



Grants Technical Assistance

Intermediate Request for Proposals:

HECC # 26-022 / OregonBuys # S-52500-0017569

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Question & Answers

- 1. For Proposers who are selected, when will they be expected to begin providing technical assistance? For example, would the anticipated start be September 2026, October 2026, or another timeframe?**

A: The estimated start date is October 9, 2026, though actual commencement may vary based on project needs and RFA timelines.

- 2. Section 6, Evaluation Item 3 — Is active COBID registration a prerequisite for award, or solely a scoring item worth up to 20 points? Is any comparable consideration available to firms holding federal SBA WOSB and EDWOSB certification?**

A: COBID registration is a scoring item; comparable consideration will be given.

- 3. Is eligibility for the TAP pool limited to Oregon-based firms, or may out-of-state proposers with virtual service delivery capacity be considered?**

A: Out of state Proposers are welcome to submit; all services will be rendered virtually.

- 4. The RFP establishes a \$30,000 not-to-exceed amount for all contracts issued under this solicitation. How many Contractors does HECC anticipate seating, and what is the estimated number of hours per Contractor per RFA?**

A: HECC does not currently have an estimation of seated Contractors. HECC is presently aware of three RFAs that will make Contractors available to applicants. Work will be assigned on an as-needed basis depending on the number of applicants within each RFA group. Additional HECC programs may opt into the opportunity for TA providers for future RFAs, which would increase the total pool budget and create more TA opportunities.

- 5. Section 4.A — Please confirm the scope of the restriction on competing for HECC grant funding. Does it extend to serving as a subcontractor or subrecipient under a HECC grantee, and does it apply to affiliated entities or only to the contracting legal entity and its employees?**

A: Contractors would not be eligible to apply for the opportunities they're advising on. Contractors applying for other HECC opportunities would need to disclose any potential conflicts of interest as described in [ORS Chapter 244](#).

- 6. The page 1 header references HECC #23-130 and OregonBuys #S-52500-00009258, while the cover page and all subsequent headers reference HECC #26-022 and OregonBuys #S-52500-0017569. Please confirm the correct solicitation and OregonBuys numbers for proposal submission.**

A: HECC #26-022 and OregonBuys #S-52500-0017569 are correct. The Cover Page has been updated.

- 7. Section 5 directs Proposers to address the activities described in Section 3, while Section 6, Evaluation Item 2 references the services described in Section 4. Please confirm which section governs the Project Approach narrative.**

A: Section 5 outlines the components that must be included in the Proposal submission. Section 6 outlines the criteria and scoring items the Evaluation Committee will use to evaluate those submissions. Proposers should review both

sections to ensure their proposals address all listed requirements and evaluation criteria.

8. Section 5 — Does the five-page limit include the Attachment A Proposal Certification Sheet?

A: No.

9. Can you tell me how many providers HECC is considering selecting, and what is HECC's process for referrals if more than one provider is selected?

A: Please see the answer to #4.

10. Does HECC have limitations on TA provider offerings? One example might be a limitation on the amount of time the provider may assist each applicant.

A: Limitations will be established according to program and RFA needs.