



RFP AWARD NOTIFICATION

DATE: September 5, 2007
RFP: Employ Florida Banner Centers
DUE DATE: July 27, 2007
FROM: Tom Shiner, Director of Special Projects

Thank you to all the respondents of our RFP entitled "Employ Florida Banner Centers" issued on June 15, 2007 with a due date of July 27, 2007. All the proposals received were extremely competitive and were responsive to the components of the RFP. Two specific industry sectors were identified in the RFP, so our intent is to make two awards, one for the Employ Florida Banner Center for Information Technology and the other for the Employ Florida Banner Center for Alternative Energy.

The proposals were reviewed and rated by a cross-agency team of Raters and scores were then compiled. The team for rating the Information Technology proposals included representatives from the Department of Management Services (DMS), DOE's Workforce Education division, the Agency for Workforce Innovation, and Enterprise Florida. The Alternative Energy proposals were rated by members of the Department of Environment Protection, the Florida Energy Office, DOE's Workforce Education division, WFI, and Enterprise Florida.

Members of Workforce Florida completed the final analysis of the proposals and decided to make these awards aligned with the results of the cross-agency rating process. Please allow this notification to serve as our intent to award Banner Center designations to the following respondents:

- ❖ **Employ Florida Banner Center for Information Technology awarded to Seminole Community College.**
- ❖ **Employ Florida Banner Center for Alternative Energy awarded to University of Central Florida's Florida Solar Energy Center.**

Workforce Florida will begin contract discussions and negotiations soon to get these exciting initiatives underway. The contracts term will be one year with up to 5 additional one year renewals, pending availability of funding and the quality of the outcomes achieved. Congratulations to the awarded respondents, and thank you to all the respondents for helping to raise the bar for workforce development in our state.

If you have any questions related to this award announcement, please contact Tom Shiner at tshiner@workforceflorida.com.