



PUBLIC NOTICE

**DETROIT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (DWDD),
707 WEST MILWAUKEE AVENUE
DETROIT, MI 48202**

**A Michigan Works! Agency, in cooperation with the
Detroit Workforce Development Board (DWDB)**

**Mayor of Detroit
Dave Bing**

**Detroit Workforce Development Board, Chair
Tom Goss**

**Announcement Type: Notice of Solicitation for
Request for Proposals
Entrepreneurship Center Operator**

THIS IS NOT A NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT

The Detroit Workforce Development Department requests proposals from qualified organizations to operate an Entrepreneurship Center. The Entrepreneurship Center will help coach and support individuals in starting up a business for self-employment. The goal of the program is to support individuals in achieving self employment by providing them with access to the knowledge, skills and resources needed to start their own businesses. Self employment is equivalent to job placement. Participants in this program will be expected to meet WIA performance measures.

As part of the program, participants will be required to earn an academic entrepreneurship certification from a state-approved training program through WIA Individual Training Accounts (ITAs). Funding estimates for the ITAs should be included in the proposed budgets, even though funds for the ITAs will not be included in the bidder's final contract.

The Entrepreneurship Center is available to all WIA-eligible job seekers who are Detroit residents.

The RFP package will be available for pick-up beginning Monday, March 1, 2010, and thereafter, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the City of Detroit Workforce Development Department, 707 W. Milwaukee, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

All questions regarding the RFP shall be submitted in writing via mail or fax no later than 4:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, by Monday, March 8, 2010 to the attention of:

Robert Shimkoski, Jr., Manager I
City of Detroit Workforce Development Department
707 W. Milwaukee
Detroit, Michigan 48202
Fax: 313-876-0585

**NO TELEPHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL INQUIRIES MUST
BE IN WRITING.**

A mandatory bidders' conference will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 in the Detroit Workforce Development Department's First Floor Conference Room, 707 W. Milwaukee Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202. Time: 2:00 p.m. Reservations are requested. Please RSVP by contacting Lorraine Nelson, via fax, 313-876-0585 by Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

On Friday, April 2, 2010, the completed proposals are due **in a sealed envelope or box** at the City of Detroit Workforce Development Department, 707 W. Milwaukee, Detroit, Michigan 48202, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Applications received after the submission date and time will not be considered.

**Larry Hightower, Director
Melvin Gupton, Deputy Director
Detroit Workforce Development Department**