

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
NORTH DAKOTA STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 1
October 20, 2014
RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS**

You are invited to participate in the following State Procurement Opportunity.

Solicitation Number: 325-14-660-036
Type: Grant Programs
Title: "Linking Job Seekers with Employers"
Issued: 10/01/2014
Deadline for Questions: 10/15/2014 04:00 PM CT
Closes: 10/30/2014 04:00 PM CT

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Short Description: This announces the intention of North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities (NDSCDD) to award funds for a project that will focus on pre-employment/competitive employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities, ages 21-30.

Instructions: Click the link below to view this solicitation. Contact the Procurement Officer if you have any questions or are unable to obtain the documents from the website.

<https://apps.nd.gov/csd/spo/services/bidder/displaySolicitation.htm?solNo=325-14-660-036>

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- Go to www.nd.gov/spo
- From the left menu, click Bids and Contracts - click Current Solicitations
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Questions and Answers:

1. Where can I find match dollars? Is the match still covered through another source or is that the requirement of the provider?

A: Grant applicants can search for in-kind or cash-match through various civic groups or organizations. The Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities, at their August 2014, meeting, set aside state dollars towards funding the 30% match for employment projects. Confirmation of the dollars was obtained from Russ Cusack, Division Director, but grantees would still need to coordinate with the Committee regarding the availability of these dollars.

2. How do we confirm the referrals if the local DD can't commit to 15 referrals?

A: The Scope of Work and requirements are outlined below. Consideration regarding the number of referrals will be taken in to consideration. The grantee will need to keep in close communication with the DD Council staff assigned to monitor the grant regarding issues or concerns related to the grant management and outcomes outlined in the proposal.

Scope of Work: The NDSCDD is soliciting proposals to assist individuals with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD), ages 21-30, who are currently receiving day supports, secure and maintain competitive integrated employment. The program must incorporate customized employment to include person-centered approaches with individuals and their families and offer a variety of services and supports to enhance the likelihood of employment outcomes. Supports and services must be comprehensive; from assessment, to interpersonal skill and social capital development, to education and training, and any other supports required by the individual and their families to achieve meaningful community-based employment. Individuals must have opportunities to experience and participate in several types of jobs in their area of interest.

Requirements: The proposal must include how the program will collaborate with the Developmental Disabilities Division (DD) and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR).

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge receipt of and compliance with this amendment to the above referenced solicitation.

NAME OF BIDDER OR OFFEROR

MAILING ADDRESS

PRINTED NAME

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TITLE

DATE