## RAPIDS 7 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Please see the frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers below. This document will be updated after the webinar and through the proposal window to provide technical assistance. If you have any questions, please contact the RAPIDS team at rapids@highered.ohio.gov.

1. Which institutions can participate in RAPIDS 7?
	1. All state institutions of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, are eligible to be awarded as fiscal agents. The program emphasizes regional collaboration and ODHE encourages participation of eligible subawardees (Ohio Technical Centers and independent colleges and universities).
	2. Each participating subawardee partner should collaborate with a state institution of higher education to act as its fiscal agent and submit proposal materials with that fiscal agent.
2. Can Ohio Technical Centers participate?
	1. Yes! Ohio Technical Centers have been integral collaborators in the RAPIDS program and, through collaboration with a fiscal agent in their region, can receive funding as a subawardee. Please see Appendix A to identify which OTCs fall within which region.
3. How can regional campuses located in a different region from the main campus participate?
	1. Regional campuses may participate and will be awarded as subawardees of their main campus, regardless of region. Each institution determines whether it chooses to allocate for a regional campus from within the main campus’ portion of funding from the main region or if the regional campus participates within its respective region.
		1. The award agreement and funding will be directed to the main campus, and institutions are expected to coordinate internally and communicate throughout the process with ODHE and their regional branches.
	2. If a regional campus participates in a different region, the main campus proposal should include a chapter in the PDF with all the proposal components for the regional campus. In the Budget Workbook, the main campus will also include a copy of the other region’s Regional Total Budget tab and a copy of the Fiscal Agent tab that has the detailed budget for the regional campus in the other region. An example will be shown in the webinar.
4. Do we have to select programs that fall within the list of Technician-Aligned CIP Codes in Appendix B?
	1. Institutions are highly encouraged to invest in programs on the list of 42 Technician-Aligned CIP Codes. Other highlighted industries include advanced manufacturing (including semiconductor technology and auto & advanced mobility), broadband and 5G, cybersecurity, and building and construction trades. All projects must be supported by industry and occupation demand data for the region, as well as business support letters describing the value of workforce training.
5. Is one institution per region expected to compile the entire region’s proposals, as in past RAPIDS rounds?
	1. No. Each fiscal agent will submit its own Project Narrative PDF and Budget Workbook Excel. The Project Narrative and Budget Workbook should demonstrate regional alignment and collaboration. In the Project Narrative, all institutions in a region should show alignment in regional workforce needs and collaborative endeavors. In the Budget Workbook, ODHE will confirm that every institution in a region has the same Regional Budget Tab.