

FLORIDA CROWN WORKFORCE BOARD, INC. POLICY

POLICY TITLE: Digital Divide

POLICY NUMBER: OPS-008-02

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APPLICATION

Florida Crown Workforce Board, Inc. (FCWB) employees, contractors, providers and customers.

PURPOSE

To set forth corporate policy regarding Digital Divide procedures provided under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Welfare Transition Program (WTP), and the Florida Workforce Legislation (SB 2050).

POLICY

FCWB Digital Divide Procedures

The Digital Divide program is an effort to bridge the information technology gap that exists in Region 7. Under this program, customers who meet eligibility requirements for WIA or WTP are afforded the opportunity to receive a personal computer by earning their General Education Degree (GED). This program applies only to residents of Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Union Counties.

The purpose of the program is to provide incentive to customers to obtain their GED, not to complete associated education programs or classes.

While all customers may participate in the program the primary customer candidate is the WTP customer.

Customers must prove through verifiable means that they do not have a high school diploma or GED at the time of enrollment into this program.

Customers must be work registered with FCWB and be determined to be in good standing with all Federal program guidelines.

Computers will be given to participants who complete their GED on a first come first served basis.

The program is continuously open to incoming customers as funding permits and until existing stock of computers is completely awarded.

Only one computer will be given out per household/family.

A GED may be acquired from any authorized accrediting institution such as adult education programs or community colleges.

Proof of award of the GED must be provided to the FCWB and verified prior to award.

The following information must be provided to the FCWB before awards are made: The One Stop service provider will identify each customer enrolled into the Digital Divide program by name, SSN, date of enrollment, date of completion, copy of the awarded GED certificate, and Federal funding stream under which the customer is eligible.

ACTION

All FCWB employees, contractors, providers and customers will adhere to this policy.

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