



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Auxiliary Secretariat of Federal Affairs

ANNOUNCEMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND EXECUTE A MODEL TO ENSURE A PATHWAY TO POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS

The Puerto Rico Department of Education (PRDE) has put forth a Consolidated State Plan in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). As part of said Plan, the PRDE has stated that it strongly believes it is important for students in Puerto Rico to continue their education after high school. To reach this goal, the PRDE is focused on supporting new models that help students develop the full range of competencies necessary for successful transitions to post-secondary education and career in today's global economy and society.

These competencies can be developed through a variety of opportunities in the community beyond the traditional high school walls. Strong connections with business and community organizations enable schools to provide meaningful opportunities for career exploration and immersion, as well as an introduction to the realities of the workplace.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is the next stage of PRDE's education strategy to support a new vision for young people on the path to adult success. The PRDE seeks to support and learn alongside the community in developing a model to ensure that all students can achieve college or other post-secondary certification and progress on the pathway to adult and workforce success.

The PRDE seeks to develop and scale—through a new model—student access to high-quality learning experiences that look beyond traditional classrooms and programs of study to effectively boost students' college and career readiness and successful post-secondary transitions. This RFP is intended to support the planning and design of a comprehensive model that blends the lines between high school, college, career, and the community. Further, the RFP is intended to support the design of schools that open all post-secondary options to all students and help students identify their interests and goals.

The following entities are eligible to submit proposals:

Nonprofits and Institutions of Higher Education are authorized to submit proposals. They must be authorized to do business in Puerto Rico, with experience and expertise in providing applied research and technical assistance for the benefit of communities seeking to help more students get on a path to adult success.

Entities must also demonstrate that they have the resources and financial stability to provide services to the PRDE.

Proposal approval is subject to availability of funds.

The deadline to submit proposals at the mail area of the Auxiliary Secretariat of Federal Affairs (ASFA) is **Tuesday, June 12, 2018 until 4:30 p.m.**

Amendments to the proposal document will not be accepted after the proposal has been filed.

Potential contractors that deliver in person, by messenger or through the federal or private mail delivery system must submit the proposal accompanied with a USB with the entire proposal in PDF format. The proposals must be addressed to Yanin M. Dieppa Perea, Esq., Assistant Secretary of the Auxiliary Secretariat of Federal Affairs. Proposals deliver in person, by messenger or through the federal or private mail delivery system must be sent to the following address:

Auxiliary Secretariat of Federal Affairs
Mail Area
Federico Costa Street # 150
Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, 00919-0759

You must use the Form that is included in this RFP. You cannot alter the format and content of the official Form included in this guide, except where indicated otherwise. Forms that correspond to proposal guides from previous years will not be accepted.

The deadline to submit questions through ayuda_propuesta@de.pr.gov will be **Thursday, June 7, 2018**.

Each proposal will be evaluated according to the criteria established by the PRDE for the selection of professional services. PRDE reserves the right to reject or deny applications that do not meet the requirements that appear in this RFP, in the information package documents that will be available on the Department's web page, or with the provisions of law, state rules and federal regulations applicable to the programs that provide the funds. The determination of the proposals awarded by the PRDE is not subject to appeal or revision. The PRDE reserves the right to substitute or modify the concept of the proposal in equal conditions. In addition, PRDE can use approved proposals as models of projects or effective practices.

Those suppliers whose proposals are approved will have to grant a contract of professional services with the PRDE.

For more information, about the request for proposals or the Official RFP Form, you can call (787)773-2380 or write at ayuda_propuesta@de.pr.gov. All the documents related with this RFP will be available at <http://www.de.gobierno.pr/asuntos-federales>.



Julia B. Keleher, Ed. D.
Secretary

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