

**Program Performance Evaluation**

**Questions and Answers**

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1. Would it be possible to see a list/short description of the current activities being funded by PDG that would be included as part of the PPE?	Yes, here is the link for the current activities funded by PDG. (link)
2. Under what circumstances would an Indirect Cost Rate Approval letter be applicable, per the checklist?	This was a prior requirement. If your agency has a federally negotiated indirect cost rate (FNIR), then you can apply that rate. If your agency does not have a FNIR you would apply the 15% de minimis rate.
3. What types of backgrounds would be considered experience for this program?	The successful applicant will demonstrate expertise in North Carolina's mixed delivery early childhood education system and culturally appropriate practices for young children aged to 5 years of age. Eligible applicants include state agencies, universities, public, and private nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3).
4. What letters of commitment/support are expected or desired?	Any letter of commitment or support that would speak to your application and why your organization with be a good choice.
5. Section V outlines applicant qualifications and capacity, but for several of these, such as "substantial expertise in evidence-based practices in providing intensive coaching and consultation to the child care workforce and supporting families in seeking child care solutions," it is unclear how they are relevant to the scope of work. Can you confirm the list of qualifications applicants will be evaluated against?	This section is revised to reflect the applicant qualifications and capacity.
6. What is the anticipated award type – grant, or contract? If contract, what type (fixed price, time and materials, etc.)?	The award type is a grant.
7. The "Preparing Your Contract Budget and Budget Narrative" document states: "Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the total direct cost." (page 4). In the bidder's conference webinar, it was stated that organizations can use federally negotiated rates. Can you clarify if there is an indirect rate cap?	If your agency has a federally negotiated indirect cost rate (FNIR), then you can apply that rate. If your agency does not have a FNIR you would apply the 15% de minimis rate.