

1 **Adult Education and Literacy Core Provider and Core Provider – Limited Counties**
2 **Request for Applications Approval**
3 **Discussion Paper**

4 **Background**

5 The Adult Education and Literacy Core Provider Request for Applications (RFA) sought
6 grantees to provide Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) services for one or both
7 of the following:

- 8 a) Section 231 Activities: To develop, implement, and improve adult education and literacy
9 under AEFLA § 231, including programs for Corrections Education and Institutionalized
10 Individuals under AEFLA § 225; and
- 11 b) Section 243 Activities: To carry out Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education
12 (IELCE) under AEFLA § 243.

13 Through this Grant Award, grantees will enhance the Texas workforce system by delivering
14 services that will assist:

- 15 a) adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment
16 and economic self-sufficiency;
- 17 b) adults who are parents or family members to obtain the education and skills that are
18 necessary to becoming full partners in the educational development of their children, and
19 lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family;
- 20 c) adults in attaining a secondary school diploma and in the transition to postsecondary
21 education and training, including through Career Pathways; and
- 22 d) immigrants and other individuals who are English Language Learners (ELL) in: (1)
23 improving their reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills in English, and their
24 mathematical skills; and (2) acquiring an understanding of the American system of
25 government, individual freedom, and the responsibilities of citizenship.

26 The application and selection process for both Section 231 and 243 Activities have been
27 completed.

28 **Issue 1: Section 231 – AEL Core Provider Limited Counties**

29 During the initial statewide RFA 32024-00017, there were no qualified applicants in certain
30 counties. Therefore, TWC had to initiate another more limited RFA 32024-00149 for counties
31 without applications. The results of that RFA are outlined below with a recommendation of three
32 winners and an anticipated grant start date of July 1, 2024. Award amounts may change during
33 award negotiation.

- 34 • One Award For: \$1,008,819
35 • One Award For: \$850,438
36 • One Award For: \$352,110

1 **Decision Point 1**

2 Staff recommends approval of the above 3 awards for Section 231 AEL activities, totaling
3 \$2,211,367.

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5 **Issue 2: Section 243 – AEL Core Provider**

6 On April 16, 2024, TWC’s three-member Commission approved nine winners for a total award
7 of \$7,487,791 for Section 243 activities. Subsequently, three partial awards were identified, and
8 the three partial winners are recommended for a total award of \$912,209 for Section 243, as
9 shown below. Award amounts may change during award negotiation.

- 10 • One Award For: \$395,672
- 11 • One Award For: \$200,000
- 12 • One Award For: \$316,537

13 **Decision Point 2**

14 Staff recommends approval of the above three awards for Section 243 AEL activities, totaling
15 \$912,209.