

A. Use of Funds

1. Can you clarify how the term "shared" is being used in this context?

“Shared” means that multiple robotics groups developing different hardware will be able to use the infrastructure. (Ex. A large 3D printer accessible to several robotics labs, a drone testing site accessible to several local companies)

2. Are salaries for fabricating/developing equipment or software infrastructure allowable as budgeted/funded costs, or just as matched costs?

Yes, salaries for time spent developing permanent infrastructure (equipment or software) are allowable as funds budgeted to MassTech.

3. Is the capital money allotted for the grant for the cost of equipment or could capital also mean for building out for a building and/or a lab space.

Yes, capital funding can go towards any permanent infrastructure, including the build-out or renovation of lab spaces and buildings that will house robotics-related shared infrastructure.

B. Other Questions

1. For budget preparation what should we use for an anticipated award start date?

The specific start date will be discussed during the contracting process if awarded. Please anticipate that the work could begin in early August.

2. Will this webinar be available to view again on your website?

The slides for the webinar are available on the MassTech website on the program page for RoboBench.

3. Does the 10-page limit for the concept paper include the cover sheet?

No, the 10 Page concept paper does not include the cover sheet in the count.