

Stronger Economies Together

Ohio Team FAQ Sheet

1. What are the reporting requirements of regions?

There will likely be some minimal required report requests of awarded regions. The likely impact on the applicants is a survey down the road on the process and how the region has used the information and skills learned.

2. Will awarded regions be expected to provide match or in-kind funding?

Selected regions will not be asked to contribute match funding. However, teams will be responsible for organizing meeting space and, if desired, refreshments during training and program meetings. As the value of the benefits of to the local region is contingent on the effort of the regional partners, we encourage teams to consider what and how they intend to invest in the success of this project.

3. Will there be funding opportunities following completion to implement plans?

One of the goals of the SET is to better prepare regions to pursue USDA Rural Development grants and other grant-making sources. Completion of SET does not guarantee access to grants for follow-through, but does set in motion the teamwork, resources and vision for pursuing various forms of funding.

4. Should we develop teams around existing program geographies like workforce development boards, ODD regions, or other political lines?

Regions should explore what constitutes an economic region rather than what constitutes a political region. We encourage regions to explore geographic delineations that foster economic synergies.

5. Can our region cross state lines?

Yes. Regional collaborations that cross state lines are encouraged if doing so builds on the economic development goals of the region. However, we suggest that the bulk of the region be in state.