

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH DEMONSTRATION AND EVALUATION

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Project Summary: The objective of this project is to design a rigorous demonstration in multiple sites to test promising or evidence-based models that aim to improve employment outcomes for youth who are disconnected from education and employment. This task order is for the design and pilot phase in 2 pilot sites. Capital Research Corporation, Inc. worked on site recruitment as part of the early part of this project – traveling to Boston and Baltimore to recruit potential random assignment sites. Once pilot sites have been determined, the research team will develop evaluation plans, survey instruments, and a Participant Tracking System (PTS) that can be used for a full multi-site demonstration. The design developed in this project will address the full range of analytic and methodological issues, including those particularly critical in studies with this target population. These issues include strategies for reaching adequate numbers of youth for rigorous tests, minimization of attrition of sample members, developing procedures for active parental consent for participants under the age of 18, and maintaining the integrity of the experimental design to avoid group contamination and cross-over issues.

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