

**RI Department of Labor and Training
Division of Workforce Development Services
SCSEP PY2011 Pre-Proposal Conference
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Questions and Answers**

Question 1: It would be helpful to know the amount of funding available for this program in order to respond to the RFP. Is that information available?

Answer 1: For planning purposes, the USDOL/ETA has indicated that RI has been authorized 50 positions (slots) and \$480,980.00. These figures can be utilized when drafting your applications.

Question 2: If an organization has an existing training and career ladder program and through this program, people are trained /placed in jobs as homemakers and caregivers for example; and the training is provided free of charge, then when people are placed in jobs, and the organization does bill for these homemaker/caregiver services, can the SCSEP award be used to support participants' wages, fringe and other costs in this case?

Answer 2: The program requirements are set forth under Subpart C, Grant Operations, contained in 20 CFR Part 641. To access the federal regulations on the web, go to http://www.doleta.gov/Seniors/other_docs/etaOAregr.pdf. Grantees and sub-grantees are expected to follow the applicable federal regulations.

Question 3: Is it possible to receive an electronic copy of the power point/slide presentation that was shown at the pre-proposal conference?

Answer 3: All the information that was contained in that presentation is also within the RFP document. Please refer to the RFP as your reference.

Question 4: The RFP indicates the SCSEP applications deadline is May 30th. This is Memorial Day, please advise.

Answer 4: Because Monday, May 30th is a holiday, SCSEP applications deadline is extended to Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

Question 5: Can organizations provide both the training and serve as the site for the community placement? - (i.e.) Can the same organization that provided the placement training also place the trainee in a paid assignment, within this organization?

Answer 5: An organization that has a SCSEP participant working as a trainee can then hire that individual as an unsubsidized employee.

Question 6: How many contracts does DLT anticipate awarding/negotiating/entering into, under the SCSEP RFP?

Answer 6: DLT will be awarding one (1) contract under the SCSEP RFP.

Question 7: Under this SCSEP RFP, can the contractor also be the host site?

Answer 7: The SCSEP is a participant driven program and is intended to serve individuals lacking the skills needed to gain employment. Their training should be based on the participants' Individual Employment Plans (see section 5.2.5 in the RFP). A diverse pool of participants with varied interests is to be served under this program.

The SCSEP is not intended to provide the sub-grantee with trainees simply to meet its own staffing needs. If there is a participant who's IEP, assessment, as well as the expressed interests and desires of the enrollee match a training opportunity within the sub-grantee's organization, then the sub-grantee can act as the host agency. However, these instances would and should be minimal in number.

Question 8: On page eighteen (18) of the RFP there is a checklist, appendix C which indicates that a three (3) page RIVIP Bidder Certification Cover Form is required. Where can that document be found?

Answer 8: Please disregard that item on the checklist. The RIVIP Bidder Certification Cover Form is not required for this RFP.