

# Green Innovation Challenge Solicitation for Concept Papers

## Questions and Answers

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### Allowable Activities

**1. Can funds be used for paid internships?**

Yes, funds may be used for paid internships.

**2. Can funds be used for living expenses when trainees are at remote site?**

Yes, funds may be used for support services (living expenses) while trainees are at a remote site. However, the grantee must have a policy on how and when living expenses will be provided to individuals. Additionally, the amount spent on support services may be subject to negotiation in the full proposal.

### Applicant Eligibility

**1. Can the applicant be an unincorporated coalition when that coalition is comprised of three incorporated non profit organizations? All three of the coalition members can produce copies of non-profit certifications from appropriate state and federal entities. If the coalition can serve as the applicant, shall we submit all three non profit verifications?**

Yes, a coalition of incorporated non profit organizations would be eligible to apply and you should include all three non profit certifications. Additionally, the coalition must designate a Local Workforce Investment Board or community college as the fiscal agent.

**2. Can the same college serve as fiscal agent on more than one application submitted by different organizations?**

Yes, a college can serve as fiscal agent on multiple applications submitted by different organizations. However, as stated in Section 5 A. Minimum Requirements, applicants can submit only one application for funding.

**3. Can a college serve as its own applicant and fiscal agent as well as a fiscal agent in an application submitted by another organization?**

Yes, as long as the applicant submits only one application.

NOTE: Successful applicants must demonstrate that business and industry partners from the targeted technology are leading the development of the concept paper.

### **Attachments**

**SFCP Form 1, the Partner Roles, Responsibilities and Resources Chart requires that organizations providing cash or in kind matching resources provide commitment letters. Is it acceptable to attach other support letters from interested and/or involved stakeholders or participants when those participants may not rise to the level of in kind commitment?**

Support letters from interested and/or involved stakeholders will not be considered in the review of concept papers. Applicants should provide only commitment letters that support and verify cash and/or in-kind match.

### **Fiscal Agent**

**Is a Local Workforce Partnership Board an acceptable fiscal agent?**

Yes, a Local Workforce Partnership Board that is responsible for administering the Workforce Investment Act is an acceptable fiscal agent.

### **Required Partners**

**Is a community college a required partner if not a fiscal agent? In the alternative, is it acceptable to work with a university as a required partner if the performance objectives include a plan to work with community colleges in implementing the products? Does this approach have the opportunity to receive the full number of points allotted? The technology industry area we have selected is in the early stages of development. Therefore, the required partner in our application is a University based organization with a network of community colleges engaged in transfer and implementation.**

In order to receive the maximum number of points under this criteria, applicants must demonstrate they have formed effective partnerships with all three of the required partners; community colleges, local workforce investment boards and targeted industry leader. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate that concept papers will be led by industry leaders in the targeted technologies.