RFP GC24-002 – Statewide Systems Advocacy Network
Questions & Answers Summary

UPDATE: After learning of a formula error on the Period 1 sheet in the **Budget Form** posted with the RFP, NYSED corrected that form on the afternoon of April 17. Cell I40 in the Fringe section incorrectly added numbers from another column. To download a corrected Budget Form, visit the ACCES website.

NOTE: A contract boilerplate is being uploaded to the ACCES website at the same time as this Q&A.

Program Matters

1. **How many vendors currently have this contract and who are they?**

   A: Fifteen (15) vendors currently have this contract. They are:

   - Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC)
   - Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled (BCID)
   - Western New York Independent Living (WNYIL)
   - AIM Independent Living Center (AIM)
   - Access to Independence of Cortland County (ATI)
   - Finger Lakes Independence Center (FLIC)
   - Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL)
   - Independent Living, Inc. (ILI)
   - North Country Center for Independence (NCCI)
   - Center for Disability Rights (CDR)
   - BRIDGES
   - ARISE
   - Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley (ILCHV)
   - Living Independently is For Everyone at RCIL, Inc.
   - Northern Regional Center for Independent Living (NRCIL)

2. *The RFP has the following question #5 under Part 2: **Provide a plan to establish at least five local partnerships and coalitions per year.***
   *The workplan template (Part 2) has the following for question #5: **Provide a plan to deliver at least six public testimonies, statements, or letters each year.***
   Which is correct?

   A: No. 5 on the Work Plan template is correct. On page 19 of the RFP, No. 5 under 2. Plan of Operation should read: "Provide a plan to deliver at least six public testimonies, statements, or letters each year." The RFP was updated on the ACCES website to include that change on April 22.

Budget Form

3. **I am working on the cost proposal, and I realized that there is an automation error on period 1 in the excel sheet. Line 40 under "OTHER FUNDS automatically populates which doubles the funds under the fringe.**

A: Thank you for letting us know about the error. We have fixed the formula that was causing the problem. The Budget Form has been corrected. To download a corrected Budget Form, visit the [ACCES website](#).

4. **When I enter Fringe Benefits in the Period 1 tab in the Grant Funds Column, the Total Fringe Benefits are also reported in the Other Funds Column. This duplicates the Total Fringe Benefits column in Period 1. Please see the attached Budget WS. Please advise.**

    A: Thank you for letting us know about the error. We have fixed the formula that was causing the problem. The Budget Form has been corrected. To download a corrected Budget Form, visit the [ACCES website](#).

5. **The worksheet for the budget is password protected, so we cannot access this required document. Where can we find a document that we can access in order to submit this with the proposal?**

    Answer: All of the cells are locked on the first two sheets of the Budget Form. But you should be able to enter your organization name in the Period 1 sheet and then can start entering information beginning at cell A24.