

Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP)
SFP PY 2011/12
Questions and Answers
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Applicant Eligibility

I am in the process of setting up a company in the SF Bay Area with the express intent of hiring, training and employing unemployed and underemployed Californians in well-paying long-term jobs. I am in the process of identifying and securing funding for the company and am exploring a combination of public (grants) and private sources (bank loans). My question regarding this SFP is whether applications from start-ups such as mine will be considered.

The goal of this Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program Solicitation for Proposals (SFP) is to promote the use of industry sector strategies as the framework for addressing the need for recently separated veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard and Reservist to transition into high-wage, high-growth occupations. Proposals will be accepted from public, private non-profit and private for-profit organizations, Local Workforce Investment Boards, education and training providers and faith-based/community based organizations. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Proposal Criteria

Page 6 of 7 of the Proposal Package Instructions state that SFP Form 6 is divided into two charts. Chart A and B. The SFP Form 6 provided with the SFP is not broken out into two charts.

The Past/Present Performance Veterans' Projects Form (SFP Form 6) is correct. However, the language in the Proposal Package Instructions was incorrect and has been revised. There is only one chart to complete. Please download and review the revised VEAP Proposal Package Instructions located on the Workforce Development [SFP Web page](#).

Required Elements

1. The VEAP SFP, page 10 of 47 states "applicants are required to offer at least one certified professional training which leads to an industry-recognized certificate for each targeted industry cluster". Does that mean the lead applicant must be the one to offer the certification or is it possible for one of the partner organizations to offer the certification?

Either the lead applicant or partner may offer the required certified professional training which leads to an industry-recognized certificate for each targeted industry cluster. However, it must be clearly identified in the Partner Roles, Responsibilities and Resources Chart (SFP Form 3).

2. The VEAP SFP, Section 5A (Proposal Content), Required Elements #8, states *"In addition to completing Section III.3, of the Narrative Form, the applicant must attach a copy of the counselor/practitioner license or credentials. Any grant application that does not attach a copy of the counselor/practitioner license or credentials will be considered non-responsive and will not be reviewed or considered for funding."*

Our County Department of Behavioral Health is responsible for providing mental health services throughout the county and will be a partner in our grant proposal. Submitting licenses for all accredited practitioners who may serve our veteran participants would be extremely difficult. Will a letter of support from confirming credentialed practitioners will be available to serve our veteran participants meet this requirement?

No, a letter of support will not meet this required element. Applicants must demonstrate the availability of a licensed or credentialed mental health counselor/practitioner to assist veterans, either on staff or through a partnership (Narrative Section III.3) and attach a copy of the counselor/practitioner license or credentials. You are not required to attach copies of your entire available counselor/practitioner license or credentials, but at least one to meet the required element.