



## **Proposals for Knowledge Sharing Network for Entrepreneur Mentoring**

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Questions and Answers  
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	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1.	<b>Is there an advantage to applying jointly with other entrepreneurship organizations, versus applying independently?</b>	<p>The Innovation Institute will accept both independent and joint applications. All responses – whether independent or joint – will be judged according to the same criteria. Please refer to the Evaluation Criteria section of the RFP for more information on how proposals will be evaluated.</p> <p>Applicants are welcome to partner with other organizations if they determine that partnership(s) would enable their proposals to be stronger along one or more dimensions, per the published Evaluation Criteria.</p>
2.	<b>Will the Knowledge Sharing Network be administered from the awarded organization, become part of the Innovation Institute at MassTech, or developing as a separate entity? Should applicants assume that this program will become an additional program/initiative within their current organization? Will there be additional funds available to operate the network after it has been launched/activated?</b>	<p>The Knowledge Sharing Network will be awarded to the winning organization as a cost-reimbursed grant; the entity will report to the Innovation Institute and invoice towards costs, but be responsible for administering the program, in close consultation with Innovation Institute staff.</p> <p>This RFP will grant funding for up to 24 months to enable the creation and implementation of a new Knowledge Sharing Network. Longer run status of and support to the Network will be considered and assessed by the Innovation Institute at the close of the grant period</p>



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	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
		depending on funding availability and the program experience and progress to date.