

PRESS RELEASE

Start-up Charity Looking for Technical Assistance Partners

Posting Technical Assistance RFPs for Mentor Partners, Grant Writing, Web Development & Other Partnership Supports!

Lanham, MD, August 2016: *The Learners Lab (TLL)* has announced it will be issuing a series of Requests for Proposals (RFP), Request for Quotes (RFQ) and/or Requests for Information (RFI) for consideration during the remainder of 2016.

The Learners Lab itself is a start-up charity and knows quite intimately the challenges start-ups face as future tax exempt in trying to launch their initial operations and in establishing sustainable relationships with vendors due to limited access to resources, not qualifying for many grant programs and competitions. So the purpose of each instrument is to identify vendors and/or other interested parties willing to (a) donate their services and support to *The Learners Lab*, (b) willing to discount those services and supports to *TLL's* growing volume of *Fiscal Sponsorship Awardees*, and (c) willing to partner with *TLL* in making training resources available to members of the general workforce, employers, transitioning military, and *TLL* benefactors.

We are also interested in establishing “*a pool of “Go-To” organizations and other interested parties*” willing to assist *TLL* in delivering technical assistance supports by serving as “*Fiscal Sponsorship Mentor Partners*” to our Awardees. Feel free to visit our Fiscal Sponsorship and Partnership Program pages at www.TheLearnersLab.org for more information on the Fiscal Sponsorship Program, to review the Mentor Partner Criteria, and to download the *Mentor-Partner Registration Form*.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST – SERIES 1

The first series of RFPs, RFQs, and RFIs will address the following needs and will be published by Friday, August 19, 2016:

- RFI for Training Program Content Requirements From Entities Interested in Public-Private Partnership to Develop and or House Company Training Resource with TLL for Incumbents, Interns, Apprentices, and/or New Hires
- RFI to CDL, Media Disposal & Sanitization, Welding, Heavy Equipment, Construction, Mechanical Engineering Entities Interested in Establishing a Public-Private Partnership to House Your Training Program at TLL Centralized Training Center
- RFP for Donated or Discounted Web Development Services for a *TLL* Fiscal Sponsorship Awardee,
- RFP for Donated Web Development (current site) for Expanded Capabilities and conversion from HTML/CSS to WordPress,
- RFP to Donated Development of a WP site for *TLL's* new centralized information repository, *InfoXchange* (InfoXchnng.com),
- RFQ for Donated & Discounted Grant Writing Partnership Services,
- RFQ for Pre-Printed Custom Inventory & Asset Management Tags & Labels w/*TLL* Logo (customizations are function specific such as “*Donated by TLL for Training Facility Use*”, “*Donated by TLL*”, “*Property of TLL*”, “*Property of TLL for Training Facility Use*”, “*Donated to TLL for Training Facility Use*”)
- RFI for Volunteers *TLL's* New Volunteer Services, which will Assist in Providing General & Technical Assistance Support to Start-Up Tax Exempts

The Learners Lab, Inc. (TLL) a charitable workforce training and fiscal sponsorship resource center. A start-up itself, TLL also serves as a fiscal sponsor to other start-ups tax exempt entities. Poised to be the nations, first centralized professional development resource center, TLL's goal is “**Training for Everyone.**” TLL received its letter of determination in February 2015 granting tax exempt status under IRS Code 501(c)3, and is officially recognized as a **509(a)(2) Public Charity** with contributions deductible under section 170 of the IRS Code.

The Learners Lab is currently headquartered in Lanham with facilities planned for suburban Maryland. **TLL** is motivated to remove the cost and accessibility barriers that make career and workforce training an impossible challenge for so many to participate in, and plans to offer training resources in a host of industries supporting a broad spectrum of white, blue and vocational careers including **Commercial Driving (CDL), Welding, Mechanical Engineering, and Architectural Design.**

TLL's current activities surround its **Fiscal Sponsorship Program** which officially launched the Fall of 2015. Efforts include securing mentor partnerships, providing grant processing support, and delivering org development technical assistance, and other unique start-up services to its **Fiscal Sponsorship Awardees.**