

PROCUREMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

Title I of WIOA outlines a broad youth vision that supports an integrated service delivery system amongst one stop and community partners. It affirms the workforce system's commitment to providing high-quality services for all youth and young adults beginning with career exploration and guidance, continued support for educational attainment, opportunities for skills training in in-demand industries and occupations, such as pre-apprenticeships or on-the-job training, and culminating with sustainable employment along a career pathway, enrollment in post-secondary education, or Registered Apprenticeship. The Title I Youth program continues to seek high levels of performance, accountability, and quality in preparing young people for the workforce.

SELECTION OF YOUTH PROVIDERS

Grant Recipient

As the grant recipient of WIOA Title I funds, DLR has the option to directly provide some or all of the youth workforce investment activities, including design framework and youth service elements.

Competitive Procurement

If DLR does not provide the youth element, Section 123 of WIOA requires local boards to "award grants or contracts on a competitive basis to providers of youth workforce investment activities" in accordance with 2 CFR parts 200 and 2900.

Sole Source

Where the local board determines there are an insufficient number of eligible youth providers for a youth element, the board may award grants or contracts on a sole source basis.

While South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation provides most of the fourteen youth elements directly, the Workforce Development Council approved sole source as necessary for all fourteen elements as long as it is in accordance with state procurement laws at the board meeting on October 5, 2016.

Leveraging of Partner Resources

The board is not required to utilize WIOA Title I youth funding on each of the program elements. Local programs may leverage partner resources to provide some of the readily available program elements. However, the local area must ensure that if a program element is not funded with WIOA Title I youth funds, the local program has an agreement in place with the partner organization to ensure the program element will be offered. Employment Specialists must maintain contact with the non-WIOA funded provider to ensure the youth participant receives quality services that match the program element requirements.

WIOA Law §123
20 CFR §681.400, §681.470
2 CFR parts 200, 2900
SDDL R Policy §2.2
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