Questions and Answers Health Care Facility Transformation Program: Oneida County RFA# 1505060325 / Grants Gateway ID: DOH01-ONEIDA-2016

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1	Applicant Eligibility	I have looked over the RFA for Oneida and it seems somewhat similar to the Healthcare Facility Transformation grant that was released and we completed in September. However, what I am wondering as it is looking to combine care, is if a Planned Parenthood worked in conjunction with other organizations, if that would be an appropriate application. From the RFP I could really see an answer either way.	Please refer to Section II. Who May Apply, that specifies who are Eligible Applicants. The statute authorizing the HCFTP: Oneida County program limits eligible applicants to general hospitals. The Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program had broader statutory eligibility criteria that included other provider types.
2	Applicant Eligibility	With respect to Section II., Who May Apply, we have the following questions: In a case where a two hospital system and their active parent, which is a co-operator of each hospital, plan to collaborate, would the active parent/co-operator be an eligible applicant? Specifically, the active parent meets qualifier a) under Section II, but does the Department agree that it meets qualifier b), a general hospital as defined in Public Health Law (PHL), Section 2801(10)?	A co-operator is a general hospital as defined in Public Health Law (PHL) Section 2801(10) and, therefore, would be an eligible applicant for this RFA.
3	Applicant Eligibility	May the eligible applicant include more than one hospital? For example, could two hospitals apply as co-applicants, with both agreeing to sign the grant contract as awarded, or could two hospitals apply together with their active parent/co-operator, with all three entities agreeing to sign the grant contract if awarded? Or must there be a single corporate applicant?	If a hospital(s) has a co-operater, the co-operator should be the applicant. This procurement requires a single awardee with one entity signing and having responisbility for the contract.
4	Eligible Expenses	With respect to Section III.C., Eligible and Excluded Expenses and Disallowed Costs, when do eligible costs become eligible for reimbursement under this grant? Is the first date when an eligible cost becomes eligible for reimbursement the date that the award is announced (projected to be 2/28/17)? If not, what is the date? Is it possible that any costs, such as architectural design costs, incurred before the effective date would be eligible for reimbursement under the grant?	Only expenses determined allowable under the contract budget and work plan and incurred on or after the start date of the contract, may be vouchered for reimbursement.
5	General Questions	I have a question I would like to ask concerning this proposal. Who can I call or talk to regarding the RFP?	Questions regarding this RFA can be directed to this email address (oneidacounty@health.ny.gov). To the degree possible, each inquiry should cite the RFA section and paragraph to which it refers. Written questions will be accepted until December 12, 2016. Responses to all questions will be provided in writing on or about December 19, 2016.

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6	MWBE	Can you tell me the Minority and Woman Business Enterprise Goals for this grant?	MWBE goals are outlined beginning on page 11 of the RFA.
7	MWBE	My company is an Empire State Certified Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprise that distributes Medical Equipment and Supplies. Will this grant include such products? Can a MWBE be a subcontractor for a prime contractor to help reach grant diversity goals with medical products, supplies and equipment and can you provide my company information to the applicants?	It is possible that an Eligible Applicant for this grant opportunity would have need for the products outlined in your email inquiry. However, selection of subcontractors is at the discretion of the Eligible Applicant. Attached to the end of this Q&A document is a listing of Letters of Interest received.
8	Subcontracts	 With respect to Section III.C., Eligible and Excluded Expenses and Disallowed Costs, and Section IV.G., Minority & Woman-Owned Business Enterprise Requirements, we have the following questions regarding the terms subcontractor and subcontracted as used in those sections: For a not-for-profit entity, does subcontractor or subcontracted include services such as those provided by construction companies, architects, consultants preparing CON applications, attorneys providing legal consultation, equipment vendors, and other entities that typically help hospitals to secure approvals for and implement construction/merger projects, or is it meant to mean, for example, a hospital being awarded a grant and having a hospital partner perform some of the key functions under the grant proposal, such that the hospital partner in that situation would become a subcontractor? 	service or labor is subcontracted, then the business providing the service or labor would be the subcontractor for consideration of meeting the MWBE requirements/goals. However, the prime
9	Subcontracts	Is the concept of subcontractor as discussed on Page 6 of the RFA defined differently from the concept of subcontracted as referenced on Page 12 of the RFA under the MWBE goal definition for not-for-profits?	No.
10	Subcontracts	If the definitions on Page 6 and 12 are meant to include the same entities, and if those entities include the entities referenced in the first bullet above that typically help hospitals to secure approvals for and implement construction/merger projects, does that mean that NYSDOH plans to review and approve every one of those entities, as stated on Page 6 of the RFA?	Yes.