



EWIB 2025 Request for Proposals

Bidders Questions & Answers

AJC Youth Services

1. **Question:** Which schools are current Talent Pipeline schools for YMPI and YHPI? (Where are these programs currently taking place?)

Answer: The following list of schools represents a range of programs, from early stages to fully developed.

Norwich Free Academy – YHPI & YMPI

Killingly High School - YHPI

Lyman Memorial High School - YHPI

New London High School – YHPI & YMPI

Robert E. Fitch High School – YHPI & YMPI

Stonington High School – YHPI & YMPI

Tourtellotte Memorial High School – YHPI & YMPI

East Lyme High School - YHPI

Woodstock Academy – YMPI

Windham High School - YHPI

Bacon Academy - YMPI

EO Smith High School - YMPI

Griswold High School - YMPI

Parish Hill High School - YMPI

Plainfield High School - YMPI

Putnam High School - YMPI

RHAM High School - YMPI



2. **Question:** What are EWIB's goals for expanding additional Talent Pipeline schools for YMPI/YHPI? (What is the vision for including more schools?)

Answer: *In 2016, EWIB received one of only five national projects awarded to launch a large-scale manufacturing workforce preparation program based on our region's projected demand. Upon examining the multi-decade length of time that manufacturing growth would be sustained in the region, EWIB realized that area high schools would have to become key contributors to the workforce volume possessing the necessary manufacturing skills for the region to meet its goals over the long-term. Accordingly, several generous philanthropic awards were obtained to launch the foundation of YMPI programming that would someday span the entire 1400 sq. miles that EWIB serves and include all of the schools in our service area. To date, interest from local school districts for YMPI (and subsequently YHPI which was launched for similar demand purposes) has been incredibly strong. As stated, EWIB's vision is to support each of the high schools that have committed to the model with the ultimate goal of reaching self-sufficient YMPI & YHPI programming in each school district in the region. EWIB is fully aware that reaching this goal will require sustained funding similar to the philanthropic sources that initiated the launch. As such, we have already planned to integrate YMPI & YHPI funding (at allowable levels) in each of our funding sources that address Pipeline programming.*

Question: Is there an estimated budget for the Talent Pipeline programs (YMPI/YHPI)?

Answer: *Although our funding commitment is described in Q2, EWIB funding levels at each of the federal, state, and philanthropic levels are constantly in flux. The Talent Pipeline final budget amount has not been determined & will be at close-out in June 2025, however, at this point we are projecting an estimated amount of \$700,000.00 in FY26.*