

PAsmart Supporting Apprenticeship Building through Registered Apprenticeship Program

Bidder's Conference Q&A – September 24, 2024

Please Note: All questions and answers have been paraphrased.

Q: Must you be an awardee from previous Ambassador Networks NGAs to be eligible for these funds?

A: Yes, eligibility for this NGA is specific to previous awardees of the Ambassador Networks grants from 2021 and 2019.

Q: Is there a comprehensive list of previous awardees who are eligible?

A: The complete list of previous awardees includes the following: 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund, Keystone Development Partnership, Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Development Board, Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC), Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association, Philadelphia Works, Inc., and Thomas P. Miller and Associates.

Q: Can you send me a copy of the PPT?

A: The bidders conference will be available on the Department of Labor & Industry's website at [Grants | Department of Labor and Industry | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)

Q: If we have a current PAsmart apprenticeship grant that will end this fiscal, would we be eligible to apply for this?

A: Yes, entities may have multiple active PAsmart grants. The complete list of previous awardees includes the following: 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund, Keystone Development Partnership, Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Development Board, Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC), Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association, Philadelphia Works, Inc., and Thomas P. Miller and Associates.

Q: Are applicants expect to develop a completely new apprenticeship, or can we work off of an existing apprenticeship?

A: If an applicant has a currently registered apprenticeship, they may add the Navigator occupation to the RAP. This will require establishing the standards for the Navigator occupation and approval from the

Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Office. A successful project will result in the following outcomes being met:

- Development of 2 cohorts resulting in a minimum of 40 trained Navigators that have attained journeyworker status because of the grant.
- Convene employers and training providers to facilitate a dialog around training and workforce development needs.
- Develop program delivery tools to attract and retain registered apprentices and facilitate program growth.
- Conduct national and statewide research to identify and share best practices across the Commonwealth.

Q: What sort of curriculum would we have to develop, or can we develop our own?

A: Please refer to the Sponsor Guide to assist in reviewing the building of registered apprenticeships. This can be downloaded at: [Registering an Apprenticeship Program in PA Guide for Employers or Sponsors](#)

Q: What is the expectation of what the On the Job Training looks like? Is this up to the employer?

A: Please refer to the RA Desk Guide to assist in reviewing the building of registered apprenticeships. This can be downloaded at: [PA CareerLink® | Registered Apprenticeship | Resources for Registered Apprenticeship Programs](#)

Q: What would On the Job Training look like for an apprenticeship navigator?

A: The Navigator Work processes should be made specific to the occupation. Information related to this occupation can be requested here at atogrants@pa.gov.