)

Approval of contract amendments for each of the existing service providers (One-Stop Operator, Career Services, and Youth/NextGen Services) that will extend the time of performance through June 30, 2023. Authorize staff to adjust the contract budgets based on final funding allocations from TCSG-OWD.

Reason (Why)

In December 2020, the Atlanta Regional Commission/Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board (ARC/ARWDB) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting proposals to provide services for Adult and Dislocated Worker (Career Services), Youth (NextGen), and One-Stop Operator for the ARWDB service area including Cherokee, Clayton, Douglas, Fayette, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale counties. After a thorough review process, the ARWDB approved staff recommendations for selecting providers of the following services:

<i>Service</i>		<i>Company/Organization</i>
One-Stop Operator	-	Equus
Career Services		
○ Cherokee	-	Goodwill of North Georgia
○ Clayton	-	Equus
○ Douglas	-	Equus
○ Fayette	-	Equus
○ Gwinnett	-	Corvel
○ Gwinnett Tech	-	Gwinnett Technical College
○ Henry	-	Equus
○ Rockdale	-	Corvel

Youth Services (NextGen)	<i>Company/Organization</i>
○ Cherokee	- Cherokee Youth Works
○ Clayton	- Hearts to Nourish Hope
○ Clayton	- Project Outsource Connects
○ Douglas	- Project Outsource Connects
○ Fayette	- Hearts to Nourish Hope
○ Gwinnett	- CPACS
○ Gwinnett	- Hearts to Nourish Hope
○ Henry	- Project Outsource Connects
○ Rockdale	- Project Outsource Connects
○ In-School Youth	- The Bridge Academy

Initial contracts were approved with each provider for one year, from July 2021 to June 2022. Based upon satisfactory performance, availability of funds, and other factors, ARC may issue an amendment to extend the contract annually for one (1) additional year with a maximum term of the contract not to exceed a total of four (4) years. The In-School Youth provider, The Bridge Academy, was intended as a one-year special project and is not considered for a contract extension.

Timeframe (When)

In April/May 2022, ARC program management staff reviewed each of the provider contracts to assess performance to date and the ability of the provider to adequately continue providing services. Staff determined that all the existing providers have sufficiently met requirements and are in a position to continue providing services for the next program year. Contracts will be extended to include Program Year 2022, which runs from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Impact (Who and How Much)

Contracts will be extended with the existing providers who are delivering services in each of the seven counties in the ARWDB service area.

The initial budget allocations include \$4.05 million to the providers for One-Stop, Career Services, and Youth Services. Although TCSG-OWD has not provided grant documents with budget allocations, staff has been provided anticipated local funding allocations for PY2022. Once final budget allocations are received, provider contract budgets may be adjusted to reflect the actual funds received.

Recommendation

Staff recommends to the ARWDB Executive Committee and the full Board that each of the existing provider contracts (with the exception of The Bridge Academy) be extended through June 30, 2023.