

2023-2024 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING AND EDUCATION (OSH T&E) PROGRAM

Bid Number – OSH T&E - 2023

Questions and Answers Pertaining to the Request for Proposals (RFP)

(Updated December 16, 2022. New questions and answers are added frequently and indicated below after each revision date.)

Q #1.) Could this funding be used to provide free OSHA-30 training to individuals interested in working in construction in a one-week service delivery format that blended both hands-on and standard lecture?

A #1.) While OSHA is an allowable cost under Section II.A.1. of the OSH T&E RFP, eligible participants in the training must be current employees of businesses in New York State (NYS).

New Questions as of 11/18/2022 start below:

Q #2.) I would like to confirm if my vocational training school, which is licensed by the NYS Education Department (NYSED) and by the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) to teach allied health programs, is eligible to apply for this grant. We have a need for funding for students who would like to pursue a Certified Nursing Assistant license. Are we eligible to apply for this grant for the above-mentioned program?

A #2.) Per Section III.A. of the OSH T&E RFP, eligible bidders for funding must:

- Qualify as one of the NYS Labor Law Article 29 categories of eligible Bidders: Public or Private Businesses; Labor Organizations or their Federations; Municipalities; Trade Associations; [Not-for-Profit] NFP Organizations; or Educational Institutions operating within NYS;
- Employ at least two (2) or more paid employees; and
- Be headquartered in NYS or have at least one (1) site located in NYS at the time of application submission.

Please note that per Section III.B of the OSH T&E RFP, eligible participants include employees and businesses at locations throughout NYS. Therefore, students would not be eligible.

Q #3.) I am reaching out on behalf of our community college regarding the DOL-HAB (aka OSH T&E) grant. We are interested in submitting a consortium project for funding as we have in previous years. However, last year it seemed no community colleges were awarded funds. Are community college consortium projects both eligible and fundable under this grant opportunity for the current cycle?

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As community colleges are considered educational institutions, community college consortium projects are eligible for grant funding.

Please note that Section III.A of the OSH T&E RFP also states that joint proposals will be considered for funding.

New Questions as of 11/30/2022 start below:

Q #4.) If the applicant is contracting with another training provider for all or part of the funded training, does the subcontractor have to itemize its budgetary costs by the listed categories (salary, fringe, rent/own, contractual, travel, equipment) or can the applicant list the subcontractors total funding cost in 'contractual'?

A #4.) If a subcontractor will deliver all, or a portion of the training, the total training cost should be reported in the budget detail line. The narrative would include the training being offered and break out the training cost (either hourly rate and hours required to deliver training, or cost of training).

The subcontract agreement will need to be provided as soon as it is available. Reimbursement will not be made without this agreement on file.

New Questions as of 12/07/2022 start below:

Q #5.) I am downloading all required documents in the Pre-Submission Uploads section of this grant in Grants Gateway, and I noticed that the document for OSH Terms & Conditions and the document for the Training Grant Management Summary are exactly the same.

A #5.) We have been made aware that the attachments labeled "OSH Terms & Conditions" and "Training Grant Mgt Summary" in the Grants Gateway are both the Training Grant Management Summary (TGMS 2023) excel spreadsheet. Please complete only one TGMS 2023 using the attachment labeled "Training Grant Mgt Summary" and upload the completed form.

The OSH Terms & Conditions is still a required attachment that does not require a signature, so a blank TGMS form can be uploaded to satisfy that requirement. However, the actual OSH Terms & Conditions attachment can be found on the NYSDOL Hazard Abatement Board (HAB) [webpage](#) for review.

New Questions as of 12/09/2022 start below:

Q #6.) My organization is applying for the Hazard Abatement grant that will provide 75% of funding on a proposed project. Regarding the individual expense pages (personal, fringe, contractual, travel, equipment, space, utilities, operating, other) should the 'TOTAL GRANT FUNDS' be presented with respect only to the support we are requesting from NYSDOL for the program (which is 75% of the full cost) or the full cost which includes our match? If you don't want us to indicate the match here, where else does it show up in our submission?

A #6.) You should only request the amount you wish to receive from the grant to fund your safety and training program.

This funding opportunity does not require a match. If staff will dedicate a certain percentage of their time to this program, if awarded, this information should be included in the Personal Services detail budget and narrative.

Q #7.) I would like to know if by “joint venture”, you mean the Andromeda Academy of Construction Trades (AACT) who will be receiving the bulk of the grant money if awarded. Andromeda Community Initiative (ACI) is the non-profit applying for the grant and providing 25% of administrative support; AACT is providing the training and all administrative time directly related.

A #7.) Yes, this would be considered a joint venture if AACT and ACI are two distinct organizations working together on this program, if funded.

New Questions as of 12/16/2022 start below:

Q #8.) I am working on my organization’s proposal for the HAB grant and in the Program Specific question B7e, the grants gateway says the following:

“If yes, list any HAB grants since the 2012-2013 Program Year including the Year, Amount of Award, Topics of Training, and Measurable Outcomes of Training. (Note: if the Bidder did not have prior HAB grants Bidder will type Not Applicable to this question.) (1 points) *”

But the RFP states that for this question we need to present past awards starting in 2019. Which should I follow?

A #8.) Please follow the language in the RFP and list any HAB grant awards beginning with 2019.