

**Questions Related to the Consortium Structure:**

**Q: Are there any other colleges that are wanting to work on a consortium?**

- A: Colleges are encouraged to reach out to each other directly, to discuss forming a 3+ member consortium.

**Q: In consortium applications, would one college serve as the "lead" (and receive the actual funds) and the others serve as sub recipients?**

- A: Yes, that is the ideal structure. The consortium model requires one college to be the "lead," accepting administrative and fiduciary responsibilities.

**Q: Consortiums require at least 3 colleges, but is there a maximum?**

- A: No, there is not a maximum.

**Questions Related to Use of Funds & Activities:**

**Q: Would a mobile training vehicle that reaches out to high schools and middle schools for manufacturing programs be eligible?**

- A: Yes, this fits into the "Other Allowable Activities" outlined in the NOFO: *"Implementing innovative and collaborative career exploration activities or programs that increase secondary student awareness of Advanced Manufacturing opportunities to expand and diversify the pipeline of prospective learners entering these programs, including engaging middle school students in grades 5 – 8."* Please note that if this is the sole use of funds, it may not meet all the required activity parameters. It is then suggested that this is not the only use of funds. This may be good for a component of a consortium application.

**Q: Would number of students introduced to programs be counted towards grant from mobile training vehicle?**

- A: Yes, this fits into the provided definition of 'Number of students to be engaged in this grant' outlined in the NOFO: *"This refers to students participating in career exploration activities; students enrolled in priority and eligible programs, students participating in eligible adult education bridge programs, etc."*

**Q: Can the funds be used to provide tuition for students in Advance Manufacturing programs?**

- A: Yes. Please see stipend guidance and keep in mind stipends for tuition assistance should be last dollar only, meaning students must exhaust all other potential sources of financial aid before utilizing Advanced Manufacturing funds for tuition stipends.

**Questions related to the Grant Application Requirements:**

**Q: Do you require letters of support from partners? And if we do get the letters, would we receive extra points?**

- A: Requirement Question: No, but it is allowable to collect them on behalf of your project for you own internal records.
- A: Extra credit Question: No extra credit would be granted if they are collected as this was not outlined in the NOFO.

**Q: As far as formatting for the Project work plan, should we put that information in a chart?**

- A: A chart is recommended to keep track of timelines and individuals responsible for different activities, but please keep in mind that if you provide all of the information for the project work plan section in a chart format, you must ensure that each activity is described in detail.

**Questions related Grant Application Review Process:**

**Q: Will colleges forming a consortium have an advantage over individual's applicants.**

- A: No. Individual and consortium applications will be scored separately. We have set aside enough funding to be able to fund some of each.

**Q: Is the scoring information provided in the NOFO?**

- A: Scoring will be out of 100 points and will follow the criteria listed in the NOFO, as is standard practice. Decisions to award grants and the funding levels will be determined per application based upon compliance with the requirements of this NOFO and the grant proposal. All components of the application must be submitted for it to be scored.