

Q & A – Full Application Training

Thursday, June 9, 2022

1. Will the State’s Understanding of Project Scope (SUPS) be completed before August 1?

The SUPS will not necessarily be completed by August 1, but each project’s SUPS will be completed before scoring will occur.

2. What is LRS linework?

The Linear Referencing System (LRS) linework is the preset roadway layer built into the Portal mapping tool.

3. Are the inflation rates final and fully coordinated with the Cost Estimate Work Book (CEWB)? There was an issue with the pre-application.

Yes, that issue was resolved and a fix was applied in the CEWB.

4. What documentation needs to be provided for utility and right of way?

RW Division has manual guidance related to RW and utility estimates which your POC should be able to provide. Generally, applicants should provide enough detail that an independent reviewer can understand the basis and assumptions for both base costs and risk contingencies shown in the CEWB.

5. Is there a standard format/template for the CEWB? Has the CEWB been updated recently? Where can I find the latest version of the CEWB?

The latest version of the CEWB [can be accessed here](#). Other information is available at the [Cost Estimating Office website](#).

6. When will funding start years be provided?

For Round 5 (March-August 2022 application intake) of SMART SCALE the earliest assumed start date for any phase that will use SMART SCALE funding is August 2025. An earlier start date can be assumed only if there is adequate leveraged funding provided by the applicant. Example - Applicant is leveraging local/regional funding to cover the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase and requesting SMART SCALE funding to cover Right-of-Way (RW) and Construction (CN) phases. In this situation, the applicant can assume an earlier PE phase start. Since the RW phase is assumed to be funded with SMART SCALE, the earliest assumed start for the RW phase would be August 2025. If you have any questions please contact your [District SMART SCALE Representative](#).

7. I have had issues with the SMART Portal during the per-application period. Where can I find more information about using and troubleshooting the Portal?

The SMART Portal User Guidance document can be found on the [SMART SCALE website](#). If you continue to have issues after referencing the document please contact your [District SMART SCALE Representative](#).

8. Why is resiliency not being considered in project awards?

Resiliency will be considered as part of a project's design and can be used by the CTB when making funding decisions. However, it will not be specifically included in the scoring process at this time for SMART SCALE.

9. What is the definition of a resilient project?

VDOT is currently working on an official definition that is in draft form to be presented to the CTB this summer.

10. When projects on long corridors through urbanized areas have numerous VTRANS needs on each segment, should the applicant select the same travel market need for each segment or each need once for one segment along the corridor?

For Round 5, the best practice is to select one need for the corridor. If the project screened in for VTRANS, the applicant shouldn't need to change anything for the full application.

11. I submitted my full application but want to make changes. What do I do?

Applications can be unsubmitted until the deadline at 5:00 PM on August 1, 2022.