

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS OF BIDDERS CONFERENCE – April 21st

1. Can an agency's administrative cost be an allowable cost in our proposal/contract?

Yes it can. It would be an indirect cost.

2. If a student is working part time while participating in our program can that be considered work experience? If so what qualifiers would we need to attach to this?

No, the work experience component must be built into your program and not just a job outside of the program that they already came to us with. For information on what is considered an acceptable work experience, please see reference material previously sent out with the Bidders Conference minutes.

3. How many work experience hours are required?

10 additional program hours are mandatory to offer in your program to fulfill the work experience requirement.

4. What type of virtual job simulation is acceptable?

The criteria for an acceptable work experience component are listed in the reference materials that were sent with the Bidders minutes. The virtual possibility would exist if the potential host employer would follow the criteria to satisfy the work experience component.

5. Can a program be considered "the workplace" for a work experience component?

Not under the guidelines set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and The Department of Labor. This is a very strict funding stream and it is recommended the work experience falls under the specific definition and guideline provided. Please see reference material for WIOA Categories of Work Experience that was included with the Bidders minutes.