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CITY OFFERS \$90 MILLION TO ASSIST JOB SEEKERS

Nationwide Request for Proposal Brings Out Bidders Ready to Revamp WorkSource Centers*

LOS ANGELES (Wednesday, November 6, 2013) Economic and WorkForce Development Department General Manager Jan Perry welcomed more than 100 organizations and individuals to a Bidders Conference today. This was an opportunity for contractors to ask questions and review the comprehensive documents related to the Request for Proposal (RFP).

“It is our intent to see that the RFP draws upon the best in the business of WorkForce Development,” Ms. Perry told the bidders, “The process will be transparent and will afford everyone with the opportunity to compete in this process.”

It is the shared vision of the Mayor, City Council and Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to have a nationally recognized WorkForce Development System. The revamped system creates an environment that will prove fertile for growth industries including healthcare, advance manufacturing (i.e., biotech, high-tech manufacturing), logistics, hospitality, construction, entertainment and fashion. Once the system is reworked job seekers will enroll in the program to receive WorkSource Center services that will be located citywide. Services will include access to job listings, job training, job referrals, education assessment and access to technology and programs that will make the search easier and services more accessible.

The new system will include a focus on assisting vulnerable populations that include persons living with disabilities, the homeless, veterans and English–language learners and mature/older workers and ex-offenders.

“Employment success is increasingly tied to learning new skills, adapting to new business conditions and the necessity for the employees to be lifelong learners,” said Ms. Perry, “We know this will be a very competitive process, as we look to select the best providers.”

For more on the WorkSource Center RFP visit http://ewdd.lacity.org/about_bids-wsco13.html
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* Known nationally as American Job Centers

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