1. **Who are the current In-School Youth (ISY) service providers for the rest of the county?**

   The ISY providers (by county region) are as follows: City of La Habra (northern region), City of Garden Grove/Youth Café Center (western region), Irvine and Newport Mesa Unified School Districts (coastal region), and Capistrano Unified School District (southern region).

2. **Anticipated funding starting July 1, 2004 is $135,000. When does this year's contract end and how much will PY 05-06 funding be?**

   The current funding from January 1 through June 30, 2004 is $110,000. If the Orange County Workforce Investment Board (OCWIB) receives level funding for youth services in Program Year (PY) 04-05, then it is anticipated that approximately $135,000 will be available to fund WIA services for ISY in South Orange County from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The OCWIB will not know how much funding it will be allocated in PY 05-06 until approximately May 2005.

3. **What is the typical number of active participants served during the year?**

   There is no typical number. The number of active participants in a given program year varies depending on the following: total available funding, overall average cost per participant, provider's program design, number of participants carried from one program period to the next (current estimate of 12 South Orange County ISY already enrolled to be carried into January 1, 2004), and the number of participants in the 12 month follow-up phase (current estimate of 11 South Orange County ISY in the 12 month follow-up as of January 1, 2004). A minimum number of new enrollments and total participants to be served from January 1 through June 30, 2004 will be negotiated before a contract is awarded.

4. **Besides the post-exit follow-up, how long is the usual period of time that youth participate in the program?**

   The parameter for WIA Youth program participation is 12 months. Records show that average number of days in the OCWIB Youth Program range from approximately 374 to 415 days.

5. **We have youth programs but are unable to retrieve the requested information on Exhibit C-2 due to confidentiality issues and/or the fact that information was not obtained during time of service. What can we do?**

   Question B-5 and Exhibit C-2 require that proposer demonstrate success in meeting WIA performance measures in the two program years immediately prior to the current PY 03-04 that started on July 1, 2003. If proposer has not delivered WIA youth services in that period of time, then proposer must provide a narrative explaining how their youth program's non-WIA performance measures compare with WIA youth measures. Additionally, proposer must submit a form similar in format to Exhibit C-2 with statistics that demonstrate proposer's success in meeting similar standards in youth programs during the past two years.

6. **Does all the funding have to be spent in six months or can it be rolled over?**

   The contract resulting from this RFP will state the following: "CONTRACTOR agrees that any and all funds received under this Agreement shall be disbursed or encumbered on or before June 30, 2004, and that any and all funds remaining as of June 30, 2004, which have not been disbursed or encumbered shall be returned by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY. No expense of CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed by COUNTY if incurred after June 30, 2004."

7. **How much is allowed for indirect?**

   On average, past providers' indirect costs have ranged from approximately 1.7% to 5% of their total budget.

8. **Does there have to be a specific or any in-kind or match?**

   Because of the limited amount of youth funds, the Orange County Youth Council is interested in program designs that are able to leverage funds from non-WIA sources. Exhibit D-5 requires the inclusion of partner organizations, and the value and description of their in-kind resources.

9. **Does the program need to be a one year program for each ISY or can it be designed to last two to three years?**

   WIA seeks to provide integrated year-round services allowing youth sufficient time to develop their skills through various service strategies so that they can reach program goals and positive outcomes. Records show that average number of days in the OCWIB Youth Program range from approximately 374

to 415 days. All youth receive an additional 12 months of post-exit follow-up services.

10. Where are the ISY already being served?

Current ISY participants are being served all throughout South Orange County by Capistrano Unified School District.

11. Does the 15 pages of the proposal include the budget?

The cumulative response section shall be no more than 15 pages in length, not including required exhibits such as those required in the Budget Section III.

12. How are the ISY enrolled?

Outreach and recruitment strategies for applicable target groups to be served, as well as tools/techniques to assess participants and establish criteria for meeting WIA eligibility, depend on individual proposers.

13. Will this be a cost reimbursement or performance based contract?

The contract resulting from this RFP will be a cost reimbursement agreement. Please refer to the model agreement accessible on the www.ocwib.org website.

14. Is Exhibit C-2 only for information on PY 01-02 and PY 02-03?

Yes. The Orange County Youth Council is interested in reviewing proposers' performance during the two program years immediately prior to the current PY 03-04. Performance will be reviewed for the period starting July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.

15. If this is an ISY grant, I believe that homeless and runaway youth are primarily out-of-school. Are these clients to be included in this grant?

Not all homeless and runaway youth are out-of-school. Any WIA eligible homeless and/or runaway youth in South Orange County who fits the definition of ISY, that is, is attending any school and has not received a secondary school diploma or its equivalent, or who is attending post-secondary school and is not basic skills deficient, may be served under this RFP.

16. Drop-outs are out-of-school. Are these clients to be included in this grant?

Eligibility for services under this RFP is specific to ISY ages 14-21 who are residents of South Orange County, meet the WIA low income youth eligibility criteria, and have one or more of the WIA established barriers to employment as defined in WIA Section 101 (13) and the RFP pages 9 and 10. Drop-outs who are not attending any school at time of enrollment are not ISY by definition.   However, a low income youth who is a previous drop-out but is attending school at time of enrollment may qualify as an ISY under the sixth barrier, "individuals who require additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment."

17. If you are a current WIA youth provider, will you be required to submit an additional one-year budget summary?

All required items, including but not limited to all responses to questions and completed exhibits in the Budget Section III, must be submitted with the proposal. If any item or section thereof is omitted, the proposal may be deemed non-responsive, eliminated from further review, and not considered for funding.