**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 2019**

**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

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 requests 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 Wednesday, February 27, 2019**. Submission deadline for all qualified proposals is **12:00 PM (Noon) Central Standard Time** on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019.**

A non-mandatory Bidders Conference will be held on March 6, 2019, from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST at Lowery Woodall Advanced Technology Center, 906 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg, MS.

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

*SMPDD/TDWDA is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids*

*and services are available upon request to those with disabilities.*

*TTY/TDD 1-800-582-2233*