
**Offshore Wind Works: 2025 Offshore Wind Workforce Grants
Response to Questions**

1. Can an organization apply for both a workforce programming grant and an infrastructure grant, or are they limited to one or the other?

An organization may submit only one proposal under this Solicitation as the lead applicant. However, the same entity that is the lead applicant on one proposal, may also be listed as a project partner on additional proposals.

2. Can you tell us what the budget period is for the Offshore Wind Works grants?

There is no preferred duration for the project proposals under this Solicitation. The duration should make sense for the proposed project and the budget being requested. Generally, MassCEC recommends the term not exceed two (2) years, however we will consider proposals that clearly justify their reasoning for an extended term.

3. Could you please explain the priority deadlines?

There are no priority deadlines associated with this funding opportunity. All proposals must be received by the deadline of April 7th, 2025 by 5:00pm to be considered for funding.

4. Does the lead applicant entity need to be based in MA or can organizations based in other states apply as well?

Lead applicant eligibility is outlined in Section V of the Solicitation. Lead applicants must fall into at least one of the following categories:

- A community-based nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status and located in Massachusetts;
- A public government entity;
- An accredited Massachusetts school;
- An accredited Massachusetts higher education institution offering two (2) or four (4) year degrees;
- A local labor union; or
- An established private workforce training provider or other private company doing business in Massachusetts in partnership with an organization, entity, school, institution, or union that falls under one of the categories listed above.

While the primary geographic area of focus for the Solicitation is Massachusetts, MassCEC recognizes the regional nature of the local workforce, with workers residing in one state but working and/or seeking employment in a neighboring state. Thus, MassCEC will consider projects that foster offshore wind workforce collaboration with neighboring states. *While co-applicants may be from outside the Commonwealth, the lead applicant must be a Massachusetts-based entity.*

5. **Is there priority given to organizations based on their location in Massachusetts? For example, would Southshore area-based programs such as one based in New Bedford be given preference based on the hotbed of industry activity happening there currently?**

There is not priority given to organizations based on their location in Massachusetts beyond the anticipated viability of the proposed project location. The note about geographic location in Section IV was intended to encourage programs that recruit from broader geographic areas or offer in-person trainings in multiple locations across the state.