QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES #2

Question 18: How does DSS define a work-eligible participant (what are the indicators) and what if the sector-based training has requirements that exceed DSS’s indicators?

Response: Customers who are not exempt, are considered “work eligible.” Those clients who are classified as “work-eligible,” without any short-term barriers, will be placed with the appropriate vendor who can accommodate the client’s training level.

Question 19: If an MBE Prime can provide 50% of the MBE overall requirement, how does that impact any subgoal(s)?

Response: On a Contract that has an MBE overall requirement and an MBE subgoal, an MBE prime can fulfill 100% of one of the subgoals and up to 50% of the MBE overall goal. For example, if the overall goal is 29%, with subgoals of 7% African American and 12% Women-Owned, and the MBE Prime is an African American company, the primes MBE goal would be broken down as follows:

- 5% any MBE type
- 12% The MBE Prime’s own forces
- 12% Women-Owned MBE

In this instance, the African American MBE Prime can perform up to 17% of the overall MBE goal.

Question 20: For Payout Point 1, if a Customer is “pending” or “sanctioned” are they billable?

Response: Yes, a customer would be billable (reference RFP Section 3.6.3.1 Payout Point 1 – Invoicing, 4th bullet point).
Question 21: For Payout Point 1, if a Customer is "pending" or "sanctioned" are they countable?

Response: No, the Customer would not be countable.

Question 22: Within the same invoice cycle, can a vendor bill $250 for those individuals who meet 70% WPR and for $125 for those individuals who are between 50 and 69% WPR? Or is the payment rate all or nothing, such that if the contractor’s project achieves a 50% WPR for their total caseload, then all eligible customers will get billed at a rate of $125?

Response: If the total WPR is 50%, the Contractor can only bill $125 per Customer for that Calendar Month.