

PUBLIC NOTICE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE BOARD
WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT
TITLE I YOUTH SERVICES
PROGRAM YEAR 2017
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

The West Kentucky Workforce Board (WKWB) operates under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), Public Law 113-128; Title I Youth Programs. The WKWB will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Program Year 2017 on March 8, 2017, which will allow organizations to apply as contractors to operate year around youth programs for the fiscal year 2018, July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

These programs should be designed to meet the specifications listed in the RFP focusing the majority of the funding on 18-24 year old out-of-school youth and to serve economically disadvantaged youth in the seventeen (17) counties of the West Kentucky Workforce Region. Programs should be a year-around, comprehensive, integrated learning and work based learning program. Programs must prepare eligible youth for attainment of credentials in career pathways, placement in unsubsidized jobs, college or other training, and provide the skills to retain employment. Initiatives to address the needs of out-of-school, older, and economically disadvantaged youth are considered top priorities for our area. Fourteen (14) required youth elements should be addressed in all programs submitted under the RFP, funded under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act of 2014. Any legislative changes, regulation, guidance changes, sequestration, changes in the federal and/or state allocations or changes in the law could affect the operation and/or funding of these programs.

A bidder's conference will be held on March 10, 2017 at 10AM (CST), at Lake Barkley State Resort Park (Sunrise Room), Cadiz, Kentucky, to discuss the release and the funding process. Available funding for the programs under this RFP will be based upon federal and state allocations.

For additional information, please send a written request for information to: Sheila Clark, Director, West Kentucky Workforce Board, 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240 or visit <http://www.wkworkforce.work>.