

## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

1. Are there existing Next Gen partnerships focused on info technology sector that have been funded in our local area and region in cycle 1 and cycle 2?

The funded Industry Sector Partnerships within the technology sector include: Nevada County Economic Resource Council/Connected Communities Digital Media Partnership (funded for all cycles) and Chicostart/GrowTECH (funded for all cycles).

2. Of the funded programs, do any stand out as being particularly effective in the eyes of the funder?

The Industry Sector Partnerships that have been consecutively funded are considered successful and include Chicostart/GrowTECH, Nevada County ERC (digital media/technology), GMI Shasta and Butte (advanced manufacturing), rural health care collaborative/Partnership in Modoc and Lassen County (Alliance for Workforce Development) and Agriculture Industry Partnership in Tehama County (Tehama County Job Training Center). All Partnerships within the NoRTEC region are distinctive (according to industry sector and champions involved) and are at different stages of development. Partnerships that have been successful in leveraging additional funding to address sustainability include GMI Butte County.

3. Can an existing funded partnership focus on info tech apply for two separate enhancement grants?

Yes – this would be considered an “enhancement” to existing Partnerships proposal. In this instance, the proposer should be included as part of the Partnership proposal team.

4. What differentiates a Next Gen industry sector business member and business champion?

See [Next Generation Industry Partnership "Champion"](#)

5. What are common metrics used to measure the effectiveness of info tech focused next gen industry partnerships?

See [Industry Sector Partnership Metrics Information](#)

6. If funded, what is the funding distribution format to support the partnership activities (Upfront funding? Funding after provision of services? Itemized budget of planned activities with scheduled funding disbursement points? Funding based on deliverables?)

Funding is distributed based on monthly invoices that describe activities within the approved scope of work.

7. What is the program duration upon program commencement?

Grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2019.