

Questions and Answers to the FY18 Transformative Solutions Incubator (TSI) NOFO

As of 6 August 2018

1. Can UARCs and other FFDRCs be prime on a proposal?

A: No. Section C of the NOFO states:

The following entities below are eligible to apply for this NOFO:

- ☐ Private institutions of higher education
- ☐ Public & State controlled institutions of higher education

AND

The following listed below are organizations that are eligible and encouraged to submit a proposal:

- ☐ Universities and Colleges. Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited by a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting agency, and having a campus located in the U.S;
- ☐ Organizations are referred to as academic institutions for the purposes of this Solicitation.

All non-academic institutions regardless of profit or non-profit status are ineligible to participate.

2. Please clarify the available funding for the Base period.

A: The base period lasts 2 years but is funded annually. The NOFO states that the available funding is approximately \$1.3M and expected number of awards if 5-7. Therefore a rough estimate for first year funding for an individual award is \$185,000 - \$260,000. The second year of the base period is estimated approximately the same, assuming successful progress of the project and funding availability.