

## MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY PROJECT CALL Q&A

The following questions are often asked regarding new membership participation in project calls.

- Q: What payment options are available for my company to initiate an active member by the posted deadline?
- **A:** Cash, @Program cost share, or a combination of both.
- Q: Can my organization initiate a new membership using cost share committed in the project budget of the proposal?
- A: No, this is because membership will become active <u>before</u> the project award is made and will remain active for one year. An active membership does not guarantee a project award; therefore, it is required that only cost share under the @Program is used to initiate a new membership. Please note, if the project is awarded the cost share committed in the budget will become eligible to be applied towards the membership account balance
- Q: How can my organization establish a membership under the @Program?
- **A:** Step 1: Complete our online Member Request Form <u>HERE</u>. Once this step is complete, the Membership Coordinator will contact you to complete the following steps.
  - Step 2: Complete an @ Program MOU describing your cost share commitment.
  - Step 3: Complete and sign the America Makes membership agreement.
- **Q:** What limitations do non-members encounter when participating as a project team member?
- A: It is strongly recommended that each project team member become an active America Makes member, however, this is not a requirement for all projects. In the event non-member(s) participate on an active project, they will have limited access to the project work and the findings thereof.

  Non-members will be denied access to project team meetings, project generated information, data, and presentations not cleared for public dissemination.

## Have additional questions or need more information? Please contact:

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