

## Questions and Answers

### **1. How many sites and/or staff from the WDS and partners are anticipated to participate in the redesign process?**

The Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Collaborative Redesign Technical Assistance (CRTA) should include a collaborative participation from the following: Employment Development Department (EDD) Unemployment Insurance Branch (UIB) and Workforce Services Branch (WSB) staff and management, EDD WSB Field offices, and local Workforce Development System (WDS) operators and partners.

The EDD will collaborate with the local EDD WSB Field office staff and management, particularly the staff responsible for the RESEA program, to identify and invite participation from their respective local WDS operators. The EDD will provide direct guidance to the TA provider to coordinate innovation cohorts or learning communities of practice (CoP) that include workforce partners who want to participate in the RESEA collaborative redesign discussions and meetings. The determination of the precise number of sites and staff from the WDS and its partners who will participate in the redesign process will be made collaboratively by the EDD and the TA provider.

### **2. When will the evaluator for RESEA be chosen, and what is the anticipated period of performance? (How will this be aligned with the timeline for the RESEA CRTA period of performance?)**

The EDD is currently in the final stages of finalizing the RESEA program evaluation contract, with an anticipated start date scheduled for Fall 2023. The RESEA program evaluation is set to encompass a three-year contract duration.

### **3. When will the RESEA program evaluator be selected?**

The EDD is in the final stages of procuring the contract for the RESEA program evaluation, and the anticipated commencement is expected to be in the Fall of 2023.

### **4. How many AJCCs do you anticipate will participate in the community of practice? Is this the same group as the RESEA CRTA PY 23-24 program awardees?**

The EDD will direct the TA provider to coordinate innovation cohorts or learning CoP that include workforce partners who want to participate in the RESEA collaborative redesign discussions and meetings. The exact number of WSB Field offices and WDS operators will be determined by the EDD and TA provider.

The RESEA CRTA grant will select one awardee through this SFP. The CRTA awardee will lead the RESEA collaboration redesign by providing expertise in technical assistance and is not associated with the America Job Centers of California (AJCC).

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**5. Will the innovation pilots be launched within this two-year grant timeframe?**

The RESEA CRTA final project will include guidance and a process map of future RESEA redesign pilots, including implementation and replication of the RESEA redesign. The RESEA CRTA will not include the launch of the innovation pilots during the two-year grant.

**6. Should Exhibit I be amended: Project Work Plan template to include the additional columns described on page 11–12 of the SFP (Deliverables, Outcomes, Responsible Partners)?**

Please note the Exhibit I: Project Work Plan template does not include the additional columns described on page 11–12 of the SFP (Deliverables, Outcomes, Responsible Partners). This is an error/typo within the published SFP. There is no need to add any additional columns; please fill out only the columns requested as per the Exhibit.

**7. What is the process for making modifications to the contract once awarded?**

Contract modifications are handled on a case-by-case basis. Any requests for modifications must be submitted at least six months before the contract's expiration date. Modifications will be processed if they align with the contract's terms and conditions and fall within the allowable scope outlined in the RESEA Grant Terms and Conditions.

**8. Can funding be used to conduct research and analysis of the program including contracting with a third-party evaluator?**

The EDD is currently finalizing a contract with an external RESEA program evaluator with an anticipated start date of Fall 2023.

The RESEA CRTA grant awardee will work in close coordination with the contracted RESEA program evaluator, in addition to the strategic partners in this project to (i) engage in strategic planning, (ii) innovate and implement changes to service delivery models, (iii) close service gaps, (iv) build organizational capacity, and (v) scale effective program design to inform workforce policy statewide.

**9. Can funding be used to support the RESEA awardee in the execution of their program design for example job navigator, tools/resources, etc.?**

The RESEA CRTA final project will include guidance and a process map of future RESEA redesign pilots, including implementation and replication of the RESEA redesign. The RESEA CRTA will not include the execution of the program redesign process map and/or innovation pilots during the two-year grant.

Per the RESEA CRTA SFP, funds awarded must be used to accomplish the RESEA project redesign, including the following: Program Analysis, Case Studies and Policy Scans, Design and Facilitation, and Program and System-Level Recommendations (please see page 3 of the SFP for more information).

**10. Does the community of practice include local AJCCs and other external partners, or just EDD staff?**

The RESEA CRTA should incorporate collaborative participation from the following stakeholders: EDD UIB and WSB staff and management, EDD WSB Field offices, and local WDS operators and partners, which includes America's Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup>.

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**11. Who will be providing the evaluation services for this grant?**

The EDD is in the final stages of finalizing the RESEA program evaluation contract, with an anticipated start date in Fall 2023. Since the contract has not been finalized and executed yet, the official selection of the RESEA program evaluator has not been determined at this time.

**12. If in-person convenings are deemed appropriate, will the EDD provide a meeting space?**

The TA provider must coordinate and facilitate the RESEA CRTA meetings attended by the EDD and Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA), as well as representatives from the broader WDS, including but not limited to: convenings, planning sessions, CoP meetings, and partner meetings.

If in-person meetings are deemed necessary or required based on the needs of the RESEA CRTA, the EDD will ensure the provision of the required meeting space for all stakeholders to attend.

**13. Should contractors or consultants be selected and identified prior to being awarded? Or should a general line item be included in the supplemental budget with the expectation that a procurement process will need to be conducted?**

If an applicant anticipates selecting a contractor or consultant, please see the SFP's Section V. Statement of Capacity and Capabilities – V.2 Infrastructure/Staffing, and Exhibit Instructions, Exhibit F: Budget Summary.

When procuring contractors for goods and services, DOL/ETA recipients and subrecipients must follow the procurement requirements found at 2 CFR 200.320 (except states, pursuant to 2 CFR 200.317), which calls for free and open competition.

**14. Describe the current relationship between WPRS and RESEA re: profiling? Has EDD moved away from straight profiling?**

At present, the EDD selects RESEA participants who meet the Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS) Selection System criteria.

**15. Where is the evaluation solicitation for the RESEA program location on the California Grants Portal?**

The RESEA program evaluation contract was not procured through the solicitations for proposal process; therefore, it is unavailable for public view on the California Grants Portal.

Any additional EDD program evaluation opportunities that may go through the solicitation for proposals process will be found directly on the EDD public site – [Workforce Development Solicitation for Proposals](#), as well as the [California Grants Portal](#).