

## OVIN RFW Empowering Equity in STEM - Proponent Information Session

Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (13h00-14h30 EST)

### **Meeting Summary**

- Rodayna Abuelwafa (Project Lead) provides background information on the initial phase of the Regional Future Workforce Program, and the first round of the RFW – Empowering Equity in STEM pilot program.
- The objective of this newest round is to foster interest and develop STEM skills for the future of the automobility sector, with a focus on underrepresented and equity-deserving groups.
- All program details are available within the Program Guidelines.
- Applicants must provide a matching contribution for the project duration of one employee whose salary is paid fully by the selected applicant.
- The application deadline is July 16, 2024 at 5:00pm EDT.

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Question: What does the showcase entail? If that for applicants, or are students expected to share their experiences?
  - a. Answer: The showcase is for project partners to showcase the existing state of their projects. This will be organized by the OVIN team and we would like successful project partners to participate and highlight any impact their projects are having, or the goals you anticipate reaching. Attendees will include partners from the original Regional Future Workforce Program, the Empowering Equity in STEM round 1 and 2. The event is tentatively planned for August 22, 2024. Once confirmed, more information will be shared with successful applicants.
2. Question: Where will the showcase event be held?
  - a. Answer: Details of this event are not yet finalized. OVIN will share more information with the successful applicants.
3. Question: Given the timelines, is there a minimum length or format for the programs? Would a day-long event or workshop be sufficient?
  - a. Answer: There is no minimum number of hours or days for student programs. We welcome the creativity of respective partners in the ecosystem in the development of student engagement programs.
4. Question: You talked about automotive and mobility. Does mobility include other transportation areas like truck and coach?
  - a. Answer: Yes. Automobility includes anything that moves people and goods.

5. Q: Given the timelines and the fact that students are now on summer break, if we were not to meet targets, what would the implications be if we wanted to meet our targets?
  - a. Answer: Our hope is that applicants impact a minimum of 50 students with at least 30 from underrepresented groups – this was selected based on the timelines.