

**2021-2022 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM
Bid Number - OSH T&E - 2021**

Questions and Answers Pertaining to the RFP

(Updated July 12, 2021. New questions and answers are posted at the end of weeks that they are received and indicated below after each revision date.)

Q1. I see an anticipated award date of 9/30. Will the start date of the grant year be back dated to 8/1 or is the HAB anticipating a new start date to the grant year?

A1. Yes, the funds awarded under this RFP may be used to support activities occurring between August 1, 2021 and July 31, 2021. Contracts will be awarded for a period not to exceed one year. Bidders must include only the training and education activities that can be reasonably accomplished within the contract period. The contract term will be August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

Q2. What is the maximum award we can request?

A2. There is no maximum award an organization can request.

Q3. I wondering if we still need to submit letters of support (LOS)? If so, is there a limit to the number of letters submitted?

A3. No. Organizations do not need to submit letters of support.

Q4. When will the grant application be accessible on the grantsgateway.ny.gov portal? Presently, the link to "View Grant Opportunity" takes you off site to <https://dol.ny.gov/hazard-abatement-board>.

A4. The 2021-2022 Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Request for Proposals (RFP) can be found at: <https://dol.ny.gov/hazard-abatement-board>. In the RFP, Section IV explains the process for the Request for Proposal submission. On The Grants Gateway home page, there is a link called Apply for a Grant. This takes you to the following webpage: <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/apply-grant>. If you need any further assistance with submitting through Grants Gateway, please contact the Grants Gateway Help Desk. The help desk information is located on the Grants Gateway home page.

Q5. Historically, this Request for Proposal has been released annually from December going into January with the deadline. Is the Hazard Abatement Board intending to permanently shift this issuance to take place from June into July as we are now?

A5. No. The Hazard Abatement Board intends to go back to the annual release in December.

Q6. It was noticed the grant is funded at a rate of \$2.5 million when in the past, it has averaged around \$6 million. Do we expect this rate to be restored to the usual \$6 million "range" in the future?

A6. NYS DOL cannot predict if this rate will be restored back to the original \$5.9 million amount.

Q7. Will there be a webinar held to review this new Request for Proposal?

A7. No, there is no plan at this time for a webinar to be held.

Q8. Does this grant allow for inclusion of First Aid, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and automated external defibrillator training?

A8. No. Per Section II.A. (Restrictions on Use of Funds), activities which promote safety and health but are not related to occupational safety and health hazards, including, but not limited to, CPR or First Aid Training, fire extinguisher training, and sexual harassment training are unallowable.

Q9. We have been doing live training on zoom with excellent turn out. Will we still be able to do zoom classes?

A9. Yes, you may continue to train through Zoom.

Q10. Is this a separate RFP or is this additional funding for the 2020-2021 period?

A10. This is a new solicitation which will support activities occurring between August 1, 2021 and July 31, 2021.

Q11. As a municipality, is our County eligible to apply for the 2021-2022 Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Request for Proposals (RFP)? Would you recommend we work with a non-profit partner, with our labor organization or with our community college to develop the grant application?

A11. No, as a municipality, your County is not eligible to apply. Eligible applicants include: Public or Private Businesses; Labor Organizations or their Federations; Trade Associations; NFP Organizations; or Educational Institutions operating within NYS.

HAB strongly encourages joint labor-management proposals and program designs that include input from both labor and management. Other joint proposals may also be considered.

Q12. I am writing to inquire if it would be acceptable to utilize the previous letters of support (from our currently executed contract) in the newly announced RFP. The classes and pertinent laws we are addressing have not changed since we received those letters, so they are still relevant. Previous requests for such letters often took an extended period of time to procure, creating concern that they would not arrive in time for the upcoming deadline.

A12. Letters of support are not required.

Q13. We have a local employer who we have scheduled Forklift Training on 8/12/21. Since the new HAB grant year is effective 08/01/21 – 07/31/22; would the new grant cover this training period of time?

A13. Yes. Funds awarded under this RFP may be used to support activities occurring between August 1, 2021 and July 31, 2022.