**STATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**RFA SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY #2**

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| **RFA NUMBER AND TITLE:** | RFA# 202302038, Higher Education Workforce Grants, New or Expanded Programs |
| **RFA ISSUED BY:** | Maine Department of Education |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | June 2, 2023, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time |
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| **APPLICATION DUE DATE:** | June 30, 2023, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time |
| **APPLICATION DUE TO:** | [Proposals@maine.gov](mailto:Proposals@maine.gov) |

**Provided below is a submitted written question received and the Department’s revised answer.**

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| **1** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Section B, pg 3  Application, pg 15 | How should applicants calculate an indirect cost rate for their grant application budget? |
| **Answer** | |
| Applicants may use either their negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA) or the 10% de minimis rate when the applicant does not have a current NICRA. The NICRA is a formal written agreement between an organization and its cognizant federal agency. Institutes of higher education that have other federal grants likely have a NICRA. The Department offers no guarantee of a specific restricted indirect cost rate for potential applicants.. | |