**Teacher Opportunity Corps**

**2014-2017**

**Questions and Answers**

**Question:** Because this grant is open only to institutions that offer approved programs in teacher preparation leading to permanent certification (that is, programs registered by the State Education Department for teacher education purposes," how can M/WBE's participate?

**Answer:** You are correct. This RFP is directed to institutions that offer approved programs in teacher preparation. M/WBE participation can be achieved through the purchase of supplies and materials. In the event applicants cannot meet the M/WBE participation goals, applicants must document their “Good Faith Efforts” to comply and submit one of the following requests: Request a Partial Waiver of Participation Goals or Request a Complete Waiver of Participation Goals. (Details may be found in the RFP)

**Question:** There appears to be serious formatting problems with the RFP that is out for the Teacher Opportunity Corps, with several of the forms “bleeding” onto the following pages, including some of the forms that appear to be included in the 20 page limit. This can be best viewed from page 60 or so down. You might consider re-posting the document?

**Answer:** NYSED checked the formatting and found no issues. The pages referenced in the question do not count in the 20 page limit.

**Question:** With regard to Attachment VIII M/WBE Documents—the majority of our purchased services are tuition thus we will not be able to meet the 20% goal for M/WBE. Should we request a waiver for the M/WBE Goal or should we exclude the tuition from purchased services calculations and base our ability to meet the 20% goal on the discretionary funds not including tuition?

**Answer:** In the event applicants cannot meet the M/WBE participation goals, applicants must document their “Good Faith Efforts” to comply and submit one of the following requests: Request a Partial Waiver of Participation Goals or Request a Complete Waiver of Participation Goals. (Details may be found in the RFP)

**Question:** We have a current TOC award with expiration date of 30-Jun-2014. Should we base our budget period on 1-Jul-2014? If awarded will we be able to charge actual costs to the grant?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Will you specify how the 2014-17 TOC RFP differs from the 2011/12-2013/14 TOC RFP?

**Answer:** (1) New Prequalification Requirement

The State of New York has implemented a new statewide prequalification process (described in http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov/Grantees) designed to facilitate prompt contracting for not-for-profit vendors. All not-for-profit vendors are required to pre-qualify prior to grant application. This includes all currently funded not-for-profit institutions that have already received an award and are in the middle of the program cycle. The pre-qualification must be completed by all not-for-profit organizations prior to the application due date in order to qualify for an award under this grant.

**Question:** Since the Budget period is from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, can we include budget for summer activities running in August, 2014?

**Answer:** Yes

**Question:** Can Appendices/References relevant to the RFP be included but not counted in the 20 page limit?

**Answer:** Yes

**Question:** Is the Proposed Budget Form (Attachment IV TOC Application) included in the 20 page limit? Should it follow the Budget Narrative?

**Answer:** The Proposed Budget Form (Attachment IV TOC Application) is not included in the 20 page limit. It should follow the budget narrative.

**Question:** Although the FS-10 form [TOC Attachment VI] is not included in the 20 page limit, where should it be found in the application packet; Inside the Proposal narrative before the Budget Narrative? Or Outside the Proposal narrative following the Budget Narrative?

**Answer:** Before the Budget Narrative