**Notes on Intermediaries for RFP discussion:**

* Intermediaries are:
  + Convenient and effective mechanisms for connecting students, families, educators, employers, community organizations and community members through:
    - Preparatory Experiences
    - Work-based Experiences
    - Connecting Activities
    - Leadership Development
  + Brokers who support relationships between students, families and educators with employers, community organizations and community members
  + Built on a foundation of voluntary partnerships among key stakeholders that cross the traditional boundaries of association
  + Aware of the need for a broad range of participating employers, community organizations and community members in order to offer a broad range of learning and connecting opportunities for students, families and educators
  + Aware of the need to continually search for and invite other employers, community organizations and community members to participate
  + Aware of how the community collects and utilizes Resource Mapping data
    - Documentation and organization system
    - Up-dating Resource Map information
    - Future planning
    - Identifying gaps
  + Meeting at least quarterly to seek and consider input from students, families, educators, employers, community organizations and community members
    - Document difficulties using Resource Mapping data
    - Document how Resource Mapping data successfully answered the identified needs of the youth
  + Evaluating work on meeting the identified needs of the youth at least quarterly
    - Provide evidence of meeting the identified needs of the youth
    - Provide strategies for meeting the identified but not satisfied needs of the youth
  + Identified and established through a partnership of students, families, educators, employers, community organizations and community members.
  + Organized with a clear management plan detailing the staff, community input, anticipated activities and outcomes.
* Proposals must:
  + Reflect a broad range of community participants including youth, families, educators, employers, community organizations and community members
  + Include strategies for identifying the needs of the youth
  + Include strategies for addressing the identified needs of the youth
  + Include strategies for gathering, analyzing and implementing feedback from youth, families, educators, employers, community organizations and community members
  + Include strategies for sustainability with:
    - Resource Mapping data collection and use
    - Continued community membership and participation
* Gathering, analyzing and implementing feedback from youth, families, educators,

employers, community organizations and community members