

Strong Workforce Statewide Fiscal Omnibus
FAQs

Q. With the projects listed in the RFA, for example the TAP position and employability skills, can a college approach the primary district applying for the grant to partner on a particular project? Basically, could they be written into the larger RFA as a partner college and act as the sub-fiscal and project agent on a particular project?

A. *Yes.*

Q. If a TAP is not identified in the application, will this be put out as a sub RFA or contract from the main grantee?

A. *The selected fiscal agent (district) will need to get approval from the CCCCCO to put out a subgrant or subcontract to cite that a TAP, other district, college or other approved partner as the party performing the identified program requirement as listed in the RFA.*

Q. Is this part of the \$200 million for workforce training?

A. *Yes.*

Q. How will this RFA interface with the existing SB1070 efforts?

A. *Depending on the Legislature's decision on SB1070 and its funding in FY17-18, the career pathway program could continue as a separate program or become part of the Strong WorkForce Program.*

Q. Are there limitations for the subcontractor?

A. *No, but the fiscal agent should seek approval of the CCCCCO before it lets any subgrant or subcontract under the RFA or in fulfillment of the RFA.*

Q. Will the interested districts letters be posted after Aug 1st?

A. *No, we will not solicit Letters of Interest but rather allow each fiscal agent applicant to develop their partnerships with other TAPs, other districts, colleges*

or other approved partners as a party performing any identified program requirement as listed in the RFA.

Q. Can the slides be emailed to us?

A. *The Bidders Conference webinar is posted on the website at: <http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/WorkforceandEconDev/WEDDRFAs/RFA16205.aspx>*

Q. The traditional responsibilities of a fiscal agent are to serve as the bookkeeper, accountant, compliance officer and financial status report writer for projects, allowing those responsible for policy and program operations to function unimpeded by the "money side" of the project. However, recently the term fiscal agent has come to encompass not only the traditional roles listed above but also includes the coordination and day to day involvement of projects, including vetting and hiring staff, identifying venues, etc. Can you please clarify with which of these areas of responsibility the fiscal agent for RFA 16-205 most closely aligns?

A. *The fiscal agent, under direction from the CCCCO, will play both roles and may choose to subgrant or subcontract aspects of these responsibilities to a TAP, other district, college or other approved partner as the party performing the identified program requirement as listed in the RFA.*

Q. Page 15 of the RFA Instructions states the following in regards to the Management Plan. "... At a minimum, the Management Plan requires ... an organizational chart and a regional consortia or collaborative governance chart." Additionally, in the RFA Specification on page 20, in attachments, #2 is "Provide a governance chart for the regional consortia or collaborative." Does this mean that the fiscal agent must have the approval of their regional consortia or collaborative in order to qualify for this grant? If so, what consortia or collaborative is being referenced- the adult education block grant (AEBG) consortia? Is this the local (district-wide) collaborative participation or the larger regional consortium's support that is being required? Please clarify.

A. *No, the fiscal agent district does not need the approval of their regional consortia or collaborative in order to qualify for this RFA or grant.*

Q. Page 21 of the RFA Specifications under Program Management states to include the following " ...any Intent-to-Participate form letter from participating community colleges or subcontracts that are identified within this grant." Does this indicate that the fiscal agent should identify and solicit Intent

to Participate letters from potential subcontractors that may address the categories outlined in the grant delivery plans? Do RFA responses that include selected subcontractors to address program requirements have an advantage over those without pre-selected subcontractors? Where can the "Intent to Participate form letter" be found?

A. No, we will not solicit Letters of Interest but rather allow each fiscal agent applicant to develop their partnerships with other TAPs, other districts, colleges or other approved partners as a party performing any identified program requirement as listed in the RFA.

Q. The RFA Instructions on page 6 under Funding states that the Fiscal and Contracting Coordinator for this grant cannot serve on any other state grant (to avoid potential conflicts of interest). By "key talent" does that mean any person serving in a named position for another CCCCCO grant project, or the TAP level of leadership, such as those TAPs listed on the Doing What Matters website, or grants outside of the CCCCCO system completely?

A. "Key Talent" means any person serving in a named position for another CCCCCO grant project such as a Regional Consortia chair, Sector Navigator or Deputy Sector Navigator, or the TAP level of leadership, such as those TAPs listed on the Doing What Matters website.