

Food Stamp Employment & Training (FSET) Venture III

Issue Date: 3/28/2012

Description:

The purpose of the Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET) Venture III Request for Proposals (RFP) is to expand the number of organizations that can assist OTDA in addressing the employment and training needs of food stamp work registrants, including those in receipt of Safety Net Assistance, or individuals who are exempt from food stamp work requirements but volunteer to participate. Food Stamp recipients who receive TANF funded public assistance benefits are not eligible to participate.

A total of \$8,000,000 in federal FSET funds is available to support selected programs for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2012, and this same amount is expected to be available in each of the following three years covered by the procurement. Federal FSET funds are available to meet 50% of the cost of services. Each applicant must secure an equal amount of eligible non-federal funds to be used with the federal FSET funds to support the total project. Awards of up to \$300,000 annually will be made. Proposals submitted on behalf of a consortium can request up to \$300,000 annually for each agency, but no more than a total of \$5 million annually for the entire consortium. Selected contractors will earn reimbursement on a performance basis as program participants achieve specific milestones (i.e. Educational Gains, Job Skill Certificates, Job Entry and Retentions).

Existing FSET Venture II contractors are not required to respond to the RFP in order to continue their program, unless they would like to increase their award to the maximum of \$300,000 annually and/or would like to serve additional counties. Program requirements and application instructions are outlined in the Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET) Venture III Request for Proposal, which can be found on the OTDA website at www.otda.ny.gov in the Contract & Grant Opportunities page, or you may fax your request to: Luke Posniewski at (518) 473-7993.

Eligibility/Qualifications Requirements/Preferences

Organizations eligible to apply for funds under this initiative must be nonprofit organizations such as school districts, Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), community colleges and community based organizations that can satisfy the local funding requirement. Since local departments of social services (LDSS) already have access to FSET funds, they are not eligible applicants. Applicant organizations will be asked to secure LDSS support of their proposal, and if selected, be required to work with the LDSS to coordinate services provided to eligible food stamp recipients.

Minority Sub-Contracting Goal: 10%

Women Owned Sub-Contracting Goal: 10%

Due Date: 5/25/2012 3:00 PM

Contract Term: 10/1/12 - 12/31/16

Location: Various locations throughout New York State.

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