

Identified One-Stop Operator Role:

Previous procurement cycles for the One-Stop Operator have only yielded very little hope for a robust response to the PY23 One-Stop Operator and through input and direction from the thirteen (13) mandated partners, a scope of work was crafted based on a collective promise by the partners to financially support an entity that will perform the following core foundational roles:

1. Communication, coordination, and integration occur across One-Stop Partners;
2. Services are available and accessible;
3. Data is collected and reported;
4. Continuous improvement is sustained and professional development is planned; and
5. One-Stop Center certification is maintained.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Process:

- RFP Released and Published through Kane County's Purchasing Department on March 23, 2023.
- Posted on Kane County's website and the Daily Herald along with distribution to bid listing with 240 identified agencies/organizations and one-stop partners.
- One proposal was received from the One-Stop Operator Consortium (Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment, Managing Member) comprised of Elgin Community College, Illinois Department of Employment Security, and Kane County Workforce Development Division. The proposal was evaluated by partner agencies personnel who recommended its acceptance.
- At the meeting on May 10, 2023, the Workforce Development Board took immediate action to award the One-Stop Operator contract to the One-Stop Operator Consortium as documented on: <https://www.countyofkane.org/MeetingMinutes/6883/May%2010,%202023%20Meeting%20Minutes.pdf>
- Contract terms for the One-Stop Operator Consortium are for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$43,612.08.
- Since the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has determined that the single bidder result of the RFP process constitutes a sole-source procurement, additional measures must be satisfied for the remaining three (3) years within the procurement cycle (PY24, PY25, and PY26). These measures will involve the local Workforce Development Board annually assessing subcontractor performance and any scope of service changes needed within the one-stop for the upcoming program year prior to authorizing Kane County to negotiate a one-year contract for those services in consultation with the one-stop Partners.

Youth Services Procurement:

As the previous contracting cycle for youth services throughout Kane, Kendall, and DeKalb Counties concluded on June 30, 2022, the Youth Committee requested Kane County release a Request for Proposal procurement for Program Year 2022 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023), with renewable options.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Process:

- RFP Released Published on February 10, 2022.
- Posted on Kane County’s website along with distribution to 200+ agencies/organizations via a bid listing.
- Seven proposals were received for consideration.
- The proposals were evaluated by the Youth Committee of the local Workforce Development Board.
- The evaluation resulted in the Youth Committee forming a recommendation on April 21, 2022, to award Youth Services contracts to seven (7) sub-grantees.
- On May 4, 2022, the Workforce Development Board accepted the Youth Committee’s recommendation along with funding amounts for seven (7) Program Year 2022 contracts for WIOA Youth service delivery totaling up to \$2,199,876.34 to begin on July 1, 2022, and conclude on June 30, 2023.
- Renewals will be made available, at a minimum, for PY 2023 and PY 2024 based on the availability of funds and successful achievement of contract requirements and/or goals.

WIOA Youth Service Providers
PY 2022 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Business and Career Services, Inc.

Service Area: Kane and Kendall Counties

PY22 Contract Amount: \$290,000

Provides youth an opportunity for career exploration in manufacturing through a 4-week boot camp and 200-hour paid internship. The internship provides mentoring, guidance, skills training, and hands-on work experience needed to transition into a career or education in manufacturing. Interested youth should contact Eddie Perez at eperez@bcsillinois.org or 847.437.9538 for more details.

Central States SER, Jobs for Progress Inc.

Service Area: Southern Kane County

PY22 Contract Amount: \$310,000

Out-of-school youth receive job readiness coaching and benefit from exposure to a diverse array of career opportunities through work-based learning placements. Young adults that require assistance to finish their High School Equivalency as well as those that are in need of post-secondary guidance benefit from the personalized attention of an Education Coach to attain a credential. Interested youth should contact Jose Zambrano at jzambrano@centralstatesser.org or 708.715.5300.

Elgin Community College**Service Area: Northern Kane County****PY22 Contract Amount: \$407,661.90**

In-school youth receive hands-on exposure in a sampling of career modules, enhance their academic skill levels, develop leadership and life skills, increase career awareness, improve computer skills, and obtain help finding employment. The out-of-school youth concentrate on career exploration, life skills, GED preparation, vocational training, job search skills, and employment assistance. Youth in need may participate in paid work experience to help transition into unsubsidized employment. Interested youth should contact Savannah Ilenikhena at silenikhena@elgin.edu or 847.214.7025.

Grundy/Kendall ROE**Service Area: Kendall County****PY22 Contract Amount: \$181,000**

Provides 16-24 year olds (in-school or out-of-school) with job search skills training, GED tutoring and assessment, academic remediation, subsidized work experience, assistance with FAFSA and financial aid, career counseling, and assistance with legal problems or court-ordered probation. Participants with disabilities are assisted in overcoming barriers to their successful transition to community competitive employment and/or vocational training in post-secondary education. Interested youth should contact Laura Stransky at lstransky@roe24.org or 630.553.4166.

Kishwaukee College**Service Area: DeKalb County****PY22 Contract Amount: \$395,000**

Provides 16-24 year old out-of-school youth with the opportunity to participate in occupational training to help them obtain employment. Career counseling, assessment, employment readiness training, and financial support for tuition and fees, textbooks and supplies assist youth in choosing a meaningful career path. Students are linked to unpaid job shadowing or paid work experience opportunities. Youth lacking a high school diploma are referred for GED classes and provided similar support in preparation for their educational and career path. Contact Phylcia Hampton at phampton1@kish.edu or 815.825.9384.

Parents Alliance Employment Project**Service Area: Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties****PY22 Contract Amount: \$214,297.44**

Provides out-of-school youth with disability the opportunity to learn on-the-job through a rotation of internships while providing them with intensive assistance to aid in the development of self-sufficiency for eventual placement in unsubsidized employment. Interested youth should contact Hailey Mankivsky at hmankivsky@parents-alliance.org or 630.938.2122.

Waubonsee Community College**Service Area: Southern Kane/Kendall Counties****PY22 Contract Amount: \$401,907**

Provides out of school youth ages 16-24 with year-round guidance and support. The program helps youth with barriers to employment or education develop skills and credentials needed to successfully obtain and retain employment. The program promotes student learning and supports personal and career development, guiding students towards self-reliance and self-sufficiency. Interested youth should contact Jennifer Lara at jlara1@waubonsee.edu or 630.906.4176.