

FIRST Tech Challenge Mentoring Program-

Bergen County Pilot

Technical Assistance Workshop conference call held on December 13, 2016 at 10:30 am

Questions and Answers

Question 1: In Section 1.2 the NGO calls for the creation of partnerships with three (3) LEAs to establish teams that will have their rookie competition season in 2017-2018. May an applicant include a LEA whose rookie season will be in the 2016-2017 competition season as one of the three LEAs required under the NGO?

Answer: No. The partnerships with the three (3) LEAs must be for the establishment of rookie teams that will have their rookie season in the 2017-2018 competition year.

Question 2: In the NGO, Lead agency LEA (veteran team) eligible costs for Year 1 may include salary or hourly costs for adult advisors of veteran team during rookie mentoring activities. Are salary or hourly costs for adult advisors of partnering LEA (rookie team) also eligible? (section 2.4)

Answer: Budget requirements' eligible costs for rookie teams are listed as season registration costs for FIRST Robotics; parts kits; tools, Robot supplies and field materials; and tournament expenses. These requirements **do not exclude** salary or hourly costs for adult advisors of partnering LEA (rookie team) as long as the total budget request for Year 1 (veteran and rookie teams combined) do not exceed \$15,000.

Clarification

Section 1.1, the last sentence, last paragraph before "Outcomes of the program" should read:

"Rookie teams identified in the Year 2 application, as well as rookie teams identified in the Year 1 application, will be expected to compete in the 2018-2019 FIRST Tech Challenge competition season."