



NTTA ROAD PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2016

ATTENTION: Questions about the Relationships and Opportunities Advancing Diversity (ROAD) Program must be directed in writing, via e-mail to the Director of Business Diversity at businessdiversity@ntta.org, no later than 4:00 p.m. CDT on: **November 2, 2015**. Questions received after the due date will not be answered.

Question: What certification agencies does the NTTA recognize?

Answer: The NTTA will recognize disadvantaged, minority, women-owned and small businesses certified by an accepted certification agency. The following certifying agencies will be recognized by the NTTA:

- [Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council](#)
- [North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency](#)
- [Small Business Administration \(Section 8\(a\) certification only\)](#)
- [Approved entities of the Texas Unified Certification Program \(DBE Program only\)](#)
- [Women's Business Council – Southwest](#)

Question: I am applying as a consultant (*mentee*) to the program, and my firm is currently not certified by one of the certifying agencies recognized by the NTTA, am I able to apply?

Answer: No, a consultant must be certified by an entity recognized by the NTTA at the time of application submittal.

Question: What happens to my firm's documentation if I miss the **November 9th deadline** for submission into the {2016-18} ROAD Class?

Answer: Applications and Business Plans will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. central time (standard or daylight savings time, as applicable) on November 9, 2015. **Applications and Business Plans submitted after this date and time will NOT be opened nor returned to the submitting firm/individual. Any documents received after the NTTA's established due date will be deemed noncompliant for consideration into the 2016-18 ROAD Class.**

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Question: What happens to my documents if I fail to adhere to the NTTA's Application and Business Plan submittal guidelines?

Answer: Applications and Business Plans submitted without adhering to the Application and Business Plan Submittal Guidelines will be deemed noncompliant and will not be evaluated.

Question: If I have participated in the NTTA's ROAD Program previously, am I eligible to reapply to the current ROAD Program class?

Answer(s):

(a) Once a consultant firm has commenced a relationship with a prime firm as a participant in the NTTA's ROAD Program, consultants cannot reapply as a consultant. However, the consultant firm may apply as a prime.

(b) Unless a prime participant is debarred from the ROAD Program by the NTTA, primes may re-enroll in the ROAD Program with a different consultant with the approval of the BDD and the Oversight Committee.

Question: If I have provided an application to the previous ROAD programs, will I be required to submit a new application and business plan for consideration for the current class?

Answer: Yes, all applicants who wish to be considered for the 2016-18 ROAD program class must reapply and submit the required documentation by the requested due date.

Question: How and when will I be notified regarding my business plan and application submittal?

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Answer: Applicants who submit the required documentation by the due date: November 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., CDT will receive an email acknowledging receipt of their firm's submittal no later than November 23, 2015.

Question: If my firm is not selected for the 2016-18 ROAD Program, when is the next opportunity for entry?

Answer: Once the 2016-18 ROAD Program commences, the next opportunity for enrollment will be at the conclusion of the 2016-18 program. New applications will be available during the summer of 2018.

Question: If I have additional questions regarding the ROAD Program, who should I contact and when will I receive an answer to my questions?

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Questions will be answered in the order that they are received.
