

RPI- SlingShot 4.0 Webinar Q&A

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Q: Regarding the regional plan - when will the final directive be out? Or more importantly, are there any major changes to the draft directive? If there are major changes it would be important to know those now, when writing the RPI 4.0 application/regional plan implementation activities. The goals and outcomes for 4.0 were different than those described in the regional plan draft directive. My question is asking for an explanation between these indicators and outcomes, and the 4 areas that are required in the regional plan as far as numeric goals.

A: The final directive will be released within the next 3-4 weeks. The summary of comments are being drafted and final changes are being made to the directive as appropriate. Based on the feedback received, there could be changes to the outcome measures that are outlined in the draft directive.

During the RPI 4.0 call the response that was provided to this question is noted below however there is a chance that the numerical goals will be removed. Upon award, the Evaluator and Technical Assistance Provider will provide guidance on developing metrics and benchmarks for reaching the goals that will be included in the final directive.

Response provided during the RPI 4.0 Application webinar (note: as mentioned above the numerical goals may be removed).

Draft Directive has Outcomes for the 4 year plan that include:

- How many individuals will be placed in jobs that align with sectors emphasized in regional plan.
- How many individuals will complete training aligned with sectors emphasized in the regional plan.
- How many individuals will attain industry recognized credentials aligned with sectors emphasized in regional plan.
- How does RPU measure efforts to get workforce program participants on a path to the middle class. RPI 4.0 focuses on benchmarking and tracking progress towards the Regional Plan outcomes with added emphasis on race and equity.

Q: It seems backwards that we would submit this prior to the regional plan being complete. How can we write about our regional plan goals when we haven't had our stakeholder meetings yet to get input?

A: The funds and grant application do occur prior to the completion of the regional plans however the RPI work is a continuum so the hope is that the overarching goals will be a continuation, refinement and expansion of the existing regional plan and efforts. The process to distribute the RPI 4.0 funds is lengthy so the goal is to have funds allocated to begin implementation on time.

Q: For procurement purposes, is the procurement occurring at the State level if we include the specific names, amounts and roles/responsibilities for subcontractors in the application?

A: Review EDD Directive WSD 18-06 to determine which agencies are sub recipients and which agencies are contractors. All contractors need to be procured.

Q: The Regional Plan Directive contains language that region's will not be negatively impacted for failing to meet regional goals. Is that also the case for these funds?

A: The objective for the RPI 4.0 funds and regional goals is to establish tracking systems and benchmarks and it is not to reach the (Regional Plan) regional goals during the grant term. The goal is to set aspirational goals and make adjustments based on what is working and what is not. The RPI 4.0 project goals and outcomes as outlined in the scope of work that will included in the subgrant will need to be met.