

Allegheny County Department of Human Services Q&A for RFP for One-Stop Operator for PA CareerLink® Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

Thursday, June 18, 2026

1. Are there any geographic restrictions? Are foreign companies/individuals permitted to bid?

The successful bidder will serve as the One-Stop Operator for the PA CareerLink® in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County and will be expected to have an on-site presence. WIOA and its regulations do not require US ownership of One-Stop Operators. Any successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable federal requirements.

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2. Due to the scope of services in the One-Stop Operator RFP, are bidders required to submit a MWDBE form with a Good Faith Effort?

Yes, every Proposer must provide the MWDBE documentation. For more details, please refer to the MWDBE section of the [DHS Solicitations FAQ](#).

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3. If a bidder is certified as an MBE and a DBE, but not in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Department of Human Services, does that qualify as an MBE or DBE Firm if the firm can provide paperwork?

Yes, in addition to the [Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program \(PA UCP\)](#) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification, and [Pennsylvania Department of General Services \(PADGS\)](#) verified firms with a [Minority \(MBE\) or Women \(WBE\) designation](#), Allegheny County may accept other certifications on a case-by-case basis. However, self-certifications are not acceptable.

The following certifications have been accepted:

- National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC)
- Women Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)
- Others upon review and approval

4. Is there a specific budget form template to use for this RFP, or can we provide our company's Excel version?

No, there is no specific budget template required. When creating your budget, please refer to Section 3 of the RFP, Evaluation Criteria, which states that the budget should be "A detailed line-item one-year budget that reflects a realistic estimate of the costs associated with implementing and sustaining the Operator service; any startup costs identified should be submitted as a separate budget."

5. Who is the current One-Stop Operator vendor for PA CareerLink® Pittsburgh and Allegheny County?

The current vendor is Equus Workforce Solutions.