

FEJA Solar Pipeline Training Program Request for Proposals Respondents Webinar Questions & Answers

Question 1: Is the funding award level that we highlighted here, the 150,000 to one million meant to be spread across the four years, or is that per year?

Answer: The funding range of \$150,000 to \$1 Million is for the total award amount, spread across 4 years.

Question 2: Is there any limit on the percentage of indirect spent in the budget?

Answer: There RFP did not set a limit on the allowable percentage of indirect.

Question 3: Will you consider training programs that are construction focused? Or are you only considering programs that lead to roughly directly to solar jobs?

Answer: The purpose of the Program is to create a pipeline of qualified talent specifically for the solar energy industry. While skills learned are likely to be transferable, proposals should focus on job placements in the solar energy sector.

Question 4: Are the forms included in the in the 15 page limit or an addition to the 15 pages?

Answer: The required forms are in addition to the 15-page limit prescribed for the answers to the Program Narrative questions.

Question 5: Do you think limited English proficient individuals specifically from the refugee and immigrant communities can participate in this training?

Answer: It is up to Respondents to demonstrate how potential participants will be recruited and assessed for their likelihood of succeeding in the Program. It is also up to Respondents to demonstrate that sufficient support services will be provided to address any barriers participants may have. For specific participant eligibility requirements please refer to the RFP.

Question 6: What is the renewal process for those current grantees receiving training funds for the multicultural training program?

Answer: This RFP is seeking proposals only for the Solar Pipeline Training Program. The Partnership is not able to answer any questions about the Multicultural Job Training Program.

Question 7: How many grantees will there be per year? Does the specified funding range mean there will only be 5 grantees?

Answer: The number of grantees will depend on the nature of the proposals received. There is no predetermined number of grantees.

Question 8: How long is the training program?

Answer: The RFP does not specify the length of the training program. It is up to the Respondents to propose a training program that will sufficiently prepare participants for employment in the solar energy sector.

Question 9: Will the presentation be available to download afterwards?

Answer: Yes, the slides are posted to the RFP section of The Partnership's website.

Question 10: How will the funds be administered?

Answer: ComEd will administer the funds.

Question 11: To whom are reports being sent to if awarded?

Answer A: Grantees will report outcomes to ComEd throughout the life of the grant.

Answer B: Each Respondent must designate a contact person when submitting their application through the formsite. This contact person will be notified if the grant is awarded.

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Question 12: May we use single-spacing or 10-point font for tables in the narrative? The RFP indicates that responses must be typed double-spaced in 12-point font.

Answer: Respondents may use single-spacing and 10-point font for any tables included in response to the Program Narrative Questions. The main response must be double-spaced in 12-point font as specified in the RFP.

Question 13: Is a budget narrative required for the application? If so, where should it be included?

Answer: No, a budget narrative is not required. Respondents may include relevant information about the budget in response to question 20 (Describe the basis upon which the requested amount was calculated. Identify an average unit cost per participant or program and provide an explanation to justify this unit cost.) while remaining within the page limit for the response to the Program Narrative Questions.

Question 14: Is there a process for small minority businesses who are interested in subcontracting opportunities to communicate interest to potential prime's who may be looking to outsource some of the components of the proposal?

Answer: No.

Question 15: Can we add a budget narrative page to accompany the budget form?

Answer: No, do not add a separate budget narrative page. Respondents may include relevant information about the budget in response to question 20 (Describe the basis upon which the requested amount was calculated. Identify an average unit cost per participant or program and provide an explanation to justify this unit cost) while remaining within the page limit for the response to the Program Narrative Questions.