

## Evaluation of ARC's Education and Workforce Development Projects – RFP Questions and Answers

What existing grantee data and documents will be available to the evaluator?	We will provide an Excel file dataset with descriptive information about each grant (start date, close date, strategic plan goal and objective, type, subtype, etc.), a narrative description of the grant, and closeout notes. It will also contain grantee contact information as of the close of the grant, and projected and closeout performance measures. The selected contractor will also have view-only access to our grants management database, where further information could be accessed (such as a history of correspondence between the grantee and ARC staff, interim reports from the grantee, etc.).
The RFP calls for a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) contract, however, the budget details requested are customary to that of a Cost Reimbursable contract. Will you please confirm the contract type, and if FFP, is it acceptable for offerors to provide limited detail (labor and non-labor) costs?	Yes, it will be a Firm Fixed-Price Contract, and we do require a detailed budget.
Page 9, Section V- “ <i>This section should not exceed 15 pages, not including the abstract, accompanying resumes, and organizational background materials.</i> ” Is the cited page limit of 15 pages inclusive of the Management and Cost proposal sections?	The 15-page limit applies to the technical proposal only, not the management proposal or the cost proposal.
The last evaluation of ARC's Education and Workforce Development projects that is linked in the RFP covered projects from 2000-08. Was an evaluation conducted for projects from 2009-14, and if so, will the report be made available to the contractor?	The 2012 evaluation covering grants funded in 2000-2008 is the most recent evaluation of our education and workforce grants. Note that we've changed our criteria for including grants in this evaluation since the last one. That evaluation included grants <b>funded</b> during a range of fiscal years; this one will include grants <b>closed</b> during a range of fiscal years. So the grants closed between 2015-2019, but some of them were funded as early as 2011.
Is the report from the recently completed evaluation of ARC's grant performance measurement system referenced in the RFP available?	Yes, you can see that report, as well as other past evaluation reports, at the <a href="#">Research, Evaluations, Maps, and Data</a> page on our website.

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<p>The project's contract period is from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 (12 months). At the bottom of page 2, the RFP indicates that the first draft of the report is due within 12 to 15 months of the project start and that an additional three months may be needed for reviews and revisions. Should the contract period be increased to 18 months?</p>	<p>The contract period is 12 months, but we recognize that extensions may be necessary.</p> <p>Note that a former version of this RFP stated that "A complete first draft must be submitted to ARC within 12-15 months of the project's start with up to an additional three months for review, revision, subsequent drafts, and presentation to ARC staff."</p> <p>This statement was changed in a revised RFP posted on July 29, 2021. The new statement is, "A final report and presentation to ARC staff must be completed within 12 months of the project's start."</p>
<p>Are the populations served by the education and workforce development projects that are the focus of this RFP similar to the populations served by the projects included in the previous evaluation? Among the earlier projects, about a quarter addressed youth only, about 36% adults only, and the remaining projects served a mix of teachers, adults, and youth.</p>	<p>This is hard to answer because those percentages from the prior report are based on survey responses. Just looking at our grantee types in the portfolio, about 12% of them are independent school districts and 37% are institutions of higher education. But this doesn't tell us who was served by those grantees or the others in the portfolio (e.g. nonprofits or state or local governments).</p>