



CENTRAL REGION WORKFORCE BOARD

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Request for Quotes: MCRWB Tech Quest Grant Project Consultant (PT)

About Tech Quest:

Tech Quest is a U.S. Department of Labor-funded initiative led by Clark University, Public Consulting Group (PCG), and a national consortium of workforce development boards and higher education institutions that will provide 4,000 pre-apprenticeships and 1,000 information technology (IT) and IT-related apprenticeships to unemployed, underemployed, and incumbent workers over the next four years (see www.tqaclark.edu for more information).

Launched in July 2019, Tech Quest is dedicated to serving a wide variety of underrepresented populations, including veterans, military spouses, and transitioning service members, minorities, women, and ex-offenders.

The Tech Quest Apprenticeship will register and expand five new IT and IT-related apprenticeships and expand ten existing technology-focused apprenticeship programs. The MassHire Central Region Workforce Board (MCRWB) is one of eight local Workforce Development Boards across the nation participating in this initiative.

PT Project Consultant:

The Part Time Project Consultant will help implement the project approximately two (2) hours per week starting immediately through June 30, 2023 (pending award of annual project fund renewals for FY22 and FY23). While the selected candidate will work independently and remotely, attending occasional in-person meetings may be required.

Scope of Work:

- Research existing IT-related apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships which may serve as a model for our project or a potential program partner;
- Identify IT-related employers that may be interested in joining an existing Registered Apprenticeship project or develop a new Registered Apprenticeship program;
- Inform and engage potential employer partner candidates to determine their interest in becoming a project partner;
- Help vet and screen interested companies for project involvement to ensure they meet TQA requirements;
- Coordinate development and submission of new Registered Apprenticeship and Pre-apprenticeship applications with the MA Division of Apprenticeship Standards;
- Prepare and submit weekly reports regarding the status of efforts to MCRWB Executive Director and/or project staff lead.

Qualifications: Preferred candidates will have experience working with:

- IT-related companies/employers
- Workforce training and education providers
- Registered Apprenticeships/Pre-Apprentice programs.

To apply: Please provide the following information to turgeonj@masshirecentral.com by close of business May 28, 2021.

- Name and contact information
- Resume
- Responses to the following:
 - Describe your specific experience working with IT related companies and potential network of project employer partners;
 - Describe your specific experience of working with workforce development/job training programs;
 - Describe your specific experience working with Registered Apprenticeship and or Pre-Apprenticeship programs; and
 - State your desired hourly rate of pay (including all expenses)
- Name and contact information for three (3) professional references

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