**STATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**RFA SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY**

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| **RFA NUMBER AND TITLE:** | 202206089 - Strengthening Maine’s Workforce |
| **RFA ISSUED BY:** | Maine Department of Education |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | July 6, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. local time |
| **QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | July 14, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. local time |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** | July 25, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. local time |
| **PROPOSALS DUE TO:** | [Proposals@maine.gov](mailto:Proposals@maine.gov) |

**Provided below are submitted written questions received and the Department’s answer.**

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| **1** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Section D/pg. 3 | How much total funding does MDOE anticipate awarding? |
| **Answer** | |
| The total amount is $4 million- Grant awards will range from $10,000 - $500,000. | |

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| **2** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Section A/pg.1 | The RFA states “Funds will be available for FY22 and FY23”. Since FY22 has now passed, can you please confirm whether this will be a two-year grant for FY23 and FY24 or a one-year grant for FY23 only? |
| **Answer** | |
| Funds will be available for the full 2-year term of the grant. | |

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| **3** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Application/pg. 12 | Can you please clarify when the grant period will start and end? It will be helpful for us to know as we propose our budgets. |
| **Answer** | |
| We have a target start date of 10/01/2022 – grants will go through 5/30/24. | |

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| **4** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Application | Are CDL truck driving schools eligible for funding under this RFA? Given the high need for transportation and delivery in retail and manufacturing it seems a good fit, however, I wanted to make sure. |
| **Answer** | |
| CDL training that is directly attached to an employer within one of the eligible industries and that address the disproportionate economic disruptions due to COVID-19 that supports, expands upon, improves, or enables the start-up of services, but doesn’t supplant or replace services that are provided as part of an adult education provider’s regular programming would be eligible. | |

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| **5** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| n/a | When do you expect to notify awardees? |
| **Answer** | |
| All applicants will be notified in writing, via email, once the evaluation team has reached a consensus on award decision. | |