



Legislation Text

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Contract Request Template (Contracts; IGAs; Leases)

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Division:

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Item Title & Description:

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A bill for an ordinance approving a proposed Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Boulder County to provide employment, education, and training services under the TEC-P 2.0 program.

Approves an intergovernmental agreement with Boulder County for \$780,000 and through 1-31-25 for participation in the second phase of federally funded Technology Employment in Colorado Partnership (TEC-P), which will provide career counseling, and upskilling opportunities, and job placement for adult jobseekers, and for which DEDO will serve as grant administrator for Denver and its regional partners (OEDEV-202158073-00). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 8-9-21. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 7-7-21.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide

Contract Control Number: OEDEV-202158070-00

Vendor/Contractor Name (including any "DBA"): Boulder County

Type and Scope of services to be performed:

Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO) announced on February 8 that Denver Workforce Services had been awarded \$7.38 million from the U.S. Department of Labor that it will invest in its Technology Employment in Colorado Partnership (TEC-P) program, which focuses on training and upskilling the local workforce in key industries such as information technology, advanced manufacturing, and transportation, among others. The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's H-1B One Workforce Grant Program, which in 2021 is providing \$145 million to 19 institutions nationwide in higher education, workforce development, and economic development.

Denver's TEC-P program is a strong collaboration among area workforce partners to train and educate jobseekers and connect them with employers. The program's first phase ran from 2015-2019 and served more than 600 individuals, with 29 percent being veterans, 24 percent women, 33 percent minority, and 30 percent over the age of 55. The final report of the first phase is available on DEDO's website. This new grant from the Department of Labor will allow TEC-P to function through January 2025, with DEDO providing grant oversight and engaging contractors for direct services.

An economic recovery for all means providing opportunities that are a direct and immediate contributor to that recovery for Denver's jobseekers, including those who are underemployed and seeking better opportunities. This grant provides an excellent opportunity for Denver to connect more of our residents with higher-wage careers.

The award will serve 750 jobseekers from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2025. Denver Workforce Services will partner locally with its current adult service provider Eckerd Connects to serve 132 of those individuals in the City and County of Denver over that four-year period, with the additional 618 jobseekers to be enrolled and served by local area workforce partners including Adams, Arapahoe/Douglas, Boulder, Larimer, Tri-County (Jefferson, Gilpin, Clear Creek) and Weld.

Advanced manufacturing, technology and innovation, and transportation are among Denver's strong industry clusters that aid in attracting domestic and global companies. This puts Denver at a competitive advantage by utilizing the federal grant through the development of the workforce pipeline needed for these sectors.

This funding comes at a paramount time where it is more important than ever that Denverites have an opportunity to diversify their skillset in areas that will take them to the next level of their careers and provide higher earning power for them to support their families. Denver Workforce Services' excellent stewardship of this funding during its first four-year phase was a factor in the USDOL decision to extend this program into 2025.

DEDO and TEC-P will look at innovative education and training strategies and opportunities such as public-private partnerships to leverage at least 25 percent of the funds awarded, as mandated by federal grant guidelines. Local employers will be able to recommend their existing employees for TEC-P trainings, but jobseekers can also register individually and improve their skills.

Location (if applicable):

WBE/MBE/DBE goals that were applied, if applicable (construction, design, Airport

concession contracts):

Are WBE/MBE/DBE goals met (if applicable)?

Is the contract new/a renewal/extension or amendment?

Was this contractor selected by competitive process or sole source?

For New contracts

Term of initial contract: 2/1/2021 thru 1/31/2025

Options for Renewal:

How many renewals (i.e. up to 2 renewals)?

Term of any renewals (i.e. 1 year each):

Cost of initial contract term: \$780,000

Cost of any renewals:

Total contract value council is approving if all renewals exercised:

For Amendments/Renewals Extensions:

Is this a change to cost/pricing; length of term; terms unrelated to time or price (List all that apply)?

If length changing

What was the length of the term of the original contract?

What is the length of the extension/renewal?

What is the revised total term of the contract?

If cost changing

What was the original value of the entire contract prior to this proposed change?

What is the value of the proposed change?

What is the new/revised total value including change?

If terms changing

Describe the change and the reason for it (i.e. compliance with state law, different way of doing business etc.)