

Industry Partnership RFP
Q&A

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Q: What kind of organization(s) can apply for the Industry Partnership grants?

A: (From the RFP) The following entities are eligible to serve as lead applicants as long as the conditions described below are met:

- Business consortia and/or associations, including entities such as chambers of commerce
- Single or a consortium of local workforce investment boards
- Economic development authorities or agencies
- Department of Commercialization and Innovation partners
- Industrial development authorities and corporations
- Non-profit organizations or associations serving as regional or local workforce intermediaries
- Organized labor
- Labor/management partnerships

The partnership must meet the definition of “employer-led,” with majority representation from ten or more businesses operating in the designated industry sector, and the majority of leadership roles held by employer representatives.

To ensure collaboration and alignment with other regional initiatives, Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs) must be represented in the Partnership. **LWIBs will serve as the fiscal agent** for grant funds and will work with the lead applicant in monitoring and compliance.

Q: What’s the time duration for the Industry Partnership grants?

A: Calendar year 2015.

Q: Is two or more counties considered “multi-regional” or does it have to expand between multi-LWIA areas?

A: Multi-county does not count for avoiding the funding limit, only multi-LWIA.