

**Questions and Answers  
Regarding the RFQ  
for Approved Training Programs  
for the  
STRIVE Employment Program**

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**Questions Regarding the RFQ Due:**  
Rolling

**Bids Due:**  
Rolling until June 30, 2020 by 5:00 PM

**RFQ Release Date:**  
January 30, 2019

**Partner4Work (TRWIB, Inc.) is an equal opportunity employer.**

**Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to persons with disabilities.**

**Can the STRIVE training stipend be used to contribute toward the training wage already built into a training program model? And if so, does it count against the \$5,000 maximum per participant?**

The STRIVE program intends to provide participants enrolled in training with stipends comparable to minimum wage for the duration of their participation in training, subject to the availability of funds. The details of the STRIVE stipend policy are to be determined. The STRIVE stipend is not included in the \$5,000 maximum training cost per participant. Training programs that offer a training wage may supplement the STRIVE stipend to increase the training wage.

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**Are online training programs eligible for the STRIVE program?**

Online training programs that are not accompanied by classroom instruction are not eligible for the STRIVE program.

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**Are training providers outside of Pennsylvania eligible for the STRIVE program?**

Training providers with headquarters outside of Pennsylvania will be considered if they have a physical presence in the City of Pittsburgh or Allegheny County.

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**Are approved training providers permitted to require a minimum number of participants to be able to run a training session?**

Partner4Work does not guarantee any number of enrollments in a given training program. Approved training providers may work with STRIVE staff to determine if a training cohort can be formed according to STRIVE participant interest, and/or to defer a participant's enrollment until such a time as the training provider is able to meet the minimum number of participants (both STRIVE and non-STRIVE) needed to run a training session.

**Are trainings scheduled for pre-determined dates eligible to become a STRIVE approved training?**

Yes, Partner4Work will consider quotes for training programs scheduled for pre-determined timeframes.