**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Fiscal Agent For

**TWIN DISTRICTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**WIOA ONE-STOP OPERATOR, ADULT, AND DISLOCATED WORKER CAREER SERVICES**

**Program Year 2023**

**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District (SMPDD) is soliciting proposals for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 One-Stop Operator and Career Services providers. These proposals primarily address the employment and training needs of WIOA participants in the Twin Districts Workforce Development Area (TDWDA).

SMPDD request proposals from organizations interested in being the One-Stop Operator and provider of Career and Training programs that fulfill the purpose and intent of the WIOA.

The Twin Districts Workforce Development Area is comprised of twenty-four (24) Counties:

Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Greene, George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Pearl River, Perry, Scott, Smith, Stone, and Wayne.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available on SMPDD’s website at [www.smpdd.com](http://www.smpdd.com)

**after 9 AM on Tuesday, February 14, 2023**. The submission deadline for all qualified proposals is **12:00 PM (Noon) Central Standard Time** on **Thursday, March 16, 2023.**

A non-mandatory Bidders Conference will be held on February 23, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST at Southern MS Planning & Development District, 914 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg, MS.

For additional information, please contact Allison Hawkins by e-mail only at ahawkins@smpdd.com**.**

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