

1 **Discussion Paper**

2 **Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Math Assistance Call Center RFA 32020-00214**

3 **Background**

4 Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) sought grant applications from eligible applicants to  
5 collaborate with AEL providers to operate a Math Assistance Call Center (MACC) for up to  
6 \$500,000. The MACC will assist eligible AEL students in preparing for the mathematics portion  
7 of the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) exam. Assistance will also be  
8 available to AEL students who lack sufficient skills in mathematics to participate effectively in  
9 society. The anticipated grant start date is August 2020.

10 **Issue**

11 Recent AEL legislation including HB1949 and Rider 46 state that, "...all grant applications and  
12 awards for the Adult Education and Family Literacy program shall be reviewed and approved by  
13 TWC's Commissioners prior to notification of award to the grant recipient."

14 **Decision**

15 Therefore, staff recommend Commission approval for one grant award totaling \$477,000 for the  
16 AEL Math Assistance Call Center.

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