



**List of Questions Received for
Request for Bids 2026-BH-9600
Training First Responders**

1. Is there a required format for the curriculum unit for academic and technical LEO and EMS training programs in training academies, technical colleges, state colleges, and universities? Specifically: Will the deliverable be a print/PDF curriculum designed to be used directly by instructors of these academic and technical training programs to themselves present the content, supplemented by PDF/print student guide? OR

Answer: There is currently a complete curriculum for first responders [i.e., law enforcement officers (LEO) and emergency medical services personnel (EMS)]. There is also a train-the-trainer curriculum completed for supervisors/trainers. It is expected that the curriculum for academic programs will be adapted from these curriculums for students and instructors. They are currently on-line in a Canvas course. Files are available. The training programs will include the content in their curriculums. The FDDC is expecting print/PDF files from the successful bidder.

2. Will the deliverable be web-based units instructors will assign their students to engage with (and complete learning checks), supplemented by a PDF/print student guide and/or leader guide? OR

Answer: There are both participant and leader guides currently available for LEO and EMS curriculums. These should be adapted for academic programs as print/PDF content. Instructors will be free to use the materials as they see fit for their program's needs.

3. Is the format yet to be determined?

Answer: It is expected that the files will be used as the instructors see fit. The provider should submit print/PDF files.

4. I did not read anything on the criteria of the persons developing curriculum. Are there credentials you are wanting in the people working in the 2026-BH-9600 Training First Responders?

Answer: No credentials have been established. The existing curriculums are high quality and can be adapted by anyone who is knowledgeable about training design and academic program requirements.

5. What phase is the project presently in?

Answer: The past three years of the project have resulted in training materials for LEO and EMS. Train-the-trainer materials have also been developed for supervisors/trainers. Both have been pilot tested. The FDDC would like to expand to make the materials available to academic settings for pre-professional settings and to more widely disseminate the existing materials.

6. What steps of the project need to be accomplished within the year timeframe?

Answer: The scope of work must be accomplished during the year time frame described in the Request for Bids.

7. Do you allow for no cost extensions if needed?

Answer: No.

8. Is the request to solicit input about the existing curriculum or adapt/supplement the existing curriculum?

Answer: It is to adapt/supplement the existing curriculum.

9. What are the evaluation processes for bid applicants? Is it purely based on lowest bid or are other factors considered (e.g., quality of the research plan/research team)?

Answer: The lowest and most responsive bid will be selected contingent upon a Letter of Transmittal confirming that the bidder can (1) perform all the work outlined in the Scope of Work within the specified time frame, and (2) demonstrate responsiveness in meeting the minimum requirements described

within this bid request as indicated through the narrative description, Training First Responders Bid Work Plan Template, and sample training curriculum and/or research report. Minimum requirements to determine responsiveness are delineated on Pages 8 and 9 of the Request for Bids.

10. What is the limit for indirect funds and salaries and if so, what is that amount?

Answer: The limit for indirect funds is clearly stated on the Budget Request Form. See Budget Directions on Page 2 of the Budget Request Form for further clarification.

11. For Task 2(b), does FDDC require the selected bidder to obtain IRB approval through an academic institution, or will approval from an accredited independent Institutional Review Board satisfy this requirement?

Answer: Approval may be from an accredited independent IRB.

12. May the required qualifications and experience be demonstrated collectively through the bidder's project team (including subcontractors and consultants), or is the expectation that the lead organization independently possess all required experience?

Answer: Yes, subcontractors and consultants may be used by the bidder to demonstrate collective qualifications and experience.

13. Upon award, will the successful bidder receive editable versions of the existing project materials (e.g., PowerPoint presentations, facilitator guides, participant handbooks, survey instruments, interview protocols, evaluation tools, and other supporting documents), or should bidders anticipate recreating or redeveloping portions of these materials?

Answer: Yes, editable versions of existing project materials will be provided.

14. The Scope of Work references reconstituting the previously established advisory committee. Will contact information for prior advisory committee members be provided to the successful bidder, or should bidders plan to identify and recruit an entirely new advisory committee?

Answer: Yes, contact information for the prior advisory committee members will be provided to the successful bidder.

15. Will the successful bidder have access to prior pilot evaluation data, participant feedback, social validity surveys, and curriculum recommendations generated during the previous project to inform curriculum updates and implementation planning?

Answer: Yes, the successful bidder will have access to prior evaluative information and curriculum recommendations.

16. Does FDDC anticipate that the existing curriculum will be adapted into audience-specific versions (e.g., law enforcement, EMS, criminal justice academies, colleges and universities), or is the expectation that a single standardized curriculum be refined and disseminated across all educational settings?

Answer: The FDDC anticipates that the existing curriculum will be adapted into audience-specific versions.

17. Does FDDC have a target survey response rate or participation goal for the environmental scan, or will the successful bidder be evaluated based on demonstrating a reasonable statewide outreach effort consistent with the Scope of Work?

Answer: A reasonable statewide outreach effort will be expected that is consistent with the scope of work.