Questions and Answers for OERSSIRF FY14

1	For vendors that were funded for FY 2013, when will the evaluations take place *Evaluations for FY 2013 will take place after the close of the Fiscal Year.*
2	Aren't evaluations needed for the new application (FY 2014) Under #2, for previous funding evaluation, do I place a self score there? *Previous funding evaluations are for FY 11 and FY 12. FY 13 is not complete. When evaluations are complete for FY 13, they may be applied to FY 2015. In the space for previous funding evaluation, there is not a score to put in that space.*
3	Can a funding recipiant sub-contract with another entity to meet the requirements of the proposal? *Assignment and Delegation:* *If the Supplier cannot perform the services as identified in this contract, in whole or in part, the Supplier will be responsible for subcontracting the services and making alternative arrangements for the provisions of the services. The Access of Record clause shall by included in any subcontract. The Supplier will be liable for all additional consts and expenses arising from such subcontract or substitution to cover performance. The subcontracting of services shall not relieve the Supplier of any responsibility for performantce under this contract.*
4	Can an agency submit more than one proposal? Yes
5	Can an agency with multiple licenses submit proposals under each license? Yes
6	Can the CFO for a Company, District, Hospital, Tribe, and or County be considered the financial expert for the OERSSIRF Grant?
7	Can the County Treasure be considered the financial expert for the OERSSIRF Grant?
6-- 7	*Financial consultant or other appropriate expert attestations to the economic feasibility of the project shall be provided. Applicant shall not be considered as expert attestation or financial consultant. Credentials of financial consult/expert shall be submitted with attestation(s). Application will be reviewed prior to scoring to ensure application guidance is complete.* *The Applicant is whomever owns the license or the credentials that allows the entity to apply for the funds.*

8	In the rule on deduction points based on previous award- 310:642-5-1 - lists the following disclaimer. (H) Previous funding assistance (PG). If a qualified entity has been approved for one (1) or more OERSSIRF proposals from the Department for projects awarded in the past, points shall be deducted from the proposal according to all of the following provisions that apply unless the previous proposal was for an assessment of the need for the establishment of EMS or stabilization of an at-risk EMS: Question is: given the above language, should a prior year project that was approved for assessment and stabilization of an at-risk EMS be exempted from the deduction of points for previous awards? *Previous proposals that self scored as being for the establishement of EMS or the stabilization of an at-risk EMS entity are reviewed by the evaluation panel. If 5 or more panelists score the proposal as being for the establishment of EMS or as an at-risk EMS enity, then the points are not deducted. Department staff provides a list of scores that are to be added and deducted for for each panelist. Essentially, the self score is validated by the review panel.*

9	Can an entity self score more than 1 appropriate box in Statutory Purpose (310:642-5-1 (2) (H)? *yes.*

10	On the grant application, in Section 7, it asks for a Mapquest distance using the most distant address in the coverage area as the "start" point and the trauma center as the "end" point. My problem is Mapquest will not accept the most distant physical address as a valid "start" point. In previous grant applications we only used a point on the map, and I have that from previous applications. What do I do? *If your proposal area is contiguous, use the most distant address within your proposal area that MapQuest will accept.*

11	I could not find mention of indirect costs in any of the supporting materials. Are indirect costs allowed for this program? If not, is the waived amount of indirect costs allowed to be documented as matching funds? *Indirect costs are allowed and shall be used as matching funds.*

12	If the program we are proposing which is geared towards medical director training/education also very closely entails and must include the administrator/directors/managers/educators at the agency to have the same education/training,, does this still meet the "allowable purpose" rule? *Yes.*

13	If the answer to Number 12 is "yes", would the supplier be allowed to include all those personnel in the training and bill for hours of service performing this task? *Yes, if detailed in the grant and outlined on the itemized budget list.*

14	Are other billable service hours allowed outside of direct training, i.e. preparation/assessment/planning, leagal consulting/ research, etc. *Yes, if detailed in the grant and outlined on the itemized budget list.*

15	If the answer to Number 14 is "yes", what types of documentation would be required to support this? *Invoices submitted for the items described in the proposal need supporting documentation. The supporting documents could include, time sheets, reports from tracking software, or other documentation that verifies where, when, and by whom the work was completed.*

16	Are consultant travel expenses as part of traveling to/from the training site billable as a separate line item and if so what rules need to be followed? *Yes, if detailed in the grant and outlined on the itemized budget list.*

17	6. Do education and training sessions need to be held at an "EMS Facility" to be billable? *No*

18	For education and training classes/sessions, is food and beverage (lunch, coffee, soda, etc.) billable as an expense and if so, what rules must be followed? *Food/meals are not permitted under state guidelines. Beverages and snacks are permitted.* *Beverages and snacks must by part of a healty diet, and without junk food. A list of approved beverage/snack options can be requested/provided upon the award of grant funds.*

19	Does an organization such as the Center for Patient Safety qualify as a supplier under this definition? (Page 8, Mandatory Qualifications. #1) The center is a federally-designated Patient Safety Organization, which has a licensed Paramedic on the Center's Advisory Panel and has an entire EMS PSO Advisory Group helping guide this work with our EMS providers, comprised of numerous licensed paramedics, etc. The agency will be adding someone from Oklahoma Ambulance Association or one of the designated ambulance agencies to this group if this grant comes through. The center will be utilizing subcontractor consultants who are licensed/certified EMS personnel to provide the actual education/training to the medical directors and others. *The Patient Safety Organization (PSO) is not a qualified supplier. However, the PSO can be a sub-contractor or consultant to the qualified entity submitting the proposal, such as an agency or an association.*

20	If the supplier is based outside of Oklahoma and is registered in its home state, would they be exempt from registering? (I searched the OK SOS website and was not able to find an answer, could not get through to person at phone number provided in the document? *Entities that receive the funds need to be licensed and registered in Oklahoma.*

21	If the supplier is a business outside of OK and carries Workman's Comp in their home state of business, does this meet the requirement? *Entities that receive the funds need to be licensed and registered in Oklahoma.*

22	For clarification, if multiple agencies are the beneficiary of our grant request, do you determine the grading/scores by the one agency which is furthest distance from a trauma center or by what method. *If the area described in the proposal is contiguous, then it is the fartherest point within the proposal area. If the proposal will encompass multiple areas that are not contiguous, then consider using a statewide average for distance to a Trauma Center and the average number of EMT's in a county.*

23	*How are we determining distance to the trauma center? Is it an average of the closest and farthest distances, or is it just the closest or farthest?* *Distance will be determined utilizing the furthest distance (town or city within OK)in the project jurisdiction to the closest Level I or II Trauma Center (OUMC, St. Francis Hospital, or St. John Medical Center as calculated by MapQuest. Copy of mapquest milage determination shall be part of Section 5.* *Give the mileage from the most distant point with a physical address within the project area to the closest Level I or II Trauma Center, as determined by utilzing this website: http://classic.mapquest.com/maps*