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To: Employment First Partners

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson (Statewide Employment First Coordinator)

Re: New American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project SEARCH grant available

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is seeking proposals for a new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP). The Project SEARCH Grant Agreements for Transition-Age Programs funding opportunity is meant to support transition-age individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Specifically, it supports transition from school to getting competitive integrated employment. All details, requirements and qualifications are [available in the solicitation](#).

Applicants must be either a community-based employment provider with status as a current Vocational Rehabilitation vendor; or a school district, career technical school, community college, or education service district who provides transition services.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. More information about the project and RFGP process will be provided. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions about the project and process.

You can access the pre-proposal conference through [Microsoft Teams](#).

Meeting ID: 243 187 957 620

Passcode: J4FaAk

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Or call in (audio only) at [+1 971-277-2343,,21875791#](#)

Phone Conference ID: 218 757 91#

If you have accommodation needs, please send those to Russell.Brammer@odhsoha.oregon.gov at least 72 hours before the pre-proposal conference.

These are other important dates for the RFGP process:

- Questions or requests for clarification are due Dec 28, 2023
- Proposals are due Jan. 12 by 3 p.m.

Proposals must be submitted through [OregonBuys](#), which is the state's e-Procurement system. All details and documents for the Project SEARCH funding opportunity can be found on OregonBuys through bid solicitation number [S-10000-00008884](#). Please make sure you're registered with OregonBuys. To help with registration, there is a [registration quick step](#)

[guide](#) and [full registration instructions](#). If you need additional registration assistance, please call the vendor help desk at 855-800-5046 or email suppliersupport@periscopeholdings.com.

The single point of contact for this funding opportunity is Procurement Specialist Russell Brammer. All questions must go directly to Russell at Russell.Brammer@odhsoha.oregon.gov or 503-910-5020.

Thank you for supporting employment services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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