

ABSTRACT

The BUENO High School Equivalency Program (BUENO HEP) at the University of Colorado, Boulder has over 40 years of successful implementation of a program that provides educational services to Colorado's growing Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker (MSFW) population. Since 1983, BUENO HEP staff has exceeded its funded objectives and is recognized nationally for their ability to graduate over 70% of its graduates each year (**Competitive Preference 1**). In addition to providing a robust and successful educational program to MSFWs, the social and emotional needs of BUENO HEP students are met through BUENO HEP's well-established program. Since 1983, BUENO HEP has graduated over 13,500 students and has placed over 80% of its graduates each year.

The goal of the proposed project is to provide a hybrid and proven GED program, consisting of an in class and an online instructional program. Highly skilled bilingual GED Coordinators/Instructors and skilled bilingual Adjunct GED Instructors will be housed at three partner colleges. Bilingual instructors will provide daily lessons in English or Spanish and students will be provided access to additional interactive bilingual (Spanish/English) online lessons through the Canvas Learning Management System. Teachers will make additional tutorial assistance available to students in English or Spanish in content areas of math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Each year, the program will meet the U.S. Department of Education's established Government Performance Reporting Act (GPRA) measures by graduating no less than 69% of its enrollees (**GPRA 1**) and placing no less than 80% of its graduates (**GPRA 2**) in a postsecondary educational program, in a job or in the military. The University of Colorado will be the fiscal agent, with three training sites located at three partner colleges: Aims Community College, Morgan Community College and at Otero Jr. College. Each college will provide, at no cost to the proposed project, office space and a designated classroom where GED classes will be taught.