

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 1 through 7 - CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY STUDIES PROGRAM
HHM402-18-FOA-399-A

Q1.had been working hard on a response to FOA #HHM402-18-FOA-399 -- Critical Language and Cultural Immersion Studies Program, under the umbrella of the IC Centers for Academic Excellence.

That FOA was cancelled just before the deadline, with a notice that a new FOA would be released around July 2.

I see that FOA #HHM402-18-FOA-399-A for a Critical Technology Studies IC CAE was released July 3.

Do I understand correctly that the IC CAE program no longer intends to solicit proposals for programs focused on language and culture?

A1. Yes, the Government is no longer interested in responses to HHM402-18-FOA-399 for Critical Language and Cultural Immersion Studies Program. The current solicitation is HHM402-18-FOA-399-A and for a different program intent focused on Critical Technology Studies Program. Therefore, the Government solicits responses to current solicitation HHM402-18-FOA-399-A only. The Government will determine proposals written to respond to HHM402-18 FOA-399 as non-responsive and will not evaluate proposal as well as will not award under cancelled solicitation HHM402-18-FOA-399.

Q2. I've recently had an opportunity to learn about HHM402-18-FOA-399 Grant through our partnership with the Davis Monthan Air Force Base language program team. My college dean for research and development informed me that the announcement has been canceled and new FOA (HHM402-18-FOA-399-A) is released. My program is wondering whether HHM402-18-FOA-399 grant will be available in the near future.

A2. At present, the solicitation HHM402-18-FOA-399-A for Critical Technology Studies Program is the only active solicitation. HHM402-18-FOA-399 solicitation cancelled and not to be released again. Another future Critical Languages Program solicitation within VACA release availability depending on program requirements and funded agency directives.

Q3. Grants.gov specifies eligibility as Private Institutions of Higher Education, but the guidelines document doesn't seem to include this same restriction. Could you please clarify?

A3. Eligible Applicants category changed to Public and State controlled Institutions of higher education.

Q4. Is there a limit to the number of applications you will accept from a single institution? In other words, should an IHE coordinate an internal selection process to ensure that only one application goes forward? I did not see this specifically stated in the RFP. My apologies if I missed it.

A4. Limitations on the number of applications the government will accept from a single institution were not specified within the FOA. However, the government does not expect multiple applications from a single institution to better its chances of receiving an award.

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- Q5. I'm reaching out to you to get some clarification regarding the DIA IC-CAE announcement HHM402-18-FOA-399. The original due date for submitting this was today, July 5th, 2018. The original announcement now seems to have been revised and shows a due date of August 3rd, 2018, along with some funding and PoP changes. I just wanted to make sure that the revised announcement HHM402-18-FOA-399-A replaces the one that was previously due today.
- A5. Announcement for **SOLICITATION HHM402-18-FOA-399 CANCELLED. DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SOLICITATION NUMBER.** DO NOT INCORPORATE ANY RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION.
ONLY RESPOND TO SOLICITATION NUMBER HHM402-18-FOA-399-A. SEE A1 and A2.
- Q6. Regarding criterion #1 of the IC CAE CTPS's Merit Evaluation Table: In order to obtain an "Excellent" rating, must the consortium develop a major, minor, and certificate; in other words, all three? If a consortium developed only a major, how would that be scored?
- A6. The requirement is not necessarily for an individual school to develop a major, minor and certificate. In collaboration with your consortium schools, you may determine which consortium partner will develop the major, the minor or the certificate program. Scoring for a major program only is not part of the criterion.
- Q7. Regarding criterion #2 of the IC CAE CTSP's Merit Evaluation Table: Do the percentages indicated Evaluation Rating section refer to the entire consortium or at least one of the consortium members? For example, to obtain an "Excellent" rating, do at least 75% of all the students in the entire consortium have to be drawn from ethnically diverse populations, or do 75% of the students from at least one member of the consortium have to be drawn from an ethnically diverse population?
- A7. To obtain an 'Excellent' rating, 75% of the students from at least one member of the consortium must be ethnically diverse from Schools designated as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Predominately Black Institutions, Alaska Native and Native American Serving Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities