

2017 Workforce Education Grant Scoring Rubric – Private, Nonprofit Entities



Applicant Name:				
Reviewer Name:				
Screening Questions	SD Administrative Rules 24:10:47:02 & 24:10:47:03			
Question 1:	Does the application meet each of the three criteria listed below? Applications that do not meet the three criteria listed below will not be reviewed.	Yes	No	
	The project builds, enhances, or reforms a career & technical education (CTE) program.			
	The project is aligned with high-skill, high-demand, and high-wage careers and/or related postsecondary programs in South Dakota.			
	The applicant demonstrates the ability to complete the project as described in the application.			
Question 2:	Does the application meet at least one of the criteria listed below? Applications that do not meet at least one of the criteria listed below will not be reviewed.	Yes	No	
	The project seeks to evaluate current programs for alignment to postsecondary education and workforce demands.			
	The project develops career pathways or programs of study.			
	The project supports educator training related to workforce education.			
	The project supports the update of existing facilities or construction of new facilities.			
	The project supports the update of existing equipment or purchase of new equipment.			
	The project supports the update of existing instructional materials or purchase of new instructional materials.			
Access & Efficiency				
Question 1:	Does the project increase access to and support for training in high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand fields?	Yes (+10)	To a Degree (+5)	Not in a Clear Way (+0)
Question 2:	Does the project increase access to and support for training in rural areas? <i>(Rural classification is based on U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "Local Education Agency (School District) Universe Survey", 2013-14 v.1a.)</i>	Yes. The training will be held solely in rural areas. (+5)	The training will be held in a non-rural area, but will train individuals largely from rural areas. (+3)	No (+0)
Question 3:	Does the project efficiently invest grant funds in developing a needed part of the workforce (for the state, region, and/or community)? In other words, is the amount of grant funding requested reasonable for the expected outcomes described for the grant period and in the sustainability plan?	Yes (+10)	To a Degree (+5)	Not in a Clear Way (+0)
Question 4:	Does the project involve partnerships that will increase the effectiveness and efficiency in meeting the proposed outcomes? In other words, are the partners appropriate for the goals of the project? Do they add value to the project?	Yes (+5)	To a Degree (+3)	Not in a Clear Way (+0)

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Question 5:	Will individuals receiving training through the grant project learn the most relevant skills and knowledge in the applicable field(s)?	The project is tightly aligned to industry expectations. (+10)	Individuals will have some marketable skills, but employers will have to provide additional training. (+5)	The skills and knowledge proposed are out-of-date or irrelevant. (+0)
Question 6:	Will individuals participating in the proposed training program attain credentials recognized/valued/expected by industry?	Yes (+5)	They'll earn a credential, but it's not critical. (+3)	No (+0)
Evaluation & Sustainability				
Question 1:	Does the project's evaluation plan reasonably assess the effectiveness of the project and its impact on workforce needs?	Yes (+10)	To a Degree (+5)	Not in a Clear Way (+0)
Question 2:	The project's sustainability plan is visionary, thorough, and realistic and ensures the grant project will continue in a meaningful way following the grant funding period.	Yes (+10)	To a Degree (+5)	Not in a Clear Way (+0)
Commitment & Capacity				
Question 1:	The project adds value to current workforce strategies in the community/region/state.	Yes. This could be a model for others. (+10)	To a Degree (+5)	Not in a Clear Way (+0)
Question 2:	Does the proposed project clearly connect to the applicant's mission and goals or current portfolio of work?	Yes (+5)	To a Degree (+3)	Not Certain (+0)
Question 3:	The applicant demonstrates prior success in implementing training programs, partnerships, and/or workforce strategies.	Yes (+10)	To a Degree (+5)	Not in a Clear Way (+0)

NOTES (application strengths and weaknesses, points of interest, etc.):

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED: _____