

1. What is the eligible applicant criteria?

Proposals will be accepted from public and private non-profit organizations; private for-profit organizations; Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area); education and training providers; and faith-based/community based organizations. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

2. Can another state agency be considered an in-kind contributor and can a vendor be awarded more than \$350,000?

The in-kind contributor can be another partner/state agency as long as there is a partnership letter of commitment stating the in-kind amount. The maximum amount per application is \$350,000.

3. Does a staffing agency meet the requirements of a business?

Yes, as long as the staffing agency has contracts with the high-growth businesses and industries to provide in-demand job employment opportunities to people with disabilities (PWD).

4. Where are the quarterly meetings held and how do applicants budget for them?

The quarterly meetings are rotated at locations throughout California. On a yearly basis, two meetings are held in Southern California and two in Northern California. Applicants should budget for the quarterly meetings beginning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the grant term.

5. What are the eligible participant's requirements specifically for the post-secondary education?

The target population includes:

- All PWDs eligible to participate in this program.
- PWDs working toward or who have obtained a recognized postsecondary credential which includes an associate or a baccalaureate degree by the end of the grant term

6. Define the post-secondary education requirements?

The term recognized postsecondary credential means a credential consisting of an industry-recognized certificate or certification; a certificate of completion of an apprenticeship; a license recognized by the state involved or federal government; or an associate, or baccalaureate degree [WIOA Section 3 (52)].

7. If an applicant partners with the America's Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup> for services, do they need to provide a partnership letter?

Yes, refer to pages 8-9 of the SFP, the applicant is required to partner with two entities:

- WIOA Title I Local Area
- Local Employment Development Department (EDD)/Wagner-Peyser

Applicants are required to submit "Partnership Agreement" letters from each entity.

8. Can the Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) be hired by a non-profit to support the grant?

Yes, DRCs can be hired outside the applicant's agency to provide services for the grant.

9. Does the in-kind match dollar amount have to be in the commitment letters? If so, is there anything that prohibits a local EDD partner from including a dollar amount for match in a Partnership Agreement Letter and can this decision be made by EDD management at the local level?

Yes, the requirement to include the in-kind match dollar amount on the commitment letter is still a minimum requirement for the Disability Employment Accelerator. Each Local Area needs to speak with the local EDD management and follow their internal process for approval from their respective management team.

10. If a proposal includes a partnership between the grantee and the local EDD office, is there a minimum or maximum dollar amount or percentage that is allowed to be charged for the services?

No, there is no limit associated with the partnership with the local EDD office. Each applicant must negotiate the partnership. Once the entities agree on the services and the dollar amount or percentage the applicant must provide the information in the Budget Summary and Exhibit G under Contractual Services.