



Opportunity Inc, on behalf of The Southeastern Virginia Partnership for Regional Transformation (SEVA-PORT), is seeking proposals from qualified applicants to produce a comprehensive analysis and assessment of the SEVA-PORT WIRED initiative. Proposals should include a Scope of Work that addresses the following:

- An assessment of the SEVA-PORT region that identifies performance on key measures related to innovation, talent development and business performance, with a particular focus on issues related to science, engineering, technology and mathematics (STEM) related fields.
- A review of success stories, best practices and lessons learned from the WIRED initiative to encompass grant supported activities completed in Southside Hampton Roads, the Peninsula, and Crater regions of Virginia.
- Recommendations and next steps for future regional efforts to advance and sustain the SEVA-PORT collaborative.

Background

The SEVA-PORT initiative seeks to promote regional economic growth by establishing a sustainable talent pipeline infrastructure and responding to business and workforce development needs. The SEVA-PORT partnership received a \$5 million Department of Labor, Workforce Innovations for Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant in July 2007 and has been launching projects in numerous communities that support growth of the talent pipeline, business development, and the integration of modeling and simulation into the Port industries of transportation, warehousing and distribution (TWD). The collaborative is spearheaded by the workforce investment boards in Southside Hampton Roads, the Peninsula and Crater. More information on the SEVA-PORT initiative can be found at www.seva-port.org.

Funding

Up to \$50,000 is being made available for activities funded by this solicitation. It is anticipated that one proposal will be selected for contract. Programs should begin within 30 days of award notification and will be completed by 5/31/10.

Proposal Content Requirements

Proposals are limited to four pages (12-point Arial, single spaced, 1-in margins) and should include a detailed scope of work, timeline, specific deliverables, and a detailed budget and proposed payment schedule. Organizational track record should also be addressed. Prior experience with DOL WIRED regions is preferred. Proposals will be evaluated based upon these elements.

All proposals must be received by 5:00 pm on December 28, 2009. Proposals may be submitted electronically to mrobinson@oihr.org or in person to Opportunity Inc, 500 E. Plume Street, Suite 700, Norfolk VA 23510. Questions should be directed to Megan Robinson at mrobinson@oihr.org.

The general Terms and Conditions of all Opportunity Inc Requests for Proposals can be found on the Opportunity Inc website located at www.opp-inc.org.