



AEOP Strategic Outreach Initiatives

Open Request for Information (RFI) for Partnership Opportunity with AEOP

PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE: The U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) through its cooperative agreement (COA) with Battelle is seeking new and innovative partnerships with organizations and technical associations that have similar STEM goals, specifically serving students from underserved populations¹ (U2) and military dependents. Through these partnerships and by sharing information, leveraging strong STEM networks, and building on already existing relationships, AEOP can provide more enriching STEM opportunities for students.

The intent of this funding is straightforward: to support strategic partnerships that increase participation in programs within the AEOP portfolio by U2 students and/or military dependents to broaden their participation in STEM and have diverse participation in our competitive programs that reflect our nations demographics. We are NOT looking for proposals to add new programs to the AEOP portfolio.

Battelle will accept RFIs from organizations with compatible programming that could seamlessly incorporate program(s) within the AEOP portfolio that are specifically targeted to reach U2 populations and military-dependent K-12 students, their parents, and teachers. Selected organizations who submit responses to the RFI will be invited to submit a full proposal. Awards will be granted for up to \$50,000 for up to one year for new awardees and up to \$200,00 for up to one year for previously funded awardees. Awardees are eligible for a maximum of three years of funding.

TIMELINE:

RFI Info Session Webinar (mandatory): February 7, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST

RFI Due: February 21, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. EST

RFI Notification and RFP Invitations: February 26, 2019

Bidders Webinar (mandatory for invited applicants): March 1, 2019, 12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m. EST

RFP Deadline: April 1, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. EST

Awards Announced: April 2019

Start Date: May 2019

Register for the mandatory webinar [here](#). The link to the online RFI form will be sent to organizations who participate in the mandatory information session on February 12.

¹ AEOP underserved populations are inclusive of low - income students; students belonging to race and ethnic minorities that are historically underrepresented in STEM (i.e., Alaska Natives, Native Americans, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, and Other); students with disabilities; students with English as a second language; first - generation college students; students in rural, frontier, or other Federal targeted outreach schools; and females in certain STEM fields (e.g., physical science, computer science, mathematics, or engineering).



BACKGROUND: AEOP offers our nation's youth and teachers a collaborative, cohesive portfolio of opportunities that effectively engage future workforce generations in meaningful, real-world STEM experiences, competitions and paid internships. From elementary school through graduate school, students of all proficiency levels, interests, social and economic backgrounds are encouraged to participate in real-world STEM experiences while also engaging with Army-sponsored mentors. Information about the programs can be found on the [AEOP website](#).

Through its programs, AEOP focuses on three primary goals:

- **STEM Literate Citizenry** – Broaden, deepen and diversify the pool of STEM talent in support of our defense industry base.
- **STEM Savvy Educators²** – Support and empower educators with unique Army research and technology resources.
- **Sustainable Infrastructure** – Develop and implement a cohesive, coordinated, and sustainable STEM education outreach infrastructure across the Army.

Requirements: In addition to implementing their proposed project, awardees will be expected to:

- Collaborate with AEOP program administrator(s)
- Promote and increase participation in the AEOP portfolio of programs.
- Become well versed in AEOP programming and information to actively answer questions and engage in AEOP communication efforts.
- Distribute AEOP materials and information, when relevant, at organization's activities and events.
- Utilize existing networks to promote participation and support of AEOP programs.
- Attend annual AEOP Program Review
- Submit required reports

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² Currently, we are not accepting proposals for RESET.