

**COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

Notice of Request for Applications: Pursuant to Chapter 403, Sections 403.352 and 403.358, Texas Government Code; Chapter 134, Sections 134.002 and 134.008, Texas Education Code; and House Bill Nos. 3 and 1935, 81st Texas Legislature, Reg. Sess. (2009), the Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller), announces this Notice of Availability and Request for Applications (RFA # N-G-2) and invites applications from qualified and interested nonprofit organizations in order to develop, support, or expand programs that prepare low-income students for careers in high-demand occupations and meet the requirements consistent with the terms of this Request for Applications and notice. The Comptroller reserves the right to award more than one grant under the terms of this RFA. If a grant award is made under the terms of this RFA, the recipient should anticipate an effective date no earlier than March 31, 2010, or as soon thereafter as practical.

Contact: Parties interested in submitting an application should contact Kevin Deiters, Director, Educational Opportunities & Investment Division, Comptroller of Public Accounts, in the Issuing Office at: 111 E. 17th St., Room 510, Austin, Texas 78774, (512) 463-8473. The Comptroller will mail copies of the application and instructions only to those parties specifically requesting a copy. The application and instructions will be available at <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funds> after 10:00 a.m. CZT on Friday, January 8, 2010, and during normal business hours thereafter.

Questions and Non-Mandatory Letters of Intent: All written inquiries, questions, and Non-mandatory Letters of Intent must be received at the above-referenced address not later than 2:00 p.m. (CZT) on Friday, January 15, 2010. Prospective applicants are encouraged to fax non-mandatory Letters of Intent and Questions to (512) 463-4208 to ensure timely receipt. Non-mandatory Letters of Intent must be addressed to Kevin Deiters, Director, Educational Opportunities & Investment Division, Comptroller of Public Accounts, at: 111 E. 17th St., Room 510, Austin, Texas 78774 and be signed by an official of that entity. On or about Friday, January 22, 2010, the Comptroller expects to post responses to questions at <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funds>. Late Non-mandatory Letters of Intent and Questions will not be considered under any circumstances. Applicants shall be solely responsible for verifying timely receipt of Non-Mandatory Letters of Intent and Questions in the Issuing Office.

Closing Date: Applications must be delivered in the Issuing Office to the attention of the Director no later than 2:00 p.m. (CZT), on Friday, January 29, 2010. Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances. Applicants shall be solely responsible for verifying the timely receipt of Applications in the Issuing Office.

Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be evaluated under the evaluation criteria outlined in the application instructions. The Comptroller will make the final decision. The Comptroller reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications submitted. The Comptroller is not obligated to make a grant award or to execute a contract on the basis of this notice or RFA. The Comptroller shall not pay for any costs incurred by any entity in responding to this Notice or RFA.

The anticipated schedule of events pertaining to this grant is as follows: Issuance of RFA – January 8, 2010, after 10:00 a.m. CZT; Non-Mandatory Letters of Intent and Questions Due – January 15, 2010, 2:00 p.m. CZT; Official Responses to Questions posted – January 22, 2010; Applications Due – January 29, 2010, 2:00 p.m. CZT; Grant Award/Contract Execution – March 31, 2010, or as soon thereafter as practical; Commencement of Grant Funding – April 30, 2010, or as soon thereafter as practical.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on December 30, 2009.

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