

CLARIFYING QUESTIONS RFA #15-190 - Communications, Professional Development, Logistics Hub

1. **Q.** What does the "Hub" concept imply? Will the Hub deal primarily with industry sectors and employers, or will it focus on coordinating instruction in a group of community colleges, or will it facilitate open and dynamic communication equally between both industry and colleges?

A. The Hub Concept pertains to the role of the Logistics technical assistance provider (TAP) as the first point of contact for the community college system when it comes to coordinating various advisory meetings for the WEDD grantees that operate under the Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy (DWM) framework. The Hub will provide logistical support for all grantees across our state.

2. **Q.** Are the three areas (communications, professional development, and logistics) considered to be inter-connected, or are they three separate curricular "domains?" Do you expect these subjects to be integrated in the "Hub" or treated separately, with balanced services to each sector?

A. The areas are inter-connected. The subjects will be integrated and possibly treated separately. It depends on what services are being requested of the TAP.

3. **Q.** What is the District's role in a single-college application?

A. The district's role, whether a single- college application, or multiple college application is as the fiscal agent. The TAP of Logistics is a statewide role.

4. **Q.** Can a portion of the budget be allocated to classroom instruction, or start-up of new certificate programs?

A. No

5. **Q.** What are the deliverables at the end of one year? Since deliverables are not defined in the RFA, is it up to the applicant to define these outcomes?

A. In your application please tell us what your deliverable will be.

6. **Q.** Does the recipient of the "Hub" award relate to a specific sub-set of community colleges (e.g. all those with logistics or communications certificates and degree programs?) Or is it targeted to all interested in the defined sectors? If colleges not currently involved in these sectors are expected to join the Hub, who defines the selection criteria?

A. Every community college district is eligible to apply for this grant. The successful Logistics Tap grantee will become part of the community grantees that is essential to achieving the objectives of the DWM framework.

7. **Q.** Are other colleges participating in the Hub expected to receive technical assistance from the lead college? Alternatively, are they just expected to hold joint meetings and coordinate activities?

A. The role of the Logistics TAP as the Hub is to coordinate logistical activities, keep the website updated and provide professional development. There will be one point of contact for all WEDD grantees. You will tell us how you plan to reach out in the application in support of DWM framework

8. **Q.** Are secondary schools (or districts) expected to participate in the Hub? Is there a defined or implied "pathways" strategy for producing more trained graduates in the sector? What built-in incentives can be used to secure the interest of other colleges to join the Hub?

A. Meeting and events may entail secondary schools and logistics. Grantees you will be serving are engaged in "pathways strategies" and "producing more trained graduations." Each applicant will must assess and convey their ability to impact grantees engaged in these strategies and objectives. Additionally, the grant applicant may provide experience and knowledge in marketing or outreach to demonstrate their ability assist in connecting grantees to "other colleges."

9. **Q.** Is promotion of stackable certificates leading to A.A. /A.S. degrees an eligible activity in this project? Would applicants who propose such development receive favorable consideration for funding?

A. Logistics TAP activities may entail the promotion of stackable certificates leading to A.S. /A.S degrees in the context of support WEDD grantees. However, the Logistic TAP will not entail its own discrete promotional activities.

10. **Q.** How is the applicant expected to sustain the Hub, after spending \$550,000 in the first year setting up infrastructure? What is the anticipated time period for continued state funding of sector-specific Hubs? Is the applicant college expected to maintain the Hub after funding ends?

A. RFA #15-190 is a one-time and one-year grant, which may be renewed up to three years depending upon the availability of funding. The WEDD doesn't expect the applicant to maintain the Logistics TAP function without grant funding.