

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Date of Request: 5/28/21

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Type of Request:

- Contract/Grant Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Rezoning/Text Amendment
 Dedication/Vacation Appropriation/Supplemental DRMC Change
 Other:

2. Title:

Authorizes a contract between Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO) and Ability Connection Colorado, Inc. for \$550,000 to provide comprehensive services specific to employment and training to the disconnected youth in Denver (ages 16-24 and neither enrolled in school nor currently employed) as required under Denver's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

3. Requesting Agency: Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO)

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Tony Anderson 720-913-5410	Name: Susan Liehe 720-913-1689
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5. General a text description or background of the proposed request, if not included as an executive summary.

This contract describes the programmatic, administrative and other requirements of Ability Connection Colorado, Inc. as they deliver services to disconnected youth as prescribed by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Ability Connection will commence their work for this program year on July 1, 2021. In all, the combined efforts of Denver Workforce Services and its contractors are reviewed by the Denver Workforce Development Board, which exists under federal WIOA guidelines to ensure a seamless collaborative model for the city.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):

Brad Nieman

7. City Council District: Citywide

****For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet****

Key Contract Terms

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: RR21 0645

Date Entered: _____

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):
Professional Services

Vendor/Contractor Name: Ability Connection Colorado, Inc.

Contract control number OEDEV-202158706

Location: 801 Yosemite St., Denver, CO 80230

Is this a new contract? Yes No **Is this an Amendment?** Yes No **If yes, how many?** _____

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

<i>Current Contract Amount (A)</i>	<i>Additional Funds (B)</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount (A+B)</i>
\$550,000		

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022		

Scope of work:

See Executive Summary.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? Yes. OED issued RFPs for its contracted youth workforce programs in Fall 2018, and undertook a rigorous proposal review and rating system which resulted in contracts being awarded to selected providers. It is intended that this proposal/performance period will span several years, renewed each year, pending performance. This will be the third year that we have had an annual contract with Ability Connection Colorado.

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? Yes No

Source of funds: Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, employment support funds, general fund

Is this contract subject to: W/MBE DBE SBE XO101 ACDBE N/A

WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, DEN concession contracts): N/A

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This contract engages Ability Connection Colorado, Inc. as a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Out-of-School Youth service provider for the City and County of Denver for the 2021-22 funding year, with a special focus on training and employment services for the disconnected youth population of Denver, being defined as age 16-24 and neither enrolled in school nor currently employed.

Denver Workforce Services aspires to provide workforce development activities that increase the employment, retention, earnings, and occupational skill attainment by participants, and, as a result, improves the quality of the workforce, reduces dependency on government assistance, and enhances the productivity and competitiveness of the region.

Ability Connection Colorado, Inc. provides inclusive education, pathways to employment, and family support programs to create opportunities across Denver. Their vision is "To live in a community that includes, accepts, and celebrates the abilities and contributions of all individuals," and a Mission, "To support Coloradans through innovative and comprehensive early childhood education, employment, and support programs." Ability Connection is well positioned to provide programs and services to young men and women in Denver to assist them in connecting with education, training and employment opportunities.

Denver Workforce Services contracted in a similar vein with Ability Connection Colorado for both the 2019-20 year as well as for the 2020-21 year, and the results were productive, thus the decision to engage in this contract again for a third year. Denver plans to issue an RFP in Fall 2021 for its array of youth workforce programs, and all awarded contracts will begin on July 1, 2022.

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