

**Answers to Questions Received Regarding the
Workforce Innovation Fund Grant Work Readiness Curriculum and/or
E-Courseware RFP – UPDATED 6.13.13**

Question 1: It appears that the approved credential (NCRC) is made available through ACT which also owns KeyTrain which provides curricula outlined in this RFP. Also it seems that the original proposal for the credential asked for curricula. Is there some key difference in their existing courseware and the requirements of the RFP that other potential bidders should be aware of?

Response: The work readiness credential RFP did not include specifications/criteria for e-courseware. The Work Readiness Curriculum and/or E-Courseware for Rhode Island's On-Ramps to Career Pathways Initiative RFP provides specific criteria and specifications for the e-courseware. All bidders, including ACT, are welcome to submit a bid that addresses those criteria.

Question 2: What is the total budget for both sections of the RFP?

Response: The state is looking for vendors to propose their most competitive offer for the scope of work that it outlined in the RFP.

Question 3: How many trainers will need to be trained?

Response: Currently we are anticipating that approximately 3-15 trainers will need to be trained.

Question 4: Will the curriculum be delivered electronically or on paper? If a paper format: how many copies will be needed? Will they need to be bound?

Response: The 60 hours of instructor-led work readiness curriculum and curriculum materials and the 5 hours of instructor-lead career exploration curriculum and curriculum materials should be provided to the state in a PDF file format.

Question 5: Is the RFP requesting a quote for 1000 concurrent (people on at the same time) licenses for a two year period?

Response: The RFP is requesting licenses for use of the e-courseware by site. If your licenses are granted a per user basis please specify that and explain your pricing structure. It is estimated that no more than 500 people will use the e-courseware at the same time during the two year pilot period.

Question 6: Are partnerships between vendors encouraged?

Response: The state is seeking qualified bidders to provide **one or both of** the following training resources aligned with the NCRC Plus to help job seekers prepare for the NCRC Plus assessment: 1) An online, self-paced, interactive training modules/e-courseware, and/or; 2) The development of 60 hours of direct instruction-based curriculum aligned with the chosen work readiness credential and 5 hours of curriculum for a 3-4 hour, stand alone, instructor led career exploration course.

If vendors wish to collaborate with other vendors, they may do so. However, please note that there is no competitive advantage to submitting bids for both of the services requested. Vendors should also note that it

is intended that an award pursuant to this Request will be made to a prime contractor, who will assume responsibility for all aspects of the work. Joint venture and cooperative proposals will not be considered, but subcontracts are permitted, provided that their use is clearly indicated in the offeror's proposal, and the subcontractor(s) proposed to be used are identified in the proposal.