RESPONE For: EDA Good Jobs Challenge - Further Clarification
North Carolina Agricultural &Technical State University

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- Have the 17 community colleges listed under the subaward Community College Partnership been identified? After speaking with our lawyers we think it is fine that you aggregate these subawards into one line item, but please also list them in the subawardee tab. I would recommend labeling them Subaward (#10-26) and breaking down their budget.

  o Yes we identified the 17 community Colleges and the list is given below. **SubAwardee—17 Community College Partnership Breakdown is as follows :--**

    1) 4 Regional Tech Centers (RTCs) will be located in
       a. (1) NC A&T/Guilford Tech CC;
       b. (2) Central Piedmont Community College/ Olympic High School;
       c. (3) Halifax Community College and
       d. (4) Martin Community College.
    2) Remaining 13 community Colleges that access instructional and equipment resources from the above 4 RTCs are:
       1. CapeFear CC
       2. EdgeCombe :
       3. College of The Albemarle :
       4. Bladen CC
       5. Nash CC :
       6. Beaufort CC :
       7. CRAVEN CC :
       8. Pitt CC:
       9. Randolph CC:
       10. Forsyth Tech CC :
       11. Alamance CC :
       12. Rockingham CC :
       13. Gaston CC:

  o We also collected the UEIDs# for 6 out of 17 community colleges given below this afternoon.

       a. Halifax Community College:
          i. DUNS number ___0841772520000___
       b. Alamance
          i. UEI #: **UPTURMSBBGZC6**
       c. **Gaston CC:**
          i. **DUNS: 030497689**
          ii. **UEI: GN64T4YKFNQ8**
       d. Guilford Tech CC:

i. UEI = JFSWCMGNVWN7.
e. Martin Community College
    i. DUNS # 0371611710000
f. Craven Community College
    i. UEI: YX51FKECK2A5
    ii. DUNS: 075567495

- After speaking with our lawyers we think it is fine that you aggregate these subawards into one line item, but please also list them in the subawardee tab. I would recommend labeling them Subaward (#10-26) and breaking down their budget.

    o We listed the SubAward (#10-26) in the SubAwardee Template and broke down the budgets. Please find in the Excel Document.
    o Budget Justification for roles and responsibilities of each Community College is provided in the SubAwardee Template

- I saw that you still have Robert Powell listed as a contractor. Sorry if I didn't provide enough context on this one, but can you move him out of the contractor section and to key personnel under North Carolina A&T? As currently listed, you would need to provide evidence that your sought other quotes for these responsibilities.

    o Yes We agree to move the Robert Powell in the Key Personnel in NC A&T and he will serve as 1099 Consultant. His roles and responsibilities are included in budget narrative and also copied below.

        ▪ Robert Powell will serve as an NCAT-SLE-Liaison to Backbone Organizations in convening the Bbos for monthly meetings, tracking their status of milestones and deliverables, and assisting the PI with periodic reports. He will be hired by NCA&T as a 1099-consultant for STEPs4GROWTH at $25,000/yr for 4 years. Robert Powell has been associated with the Bbos in the state for 30 years and his experience in workforce development is extensive. He has a position as Vice-Chair of Advanced Energy (one of STEPs4GROWTH's Backbone organizations), and will be elevated to Chair by 2023. Additionally, Prof. Powell is an active leader of DEIA working group for e4Carolinas (another backbone org). Prof. Powell was recognized in late 2021 by NCSEA (another backbone org) for Career contribution to the Energy Sector in NC. He is connected to all the Backbone organizations, including the NCSU Clean Energy Tech Center. Robert will provide a link to all the Backbone organizations and help the PI lead the project. Total fund requested is $100,000 for 4 years.

- Related, is there a reason you wouldn't just move the other TBD staff to the staffing plan currently listed as contractors? I'm seeing you listed other TBD hires in your staffing plan (ie. faculty and undergrad students).

- - Yes, We have to keep the personnel TBH by NC A&T in the Faculty & Key Personnel section
  - "Based on university budgeting procedures and 2 CFR Subpart E - Cost Principles, only NCAT personnel (full-time, part-time, and students) are listed in the Key and Other Personnel section. Since consultants/contract services are typically provided by external entities, they are listed in the "Other Direct Costs" category.
  - However, we listed the individual contract services in the staffing-Template, as long as we do not move the contract services to the "Other Personnel" line item in the budget."
- Can you provide a brief description of the Project Management Service? – Row 37
  - Yes, We updated the below highlighted Content in Budget Narrative Template now and also in the Budget Justification file Provided.
    Consultant-Program Management: A Program Management leader for **STEPs4GROWTH** will be selected by a bidding process. The selected Program Management company will work in tandem with the PI, Dr. Gokaraju. The roles and responsibilities in the project include:
    1. Lead and manage both the 4-Vertical CE Sectors (five backbone organizations) and 10-Horizontal Cross-Sector Thrusts (5 Professors and 4 NFP Leads) with Processes, Design and Goals.
    2. Report to the System Lead Entity—NCAT (Dr. Gokaraju and Dr. Monty)
    3. Convene bi-weekly meetings of all the leads to ensure the deliverables, goals are being met and evaluate the performance metrics
    4. Share the execution plan and timelines with all 15 Leaders (5 Backbone organizations and 10 cross-sector Thrust leaders) during the System development-Phase1 and program design-Phase2 (19 months).
    5. Track the status of the program system development, program design, and program implementation phases in all 4 regions. Program Implementation will start in summer 2024 and end in summer 2026.
    6. Lead the DEIA team: The Program Management consultant will co-lead the DEIA team (with Dr. Monty) to ensure the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility activities are provided to all the 4 verticals in a consistent manner to both participants and industry employers.
    7. Work with Jobs for the Future to ensure DEIA implementation works for all participants and employers. Work with the LiNC-IT autism workforce development program to provide opportunities to autistic professionals.

    The Program Management consultant team is budgeted at $205,000/yr. **Total funds requested: $820,000.**
- I know that I shared that you no longer required resumes for subawardees, but can share the staffing plans for the subawardees listed in the excel doc? It doesn't have to be overly extensive, but it would be helpful to understand what roles are in place at the subawardees or what roles you will be hiring for.

  - Yes, we expanded the staffing plan in the SubAwardee-Template file. The description of SubAwardee Personnel, roles, and responsibilities are also provided in the staffing plan of SubAwardee-Template File.

Please reach out to me for any additional information that I can provide. Thank You.

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