



Wind Turbine Technician Training Grant Challenge

Questions and Answers

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1. Should the proposal include any Global Wind Organization (GWO) trainings?

Answer: GWO offers certified curriculum for two types of trainings: safety and technical. For this Challenge, proposals should not include the GWO Basic Safety & Sea Survival Training modules as the State is looking to support the development of those trainings through a separate program. Applicants for this Challenge may opt to include the relevant *technical* GWO modules as part of the curriculum, but it is not required. If a proposal includes one or more technical GWO modules, the proposal should include the pathway to obtaining the associated GWO certification(s).

2. Should the proposal include original equipment manufacturers (OEM)-specific training?

Answer: Applicants should demonstrate an ability to deliver an industry-recognized certificate training program, which could include OEM-specific training or the ability to incorporate OEM-specific training. As such, applicants must include plans to collaborate with representatives of potential employers to ensure curriculum is aligned with industry needs and that the program prepares students for employment in New Jersey's initial offshore wind projects, regardless of the specific employer.

3. What are the job projections and class size expectations offshore wind turbine technicians?

Answer: Job projections and pipeline needs will be determined by each offshore wind project and their respective developer and turbine supplier (OEMs). Collaborating with industry is important to determine the industry short-term and long-term workforce needs for each project.

4. How long should the course be? Weeks? Months? Multiple semesters?

Answer: Applicants should determine the appropriate length for the program with respect to efficiency and comprehensiveness.

5. Do applicants who do not request the full amount have an advantage in the application evaluation?

Answer: The State wants to ensure that public funds are deployed in the most efficient manner and as such the scoring rubric outlines 3 points to be allocated to the applicant with the lowest requested grant amount. All other applications will be awarded a pro-rated number of points based on the percent difference from the lowest requested amount. However, applicants may request the full \$1 million grant amount if that is needed to deliver the program that meets all of the outlined goals.