

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Marketing, Matching and Engagement Program

Questions and Answers

Question: I am part of a manufacturing consortium with non-profit status that seems to be a perfect fit for this RFP. However, before we engage all of our resources on this proposal, I'd like to confirm whether this is strictly a competition for the NYS RTDC/MEP centers or whether it is intended for other non-profits as well. Additionally, is the intent to cover all NYS or one of the regions with the funding?

Answer: **No; Section I.B of the Request for Proposals states any not-for-profit involved with economic development is eligible. This RFP is not limited to any program participates or designated centers. Secondly;**
Yes; Section I.A of the Request for Proposals does expressly denote this will cover all NYS; i.e., a statewide effort.

Question: In order to continue and expand the mission of the tCAR grant, the knowledge and understanding of the activities, learning and tools developed under the tCAR grant is required to build upon to eliminate duplicity of previous efforts (and associated resources and funds). Where and how can interested applicants review in detail these items, which to my knowledge include resource and client databases, procedures and processes, prototype web transaction and tracking portal, etc.?

Answer: **No; Proposal form/content requirements prescribed in Section III.E; likewise Proposal review criteria denoted in Section IV.A, do not expressly require such in-depth knowledge of tCAR resources, processes or procedures.**

Question: Will the tools, procedures, etc., described above be available to the winning applicant to build upon?

Answer: **Yes.**

Question: Will all or any of the staff responsible for the work under the tCAR grant be available to work with or for the winning applicant?

Answer: **The State will not preclude anyone previously involved with the tCAR from working with/for the winning applicant.**