

Frequently Asked Questions for Health Care Sector SGA

In an effort to assist applicants, the WIB has done their best to research and provide answers to the following frequently asked questions below. This is not a comprehensive list of all questions, is meant to serve as a guide in completing the application, and reflect local interpretation of the SGA. For more comprehensive answers please contact USDOL directly.

1. Which populations can be served under this grant?

Targeted populations include (a) unemployed workers, (b) dislocated workers and (c) incumbent workers including low-wage workers.

Within these categories, grantees may serve a wide range of individuals, such as (a) individuals on public assistance, (b) high school dropouts, (c) individuals with disabilities, (d) veterans and (e) individuals with Limited English Proficiency (pg. 36257). Please note that The Jobs for Veterans Act requires that veterans and their spouses receive priority of service through this grant. (pg. 36260).

2. How much will be awarded and what is the period of grant performance?

ETA intends to fund grants ranging from approximately \$2 - \$5 million for grantees. ETA does not expect to fund proposals beyond this range. (pg. 36258)

The period of the grant performance will be up to 36 months from the date of execution of the grant documents. This performance period includes all necessary implementation and start-up activities, the completion of training activities and the award of employer- or industry-recognized certificates or degrees and participant follow-up. (pg. 36258)

3. What are the required performance metrics for this SGA?

Awardees must track participant level data, which will be the basis of reporting, as well as participant SSN. Awardees must track outcomes for each of the following categories for all participants:

- Total participants served;
- Total # of participants beginning education/training activities;
- Total # of participants completing education/training activities;
- Total # of participants that complete education/training activities that receive a degree/certificate;

- Total # participants completing education/training activities that are placed into unsubsidized employment;
- Total # participants completing education/training activities that are placed into training related unsubsidized employment;
- Total # of participants who are placed into unsubsidized employment who retain an employed status in the first and second quarters following initial placement. (pg. 36265)

4. Is the funding award “pay as you go”?

USDOL has clarified that funding amount will be put into an account and the grantee can draw down the funds as needed.

5. What is the definition of certificate?

A certificate is awarded in recognition of an individual’s attainment of measurable technical or occupational skills necessary to gain employment or advance within an occupation. These technical or occupational skills are based on standards developed or endorsed by employers. Certificates awarded by WIBs are not included in this definition. Work readiness certificates are also not included in this definition. A certificate is awarded in recognition of an individual’s attainment of technical or occupational skills by a certifying entity (listed in the SGA) (pg. 36266)

6. Can my organization apply as both a lead and a partner for this grant?

Yes. An organization that submits an application for this agency as the project lead may also participate as a partner in applications submitted by other applicants in response to this SGA. (pg. 36258)

**7. What are the WIB review deadlines for each grant solicitation?
What documents will the WIB require for its review?**

The WIB review deadline for this SGA will be **September 18, 2009**.
The WIB has posted its requirements for support on www.nyc.gov/wib.