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QUESTION: To confirm, do you want applicants to use the "pre-registration number" for *the technical application*?
QUESTION: Inquiring re: the file name convention for attachments: The user guide directs applicants to use a 'unique registration number.' Applicant has both a 'pre-registration number' and an 'application number.' Can you confirm which number the applicant should use?
ANSWER: The applicant should use the "pre-registration number."
ANSWER: YES

QUESTION: What if an applicant does not have a reference number for a previous grant? For example: Line 60. asks about Prior Grants. A sub-line is: "Reference Number: This is any number or reference to your specific award, but this is limited to 80 characters." We were the recipient of two (2) Kansas Connectivity Emergency Response Grants. We cannot find any number or reference to these two (2) awards in any of our CERG files. Do you have in your records the file/number reference for these two (2) grants. Along with the reference information, do you have the information that illustrates the timely completion of the two (2) projects.
ANSWER: The Reference Number is simply any reference for the entry to uniquely identify it if you also entered other information about the same grant in other registration items. If there was also an uploaded #42 Geography of Award for the grant, use the GEO Code you used for that upload; or you may create a unique number, in case you have information about the grant that would be entered in #61 Grant Penalties. These registration items relate to the potential applicant's capability to manage, complete and report potential BEAD-funded projects; therefore, KOBD needs registrants to enter their own information, even about Kansas-awarded grants. *If the applicant does not have the reference number, they need to note that in the response for that field.*

QUESTION: Our corporate office would prefer that we use our company-level audits for the purpose of this application. These are now available, whereas they were not when we originally submitted our preapplication. Would it be possible to swap our corporate consolidated audited financials with our independent audited financials? How would I go about this?
ANSWER: Yes, if you need to submit different or new audited financial statements for the Lead Organization registered, please follow up in one of these two ways: 1. If your registration has already been accepted, please include the registration number in an email to kdc_BEAD@ks.gov so that the registration may be re-opened for you; the status will then change from "accepted" to "revisions requested" and you should be able to upload new files and submit the registration for review again. 2. If your registration is still in "In Review" status, then please include the registration number in an email to kdc_BEAD@ks.gov so that "requested revisions" can be sent allowing you to upload new files and submit the registration for review. At the start of a project application, you will be asked to attest to that the information submitted with the registration remains true and accurate; please ensure that all information is up to date before submitting a project application.

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QUESTION: Because the company is family owned, we have chosen not to assume the cost of Audited Financials but rather have had our CPA firm to provide a Review. The latest FAQ dated 12.9.2024 addresses the issue of unaudited financials. I have a question about who is the "Eligible Entity" referenced in the FAQ?
ANSWER: Eligible Entity is the State, and therefore it is KOBD.

QUESTION: We have two questions regarding the Professional Engineer requirements for the projects applications:

1. **Volume 2 references a Professional Engineer template in 2.4.13.b (e.g., "see "2.4.13.b.-PE Letter Draft Attachment.docx"). Where is the link for this document or where is this document located?**
2. **Does the Professional Engineer certify a single project with grouped PFAs as either:**
    a. **Each PFA individually or The combined group of PFAs in a single submitted project**

ANSWER: The document is linked in the Volume 2 page under attachments here. The Professional Engineer must certify the entire project. So, if a project extends beyond one PFA than one certification will be sufficient.