**Question:** We understand being a workforce development board in Pittsburgh probably inclines you to go with a local firm; are you accepting bids from agencies elsewhere in the US, and do you have a strong preference for Pittsburgh vendors?

**Answer:** Partner4Work will accept bids from any firm until 5 p.m. May 5, 2017.

**Question:** We recently undertook a heavy-lift data visualization project to design and develop <http://bikingandwalkingbenchmarks.org>. This site has lots of custom animations but also leverages Google Charts to support dynamically generated visualizations. Are you open to a solution using such third-party tools, or are you seeking completely custom tools?

**Answer:** We are open to third-party or customized solutions to help us achieve our goal.

**Question:** In order to determine a level of effort for items like the calendar, password-protected portals and directory, we need to know what the underlying technology is. What CMS powers [www.partner4work.org](http://www.partner4work.org), and is it your intent to stay on that provider or move to a different one to achieve your goals?

**Answer:** Partner4Work.org uses a CMS software system from InteractiveTools.com, powered by PHP: MySQL. It is our intention to maintain the current CMS software.

**Question:** We understand you’ve kept this off the RFP for a reason, but do you have a budget range in mind for this project? Knowing this in advance can certainly affect whether we will lean to the third-party tools we mention above.

**Answer:** As this is a new endeavor for Partner4Work, we do not have a predefined budget range.

**Question:** How many "Interactive charts and or graphs are required. Or is it based on whenever there is a report to be created, an article to be posted?

**Answer:** We anticipate being able to show 5 to 6 or more interactive charts at any one time.

**Question:** These content will be created and posted and can only be accessed by "Board Members" once they logged into the portal?

**Answer:** That is correct.

**Question:** The look and feel of the admin section are similar to "Wordpress CMS". Are you willing to switch to keep the cost low for current and future enhancements?
**Answer:** We intend to continue the use of InteractiveTools.com for CMS software capabilities.