



April 16, 2025

TO: ALL BIDDERS

RE: CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST CATALYST FUND FOR KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
obo KERN COALITION RFP #DO250409

Addendum #6 is hereby expressly incorporated and made part of the California Jobs First Catalyst Fund for the Kern Community College District obo Kern Coalition RFP #DO250409, proposal submission deadline no later than 2:00 p.m. PST, Tuesday, April 30, 2025.

### ADDENDUM 6

## **Clarifications and Modifications to the RFP**

1. The proposal submission deadline has been extended to **April 30, 2025**, at 2pm (PST).
2. Technical Assistance Calendar provided below and as an attachment:
  - **All Themes** 4/16/2025 @ 12PM-1PM [Webinar Registration – Zoom](#)  
*Todos los temas*
  - **All Themes** 4/16/2025 @ 4PM-5PM [Webinar Registration – Zoom](#)  
*Todos los temas*
  - **All Themes** 4/17 @ 10AM-11AM [Webinar Registration – Zoom](#)  
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  - **All Themes** 4/23/2025 @ 10AM-12PM  
*Todos los temas*  
Location: Kern Community College District -Room 102 2100 Chester Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93301
  - **All Themes** 4/23/2025 @ 4PM-6PM  
*Todos los temas*  
Location: Kern Community College District -Room 101A 2100 Chester Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93301
  - **All Themes** 4/24 @ 12PM-1PM [Webinar Registration – Zoom](#)  
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3. Technical Assistance Forms:

[Catalyst Technical Assistance Manual - Request Form \(Spanish\) - Google Docs](#)

[Catalyst Technical Assistance Manual - Request Form \(English\) - Google Docs](#)

[Catalyst Phase Technical Assistance Digital Request Form \(English\) - Google Forms](#)

[Catalyst Phase Technical Assistance Digital Request Form - \(Spanish\) - Google Forms](#)

4. A copy of the RFP and related documents have been uploaded to the Public Purchase website at [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com) and the Kern Community College District website at <https://www.kccd.edu/business-services/rfps-bids.html>.
5. Submit questions and responses electronically through the Public Purchase website at [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com). Public Purchase is our bid platform, which is free registration for bidders to view, access, and submit a response to the RFP.
6. If registration assistance for the Public Purchase platform is needed, we recommend that vendors reach out to the Public Purchase vendor support team directly via chat at <https://www.publicpurchase.com> or email at [support@publicpurchase.com](mailto:support@publicpurchase.com).



## Answers to bidder questions:

- Q1.** Can entities that are part of Kern Coalition partner with us on the grant or is that a conflict of interest?

**Answer:** Any individual/entity who contributed to the development of the RFP or participated in governance decisions and is also applying for funding is recused from all aspects of review, scoring, and decision-making.

- Q2.** I am reaching out regarding the number of proposals an organization can submit.

**Answer:** An organization may only submit one proposal as a lead applicant under the Catalyst Phase RFP. An organization may participate as a partner in other proposals led by different entities.



- Q3.** Could you please clarify that only one proposal is to be submitted to cover multiple regions rather than submitting a separate proposal for each area?

**Answer:** Only one proposal should be submitted to cover all subregions. As outlined in Regional Plan Part II of the Catalyst Phase RFP for the Kern Coalition (California Jobs First), applicants are expected to submit a single, unified proposal that addresses the needs and strategies for all five Kern County subregions—East, West, North, South, and Central. Separate proposals for individual areas are not permitted.

- Q4.** We work with a city that is interested in possibly applying for this program? Would you clarify for us- Can cities apply alone, or do they have to apply as part of a partnership?

**Answer:** Cities cannot apply alone. Per the requirements of the California Jobs First Catalyst Program, all applications must be submitted by a partnership that includes, at a minimum, representatives from government, community-based organizations, labor, education/training institutions, and employers. A city may participate as part of a broader coalition, but it is not eligible to apply independently.

Assuming a successful award, can any portion of the catalyst funds be used to incentivize companies in partnering with a proposer in order to start or move their business to Kern County?

**Answer:** Catalyst funds cannot be used to directly incentivize companies to start or relocate their business to Kern County.  
Direct financial incentives to businesses, including relocation subsidies or startup grants, are not permissible uses of Catalyst funds.  
All expenditures must adhere to the allowable activities specified in the Catalyst Phase RFP.

- Q5.** Can you confirm that every entity that receives a subaward from our proposal has to fill out the series of appendices?

**Answer:** Yes, All entities that receive a subaward as part of your proposal must complete the required series of appendices. All entities that receive a subaward as part of your proposal must complete the required series of appendices. Each subrecipient must provide this documentation to ensure compliance, transparency, and accountability in the administration of state funds. The completed appendices are part of the required submission package and are essential for proposal evaluation and award processing.

- Q6.** I'm reaching out to request clarification regarding potential conflicts of interest related to the Catalyst funding opportunity. Specifically, could you help confirm whether a board member of an organization that is listed as a Kern Coalition Convener or a Governance Council member is eligible to submit an application for Catalyst funding, either on behalf of a separate organization they're employed with or as an individual?



For example, if an individual served as a board member of an organization listed as a convener, would they not be able to submit an application with a separate organization they work with or individually? Or vice versa, if an individual serves on a board for an organization wanting to apply, but they're on the governance council or a convener, would they not be able to apply?

**Answer:** This question has been submitted to the State for guidance and will be answered at a later date via an Addendum.

All other specifications remain unchanged.

BY: Purchasing & Contracts  
Kern Community College District  
Phone: 661-336-5100  
Email: [purchasing@kccd.edu](mailto:purchasing@kccd.edu)



## ACCEPTANCE OF ADDENDUM #6 TO RFP #DO250409

I \_\_\_\_\_, officer for \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name & Title* *Company*  
hereby accept and agree to Addendum #6 to the California Jobs First Catalyst Fund for the Kern Community College District obo Kern Coalition RFP #DO250409 and agree to provide the additional requested information in the Addendum.

Signature of Bidder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of KCCD \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Upon signing, the aforementioned addendum is immediately incorporated into the RFP and service providers response to RFP.

Submit one (1) signed copy of this Addendum acceptance to:

Kern Community College District  
Purchasing & Contracts Department  
2100 Chester Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Email: [purchasing@kccd.edu](mailto:purchasing@kccd.edu)

*Mark subject line/envelope:* RFP Addendum #6 Acceptance

If the addendum as presented is unacceptable, please advise KCCD of your rejection of the addendum in writing with reasons, to the address above or by email to [purchasing@kccd.edu](mailto:purchasing@kccd.edu).

# Catalyst Request for Proposals – Technical Assistance Sessions

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