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To: Employment First stakeholders

Re: New RFP posted for training and technical assistance

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This week I have some exciting news to share in our continued efforts to expand training and provide capacity for employment services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a two-year contract to develop and provide training and technical assistance for the Employment First Initiative.

The targeted audience of the training and technical assistance is community employment and residential providers, families, and case management entities.

The DHS Employment First initiative is committed to improving community job outcomes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Part of the initiative's strategy is to provide robust and accessible training to employment providers and case management entities (Brokerages and Community Developmental Disabilities Programs) that serve people with I/DD.

The contract resulting from the RFP funds a training and technical assistance entity to develop sustainable training materials that will educate community providers and case management entities regarding the Employment First Initiative. These include the established and adopted Core Competencies and Training Standards of Supported Employment Professionals and the Core Competencies for Employment Services for Personal Agents and Service Coordinators.

Under the contract, the training curriculum and modules will include entry and advanced levels, with discreet modules focused on Job Coaching and Discovery. The contractor will design and create a competency-based training curriculum for Employment Professionals and build upon the current training modules for case management entities.

The contract period is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, with the possibility of an extension.

Training and technical assistance agencies who may want to apply for this Request for Proposal can apply at: <http://orpin.oregon.gov>

Any questions regarding this RFP must be directed to: Lesley Erickson, Lesley.g.erickson@dhsosha.state.or.us, 503-945-6698.

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