

Pre-Bid Conference Questions & Responses

Re-Bid WIOA Youth Stand Alone Projects 2026 RFP-3

1. As far as the length of time for the program, is it one full year that we have to have the program going? **Response:** The first year will be a short year. We project that the contact start date will be September 1st and end June 30, 2026. Normally, the contract would be on a 12-month cycle. If renewed for years two through 4, the contract period would be July 1st through June 30th. If renewed for year two, the start date would be July 1st through September 1st.
2. Are two medical certifications ok? **Response:** Yes. Once the training is completed, the participant has to be employable and earning a self-sufficient wage. The proposer must consider whether the Medical Billing and Coding program leads to sustainable employment. Past participants who completed this training struggled to find Medical Billing and Coding positions, as most employers prefer experienced workers. Conversely, participants who completed the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) training appear to find employment much more easily.
3. The participant cannot be younger than 16 and older than 24, correct? **Response:** Yes. Is this just for Wood County? **Response:** No, for all 14 counties.
4. Can the participant be in school? **Response:** No. This is only for out-of-school youth.
5. The most recent audit information should be for the institution, right? **Response:** Yes.
6. Will the \$150,000 amount be for every proposer awarded or will it be broken down and split between multiple proposers? **Response:** It is anticipated the proposer with the highest ranked proposal meeting program qualifications will be fully funded for the amount requested. Any remaining funds will be allocated to other proposers in order of ranking as funding permits. However, WSETB reserves the right to vary funding awards if deemed in the best interest of the East Texas Workforce Development Area.