

**New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL)
Apprenticeship Expansion Grant (AEG)
Request for Applications (RFA) AEG-3
Questions and Answers Pertaining to the RFA**

(Updated 09/12/2022. New questions and answers are posted at the end of weeks that they are received and indicated below after each revision date.)

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Q#1) I just received the NOF for the DOL01-AEG-3-2022: APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION GRANT (AEG-3) Request for Applications (RFA). The posted due date is December 30, 2022, but anticipated award date of August 22, 2022. Can you please explain, or was the anticipated award date a typo?

A#1) The RWP RFA was released on July 20, 2022, with a submission deadline of December 30, 2022. Applications will be accepted, reviewed, and awarded on an ongoing basis during this timeframe. The August 22, 2022, date in the Grants Gateway is a projected date for the first set of awards, but this is subject to change based on actual application submissions and review timeframes.

Q#2) Can RI-related instruction be provided (and reimbursed by AEG3) by in-house existing staff to RA apprentices?

A#2) Yes, if your in-house staff is an approved RI Provider. Per Section II.B.1.a. of the RFA, "RI must be conducted by the RA sponsor's approved RI Provider (as indicated on the RI Availability Form AT-8) to instruct topics listed in Appendix B of the trade's training outline."

Q#3) I'm reading the AEG3 RFA and have questions and possibly need some Technical Assistance. Do you have TA available for non-profit applicants?

A#3) Yes, technical assistance is available for all applicants. Per Section IV.A. of the RFA, "Applicants may submit questions via electronic mail to WDTD.Onestop@labor.ny.gov. Questions regarding the RFA will be accepted on an ongoing basis until December 19, 2022. No telephone inquiries will be accepted. All inquiries should include the following reference in the Subject line: "AEG-3 Question". Answers to all questions will be posted on the NYSDOL website (<https://dol.ny.gov/funding-opportunities-0>) on an ongoing basis until December 23, 2022."

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

Q #4) Can AEG3 be used for retaining existing employees through apprenticeship opportunities that promote from within, instead of recruiting from outside?

A #4) Yes, AEG3 funds can be used for retaining existing employees through apprenticeship opportunities as long as they meet the Participant Requirements set forth in section III.B. of the RFA: individuals not yet enrolled in a NYS RA Program who meet the minimum eligibility requirements for enrollment (Note, minimum eligibility requirements are determined by sponsors and indicated on the Apprentice Training Recruitment Notification and Minimum Qualifications Form); apprentices enrolled in a NYS RA Program no more than six (6) months prior to the RFA application submission date; and apprentices who were enrolled in a NYS RA Program under AEG-2 (See Section II.B.4. for additional information regarding the per participant cap for AEG-2 enrolled apprentices).

Q #5) How do we get approval for the in-house RI Instructors? Can this be done separately from the AEG3 Application? Howso?

A #5) Yes, this is done separately from the application. All instruction providers must be approved by the New York State Education Department. Apprenticeship staff will help you meet the requirements when you are ready for that step.