

Abstract: Abraham Baldwin Academic College (ABAC), located in Tifton, GA, proposes to implement **ABAC HEP**, which will: 1) address the needs of Migrant and Seasonal Farmwork (MSFW) high school dropouts, Out of School Youth (OSY) and adult learners in Southern Georgia; 2) apply proven programming with commuter, residential, and virtual options; 3) partner with the Georgia Migrant Education Program (MEP), Telamon Corporation (State WIA 167), and other area academic and community entities. **ABAC HEP** will establish **Four** goals containing **Nine** objectives: 1. Inform and identify candidates who would most benefit from HEP services (**1.1** Provide HEP information to 300 potential students annually, **1.2** Identify **70 eligible students** for HSE instruction annually, **1.3** Identify 10 of 70 students annually for residential program); 2. Establish a network of partners to maximize the resources available to HEP students. (**2.1** Identify external agencies that serve the MSFW community); 3. Provide services to produce a 70% attainment rate (*GPRA1*) and a minimum of 80% of completers enrolling in higher education, upgrading their employment, or joining the military (*GPRA 2*) (**3.1** Ensure all HEP students are screened for appropriate academic placement and personal/social adjustment, **3.2** Provide qualified instructors and staff in support of academic/social services to promote retention, graduation, and placement, **3.3** Provide in-person instruction at **3 sites** and a Bilingual (Spanish or English) **virtual** instruction option (**Invitational Priority 2**), **3.4** Provide financial support to offset program costs); 4. Fostering flexible and affordable paths to obtaining knowledge and skills. (**Competitive Priority 1**) (**4.1** Collaborate with employers to ensure objectives are aligned with skills needed for employment). Outcomes include 70 students served annually, 49 of 70 completing the HSE program annually (70% *GPRA 1*), and 39 of 49 completers will achieve (80% *GPRA 2*). Through the expiration of the current ABAC HEP grant, **ABAC HEP** meets **Competitive Preference Priority 2** – Consideration of Prior Experience.