

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
HHM402-17-FOA-399**

Q1. I am having trouble accessing the FOA (HHM402-17-FOA-399)

A1. Go to grants.gov and click "SEARCH GRANTS" - TAB; then in the "Opportunity Number:" box insert number HHM402-17-FOA-399 then click search; the opportunity will appear and then click on number to open access to all support documentation that is found under the "RELATED DOCUMENTS" tab. Click on each file to download.

Q2. My question concerns the eligibility statement on Page 9 of the Vol I document:

"Institutions who previously received an IC CAE grant may re-apply and are termed 'sustaining applicants' for the purpose of this FY17 FOA. Status as a consortium with under-resourced and/or rural schools, as well as past performance of sustaining applicants will be considered. All sustaining applicants must have significant progress toward the intent of the Fiscal Year 2012 and/or 2014 grants during their previous participations period."

The University of Maryland's Center for Public Policy and Private Enterprise was a two-time recipient of this award, in 2009 and 2012. UMD was not selected in the re-competition in 2014. My questions:

1. Since UMD was a performer in 2009 and 2012 but not selected in 2014, is UMD eligible to try again?
2. If so, would UMD be considered a new application or a sustaining applicant?
3. Sustaining applicants must have significant progress...Does this mean that the COE must have made progress or UMD must have made progress.

A2. UMD is considered a sustaining school/applicant. If you are a previous recipient of an IC CAE grant, you are considered a sustaining applicant. All IC CAE grant recipients were awarded a grant based on the stipulation that the recipient would build and implement a sustainment plan to maintain their existing IC CAE program at that institution after the grant had expired and the funding by the Government had ended. The sustaining applicant will be evaluated on their plan to significantly expand their previously-developed IC curricula under the name of an IC Center for Academic Excellence.

Q3. I am emailing to inquire about the Defense Intelligence Agency Grant #HHM402-17-FOA-399. I manage an organization called the HBCU Career Development Marketplace that serves students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). We bring students together once a year for a conference that prepares them for corporate America and assists them with getting jobs through a career fair on the last day. All of our students are college juniors and seniors with 3.2 GPAs and above. As I read through the grant requirements we met several of the requirements as we invite speakers to our conference to prepare the

students for careers in different industries and last year we had 18 Historically Black Colleges and Universities attend the event. As the non-profit we pay for all of the students to attend the conference so we cover their transportation, lodging and meals.

There is an opportunity to develop the defense intelligence portion of the conference and even target minority students from several universities that have an interest in the field. I would love to speak to someone further about funding consideration for this program. This year will be our 10th annual HBCU Career Development Marketplace.

If we applied to the Defense Intelligence Agency Grant #HHM402-17-FOA-399 could we even be considered?

A3. All proposals will be considered for evaluation that meet the criteria of eligibility in Section III Eligibility information; Subpart A. Eligible Applicants on page 7.

Q4. I noted on the BAA that questions have to be submitted via grants.gov. Does that mean any question (e.g., may we submit letters of support from private industry?).

A4. All questions shall be submitted to the following designated email box: ~243CAE@dodiis.mil
Answers will be published via Grants.gov; related documents tab as Questions and Answers file description. Continue to monitor this site for updated Q&A version changes on a periodic basis. Also, within the Grants.gov synopsis under Link to Additional Information the reference link can be found.