Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of Labor & Industry

**FY17-18 Next Generation Industry Partnerships**

**Notice of Grant Availability**

**Application for Implementation Status**

**Grant Summary details**

1. **Project Funding**: This NGA is offered using Pennsylvania Industry Partnership state funding.
2. **Application Deadline:** On or before February 1, 2019, 4 p.m. Eastern Time.
3. **Estimated Funding:** $1,125,000.00
4. **Anticipated Award Size:** $75,000.00 per partnership.
5. **Reporting:** Awarded partnerships will be required to submit status reports throughout the period of performance as deemed necessary by the commonwealth. Awarded partnerships must also submit a year-end report summarizing all partnership activities completed at the conclusion of the period of performance.
6. **Period of Performance:** The commonwealth anticipates a performance period beginning post application approval and ending June 30, 2019.

**Eligible applicants for this NGA are limited to FY17-18 Next Generation Industry Partnership convening grant awardees.**

Upon receipt of this application, the commonwealth will make a determination on your partnership’s readiness for implementation status based on the 7 criteria listed below.

Next Generation Industry Partnership implementation funds will be awarded on a rolling basis until the listed end date above and will not be released until implementation status is achieved and a spending plan is approved. Please provide responses to all the requested information on page 3 and 4 of this NGA.

**CRITERIA:**

The commonwealth has developed a set of criteria for Next Generation Industry Partnerships. As a recipient of a Next Generation Industry Partnership (NGIP) convening grant, it has been determined that your partnership currently meets the first two criteria. In order to achieve implementation status and be eligible to receive implementation funds to address business-driven partnership priorities, your partnership must clearly meet the third criteria, and provide evidence of early progress across the remaining four criteria:

1. **Regional support team is committed to and understands Next Gen methodology.**
* Regional support team in place and committed to working together to launch a NGIP. Team includes (at a minimum) workforce development and economic development partners and, ideally, education and community-based partners as well.
* Proposed partnership targets driving industry sector of the regional economy.
* Plan for recruiting business champions to co-sign invitation letter and host launch meeting.
1. **Proposed partnership will operate in a regional labor market.**
* Sector partnership defines its geographic scope based on locations of companies, commuter sheds, and other important labor market information, not per the confines of a workforce area, city, county or other geopolitical boundary.
1. **Partnership operates strategically and effectively.**
* Partnership operates under shared, up-to-date action plan. Action plan was developed by business leaders and focuses on opportunities for industry growth and competitiveness.
* Partnership has a clear convener or convening team focused on keeping the partnership on-task and moving forward.
1. **Partnership is led by, and continually attracts, influential, engaged private sector leaders.**
* Private sector members play leadership roles in the partnership (actively chairing action teams and the overall partnership) and define the partnership’s agenda.
* Broad participation from industry members at meetings (private sector participation outnumbers public partners; primarily senior decision-makers from business);
* Evidence of business leaders partnering to implement partnership priorities (e.g. providing in-kind or financial resources or similar).
1. **Partnership is supported by a comprehensive “regional support team” of non-employer partners, with demonstrated commitment to each other.**
* Sector partnership includes critical and engaged partners across workforce development, economic development, education programs and community organizations.
* Support partners are actively involved in responding to industry’s priorities, contributing to partnership initiatives in measurable ways (in-kind or financial resources, staff time etc.)
1. **Partnership focuses on solutions with economic impact.**
* Sector partnership is actively addressing business-identified priorities that relate to workforce development, economic development, and education.
1. **Partnership can demonstrate action.**
* Sector partnership demonstrates “quick wins” with measurable outcomes resulting from activities, services or products that the partnership has prioritized.

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| 1. **Partnership Name:**
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| 1. **Local Workforce Development Board (Fiscal Agent):**
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| 1. **Targeted Industry Cluster**:
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| 1. **Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**
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| First Name:       | Last Name:       | Title:       |
| Telephone Number:       | Email:       |

**Provide a brief summary of partnership activities to date. Include information on the launch/relaunch process and details from any partnership meetings. Additionally, summarize the work of the convener or convening team to keep the partnership on-task and moving forward. Provide insight into how the convener or convening team might sustain the staffing of your Partnership over the long term.[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Provide your partnership’s current action plan, including priority areas and actions.**

**Provide a short but detailed description of your partnership’s current action teams. Please include action team goals, a list of business members engaged in each action team and the number of times each action team has met.**

**Provide a concise but detailed description of the partnership’s regional support team. Include information on the public partner organizations involved in the partnership, public partner engagement in action teams, responsiveness to business-driven priorities, and any contributions to partnership initiatives (in-kind or financial resources, staff time, etc.) to date.**

**Provide a detailed description of any measurable partnership outcomes to date, including early wins.**

**Every sector partnership is highly unique, and should be evaluated for the distinct unique value they create in their regions. Please provide or describe a unique set of metrics that will demonstrate your partnership’s success. You will be asked to report progress on each unique metric quarterly and at the end of the grant period. For now, include a short, bulleted list of customized success metrics for your partnership. Metrics should consider overall partnership health (i.e.: business participation), overall economic impact, impact on students/jobseekers, impact on industry, and impact on improved coordination across support partners.[[2]](#footnote-2)**

1. See tool on [Sustainable Staffing and Funding Models](https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/Documents/Next-Generation-IPs/NGIP%20Sustainable%20Staffing%20and%20Funding%20Tool.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See tool on [Top 25 to Tell Your Story](https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/Documents/Next-Generation-IPs/Telling%20Your%20Story%20-%2025%20Success%20Metrics%20of%20NGIPs.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)