

IBSGP Conference Call Summary
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Opening Comments:

Thank you everybody for calling in today, welcome to the IBSGP Conference Call. First, we would like to remind you of a few key dates: Monday, the 13th of June, is the deadline to submit the SF-424 through grants.gov; all the remaining documents; including the IJs, budget detail worksheets and all the rest of the documents required, are due to ND Grants on the 20th of June.

Also, we have been asked about the estimated dollar amounts put on the SF-424, and would it matter if when the actual budget detail is submitted it is different. Although your final budget amount may change between when the SF-424 and when the actual IJ's are submitted, that is fine.

Last week FEMA issued an Information Bulletin (IB) about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FEMA and TSA. The IB mentioned the Top Transit Asset List (TTAL) and questions have arisen about it. The TTAL only pertains to the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) and mass transit entities. It is not related at all to the IBSGP. Also, the priorities applicable to the IBSGP can be found in the IBSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Although we service UASI jurisdictions, we have a bus yard that is not in a UASI area. Will that affect how our application is scored?

A: If your company meets the eligibility criteria for servicing UASI jurisdictions, then you are eligible; it does not matter where your bus yard is physically located, as those buses housed there may provide service to the UASI area, so they are fine.

Q: Should we ask for just one effort (e.g., just GPS or just CCTV) to appear more cost effective, or should we ask for everything in one IJ?

A: More expensive does not equal bad cost effectiveness. Some things cost more and that is not necessarily a bad thing, but it should be explained. If you do request multiple or different equipment in one IJ, be sure to explain how the project is scalable, as necessary or appropriate, so that partial funding may be an option.

Q: The guidance mentions the hiring of full or part-time contractors or consultants – would we be able to contract out for a security officer for a year with grant funds, and then maybe hire him/or her full time later with company funds?

A: Yes, that is allowable. Just be sure to clearly explain the duties, shifts, patrols, etc. that the security contractor will be required to fulfill, and the plan for how the company would pick up the cost later.

Q: We have already submitted our SF-424 on grants.gov. Do we also submit other forms (like the SF-424C) on grants.gov?

A: No, only the SF-424 needs to be submitted on grants.gov. All other remaining documentation should be submitted via ND grants.

Q: Can we submit excel spreadsheets or other attachments with our IJs? If so, where?

A: Yes, you can submit additional information. In addition to your IJ submittal, you can submit additional documents (e.g. excel documents, etc.) through ND grants. Please make sure to reference these attachments in your project's original IJ.

Q: Will the SF-424 that we submit through grants.gov go automatically to NG grants?

A: Yes, it will. It is then your responsibility to submit the remainder of your application on ND grants.

Closing Comments:

If there are no more questions, you should know that as of yesterday, all Q & A's have been uploaded onto the TSA website. Thank you for calling in and we will continue to hold weekly conference calls until June 14, 2011. The call in number is 877-988-9660 and pin is 6827433. Any changes to the conference call schedule will be sent out through ASKCSID@dhs.gov and TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov.

If you do have any questions, you may submit them via an email to ASKCSID (ASKCSID@dhs.gov) and carbon copy TSA Grants (TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov).

Thank you. Have a nice week and we will meet again next week, same time. This concludes the call.