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Dear Vendor Community,

I am pleased to announce the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFPs) for WIOA Title I provider services across the Pocono Counties Workforce Development Area. As we embark on this important initiative, I would like to share our vision and intentions for these services aimed at supporting the employment, training, and education needs of eligible adults, dislocated workers, and youth within the Poconos region.

In recent years, we have faced numerous challenges in addressing these needs, particularly in light of the shifting labor market and economic impacts from global events. However, these challenges have underscored the importance of our mission and have motivated us to pursue innovative programs that not only meet immediate needs but also equip individuals with the skills required for long-term success.

Our strategic direction aims to enhance workforce development through effective partnerships, innovative program designs, and measurable outcomes. We are committed to fostering an approach that recognizes the barriers faced by our populations, including vulnerable groups who require tailored support in their journey toward self-sufficiency and career advancement.

Within the last two years, we have engaged in a comprehensive, collaborative strategic planning process. This collaborative effort provided valuable insights into the current landscape of workforce development services and ensured that we are aligning our goals with the needs of those we aim to serve. We are eager to continue this collaborative spirit as we move forward; your expertise and feedback will be critical to the success of our programs.

We are grateful for your commitment to improving our community's workforce development efforts, and we appreciate your interest in these upcoming opportunities. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals, businesses, and the overall economic vitality of our region.

Sincerely,

Samuel Hellen

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Executive Director

Pocono Counties Workforce Development Board
