

## Questions and Answers for RFQ#07012022TJ Advancing Stem

1. Would Southwest Qualify for Track III or just Track V? **Answer: Southwest Community College would be able to submit a request for Track IV.**
2. What is the expectation as far as completion rates? **Answer: It is expected that each track completes the submitted request over the timeframe identified in the qualification application.**
3. Is this training open only for teachers currently teaching the subject, or could teachers who want to gain new endorsements be able to take the training? **Answer: The training will be available to all teachers.**
4. How exactly can we use the money? Is it just to cover the cost of training, or could it also cover equipment and other costs that are related to the program? **Answer: All costs must align to student success and student access.**
5. On Track V, could we include the cost of prep and exam materials? **Answer: On Track V, the cost of prep and exam materials may be included in the request, pending approval by the school district.**
6. Are there identified certifications you would like your instructors to have? **Answer: Yes, there are identified certifications which can be agreed upon between recipients of the RFQ.**
7. Would a Southwest Workforce certification, technical certificate, and/or associate degree apply for the certificate requirement on Track V when you reference "institutional and certifications"? **Answer: Yes, the referenced opportunities are examples and apply as institutional certifications.**
8. Is there a minimum or maximum amount? **Answer: Yes. It depends on the applicant's qualifications.**

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9. Under Program Standards, Do we have to qualify with all elements? **Answer: The program standards should be evident in either in-school, after-school, or out-of-school experiences. While all programming may not include summer learning opportunities, they should include a STEM focus and at least one of the programming target areas.**
10. How many schools can the services/curriculum being offered be delivered in? **Answer: This will depend on the capacity of the entity submitting a response to the request.**
11. Is there a budget for the materials cost as affiliated with the schools served? **Answer: Yes, there is a budget, and this is dependent upon each school.**
12. What is meant by administrators creating "all" or "part" of the school's curriculum? **Answer: This specific language is under the Enhancing Knowledge-building priority and acts as a guiding thought to be considered in the response for this RFQ. If the submitted**

response addresses curriculum writing, the entity submitting the response may consider including teachers and administrators as a part of writing the curriculum.

13. What Insurance do we need for our after school and in school workforce training?

**Answer:** It is the responsibility of the respondent to know what insurance is needed.

14. In Appendix D, do I need to have all of the insurance listed for in-school or after school training? **Answer,** Appendix D is referring to the Non -Collusion Certificate not insurance.

15. If so, do I need to have the insurance by the time of the deadline July 1<sup>st</sup>? **Answer:**

Please reference Appendix G- Certificate of Insurance Coverage, “the successful bidder will be required to provide insurance coverage as shown in General Conditions of RFQ and Contract, prior to beginning any work”. This insurance coverage must be maintained throughout the life of the contract. Proof that coverage is either currently in place or will be provided must be submitted with the bid.

16. **Under Track 1: As a nonprofit, we have several qualified Doctoral Candidates, do they have to be affiliated with a host university as these individuals have already graduated?**

**Answer:** The postdoctoral student must hold a doctoral degree in a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM), STEM Education, Education, or a related discipline ***earned no more than 24 months before the proposal deadline or will earn such a degree within 10 months after the proposal deadline.***