

RFP Development of Career Profiles, Pathways, and Resources Q&A

Question 1: Do you think there is a space for my organization to respond to this RFP?

Response: Per RFP page 4, "respondents may address all or parts of this RFP based upon area of expertise."

Question 2: What is the duration of this project? We understand this is part of a 3-year project that began in June 2020; however, are we to presume this particular RFP will last until June 2023?

Response: Per RFP page 7, "suggested proposal outline: A. Detailed description of the methodology being proposed. B. Work program outline detailing: a. Tasks to be performed. b. When each will be completed (timeline). c. Tentative allocation of person days by task. d. Schedule of work products. C. Methods the Consultant proposes to use to manage the project and communicate with SEA Maine as to project progress and reviews. D. Identification of key personnel to be assigned to the project and their roles, with resumes of all key personnel. E. Budget: including hourly rates (inclusive of overhead and profit) for personnel or personnel categories. F. Data expected to be provided by SEA Maine." The work of SEAMaine is supported by an EDA grant scheduled to end in mid-2023.

Question 3: In the project, Phase 1 workforce research by the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Southern Maine is referenced:

- Is this Phase 1 research the same as the <u>Maine Aquaculture Workforce Development Strategy</u> (linked) document?
 - Response: The Maine Aquaculture Workforce Development Strategy document is not the same as the Phase 1 workforce research report by the Center for Business and Economic Research.
- If not the same, when would access to the Phase 1 report be available to? As this would lend to detail in the strategy of RFP.
 - Response: The draft phase 1 report is available <u>here</u>. This is a working draft of the report.