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INSERT: SEE ATTACHED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ALL OTHERS TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

**BIDDERS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS AMENDMENT WITH
THEIR BID PROPOSAL**

Questions/Answers:

Are there other DWG grant requirements or performance measures (reference sections C.f and D) which are not included in this RFP or found in TEGl 14-18?

Correct. TEGl 14-18 includes reference to WIOA Section 116, which establishes the primary indicators of performance. Grantees of the National Dislocated Worker Grant Program are required to report performance measures in accordance with WIOA section 116. Currently, there are no additional requirements outside of the requirements of the grant and the references indicated in the RFP. However, as TEGls are issued we would expect that the vendor remains up to date on WIOA requirements as USDOL issues guidance.

What are the measurements of success for this project?

WIOA Section 116(b)(2)(A) establishes six primary indicators of performance and serve as the bases of our measurement of project success. In addition to these core measures of performance, VIDOL will measure overall project success based on:

- Compliance with program requirements, eligibility and documentation requirements for participants, placement sites, employer of record and state agency.
- Submission of timely Quarterly Performance and Quarterly Narrative Reports in accordance with TEGl 14-18.
- Utilization of program funds according to grant requirements and within performance period.
- Successful placement of program participants into permanent employment post program and/or coordination/provisioning of basic and intensive services
- Effective Risk and Issue management working with participants, placement sites, and VIDOL to address issues through routine conferences and meetings.

Will the training facilities be provided by VIDOL or would we be expected to procure/provide training facilities?

The Project Manager will be required to procure, partner, or provide training facilities. This can be done in coordination with existing WIOA eligible providers, conducted virtually or in-person by the project management entity so long as social distancing requirements are being met and the delivery format is deemed appropriate for the subject matter.

Are the “contracted training services” referenced in section C (d) already procured by VIDOL or other stakeholder organizations or will we be expected to fund those? ?

The Project Manager may choose to coordinate training with existing WIOA eligible providers, or leverage their resources as appropriate so long as social distancing requirements are being met and the delivery format is deemed appropriate for the subject matter.

Does VIDOL or any of the other stakeholder organizations have a required Project Management system like CA Clarity to be used on this program?

VIDOL does not have a project management system that can be leveraged; however, all DWG participants enrolled and tracked in our GeoSol system, called VIEWS. (See www.vidolviews.org)

Please elaborate on what is or may be expected in terms of technical assistance mentioned in section C (c)?

Technical assistance in this area is interpreted as subject matter expertise related to WIOA Compliant, DWG grant management, and guidance to internal VIDOL staff by answering any questions that might arise. (I.e. questions regarding eligibility, what's allowable (using cost principals analysis), what's required in terms of documentation, etc.) In the comprehensive review it is expected that the project manager would identify issues and risks in terms of VIDOL capabilities (infrastructure, staff, process) in being able to adequately manage DWG grants moving forward. The Project Manager would be expected to provide findings, areas of concerns and recommendations to build capability and capacity at VIDOL.

Please confirm for the funds awarded for this project are not to be used to pay for the employment of any candidates or USVI staff.

If a state is the DWG recipient (which is the case here) and one or more local areas operate the DWG project, the state may retain up to five percent of the award amount for administrative costs, and the project operator(s) may retain up to 10 percent of the award amount (for a total of 15 percent of the award). WIOA Title I functions and activities that constitute administrative costs are identified at 20 CFR 683.215. Administrative costs include both direct and indirect costs.

Please confirm VIDOL be providing the relevant employment data to facilitate monitoring to ensure participant eligibility requirements are met and there is no expectation for that data to be captured initially be us.

Yes, VIDOL will provide the employment data to support monitoring.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I may clarify any of these items.