Invitation to Participate

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (ACC) invites Texas nonprofit workforce intermediary or job training organizations to apply for funding through the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program.

Invitation to Participate No. 924-15042VJ

The Cover Sheet and completed Program Work Statement must be submitted electronically to the Point(s) of Contact listed on the Grant Application Information, Page 5, and can be found at the following:

http://www.austinecc.edu/purchase/advertisedbids.php

by no later than: September 15, 2015 by 5:00 pm CST

Intent of the Invitation to Participate

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (ACC) is inviting nonprofit workforce intermediary or job training organizations statewide to apply for funding through the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant funds. Funding for the ACE grant was established through the Texas Education Code, Section 136, and may be awarded only to develop, support, or expand programs of eligible nonprofit workforce intermediary and job training organizations to prepare low-income students to enter careers in high-demand and significantly higher-earning occupations.

Eligibility Requirements

Section 1: To be eligible for a grant under this program, a Texas nonprofit workforce intermediary or job training organization must:

1) NOTE: Existing programs awarded ACE funds during the 2013 – 2014 biennium that have met the reporting and success requirements will be given priority for continued funding in order to preserve continuity of funding for students currently enrolled in funded programs.
2) Apply to the grant administrator listed above.
3) Provide to eligible low-income students, in partnership with public junior colleges, public state colleges, or public technical institutes:
   a) Job training; and
   b) A continuum of services designed to move a program participant from application to employment, including outreach, assessment, case management, support services, and career placement;
4) Be governed by a board or other governing structure that includes recognized leaders of broad-based community organizations and executive-level or managerial-level members of the local business community;
5) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the program advisory board that the organization’s program has achieved or will achieve the following measures of success among program participants:
   a) Above-average completion of developmental education among participating public junior college, public state college, or public technical institute students;
b) Above-average persistence rates among participating public junior college, public state college, or public technical institute students;

c) Above-average certificate or degree completion rates by participating students within a three-year period compared to demographically comparable public junior college, public state college, and public technical institute students; and

d) Entry into careers with significantly higher earnings for program participants than previously achieved; and

Section II: Information on Student Eligibility

1) A person receiving a scholarship or other financial assistance under Chapter 134, Education Code, or Subchapter O, Chapter 403, Government Code, before the effective date of September 1, 2013 for the 2013-2014 academic year may continue to receive a scholarship or other financial assistance under that law as applicable to the person immediately before that date, until the person is no longer eligible for the scholarship or other assistance under Chapter 134, Education Code, or Subchapter O, Chapter 403, Government Code, as the applicable law exists on January 1, 2013, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2) Grants provided under the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program established under Chapter 136, Education Code, may benefit only a permanent legal resident or citizen of the United States. [83rd Legislature, H.B. 437]