



OREGON WORKFORCE
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Oregon Workforce Partnership Government Relations Solicitation

Questions and Answers

This information may be edited for clarity

August 6, 2019

- Q1 What is the desired contract length and start/finish dates?
A1 **Respondents should propose a timeline and budget that supports the 2020 short session and beyond. The time period is up to the respondent, but our goal is to establish an ongoing relationship.**
- Q2 Does the statement that “OWP is not seeking to establish a formal lobby program” indicate that this is a pilot lobby program, rather than a long-term lobby opportunity, or rather that forms of advocacy other than lobbying are desired?
A2 **OWP is a 501(c)(3) and is bound by those lobbying rules and restrictions. Our goal is to educate, advocate, and develop strategies to effectively influence specific legislation within the rules governing Oregon 501(c)(3) organizations.**
- Q3 In Part II, the RFP indicates a focus on monitoring key policy developments that would impact OWP members. Is the focus on the state legislative policymaking process only, or does it include other state policymaking processes, including agency rulemaking and executive decisions?
A3 **OWP is interested in a comprehensive monitoring approach that includes any and all actions that may impact OWP members.**
- Q4 Where can we find details about your previous legislative, policy, or budget initiatives?
A4 **Please refer to <https://oregonworkforcepartnership.org>.**
- Q5 Do you or any of the members have relationship map systems or resources that have been used in the past?
A5 **We do not have a map that we have been utilizing. Please see the response to Q1 on July 29, 2019, below.**
- Q6 Who is on the public agency committee?
A6 **The current committee is comprised of three Directors, representing Eastern Oregon, Portland Metro, and the Salem area. This may change depending upon the advice of the contractor and consent of the Board.**
- Q7 Would the members be interested in hosting tours for the legislators and other stakeholders prior to the start of the next legislative session?
A7 **Members are interested in doing whatever it takes to improve our relations at home and in Salem. We will look to the contractor to suggest activities that will help to achieve that goal.**
- Q8 Part III, Activity 2, Number 3 is “policy issuance” in reference to administrative rulemaking (OARs related to legislative policy implementation), executive actions, or legislation?
A8 **We want to monitor all relevant actions – administrative, legislative, etc. The challenge and opportunity with Workforce Development is that it touches multiple policies, agencies, and priorities, from transportation to corrections to housing. A primary objective of this RFP is to help policymakers and other stakeholders connect with workforce needs, ideas, and solutions with the work of our members.**

July 29, 2019

- Q1 Can you share more about the objective behind the resource and relationship map? Have you currently been utilizing one? Rely on another example in another association/state?
A1 **We do not have a map that we have been utilizing. The objective behind the map is to help OWP members better navigate the cross-sector stakeholders and address the myriad issues that workforce development encompasses. Further, the funding that supports workforce development in Oregon is a complex braiding of federal, state, local and grant funds and resources. As a result, it can be difficult to identify the interconnectivity as well as the impacts funding reductions have on workforce development for key stakeholders.**