



Consultation for 2015 FIP Implementation Pre-Applicants Focused Investments Partnership Program

Who Must Participate in a Consultation? Any partnership in a Board-approved priority seeking Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) *Implementation* funding must consult with OWEB staff *before* submitting a Phase 1 FIP implementation application. Applicants pursuing the *capacity building* track are *not* required to participate in a consultation. IMPORTANT: FIP Implementation partnership initiatives that do not complete a consultation during the designated period (see below) for a consultation will not be eligible to apply for an implementation focused investment partnership during the 2015-16 solicitation.

What is the Purpose of the Consultation? The purpose is to:

- 1) Give staff a clear understanding of the readiness of the partnership to implement a focused investment partnership; specifically, to discuss the extent to which the partnership meets the four goals of a focused investment:
 - (a) Addresses a Board-identified priority of significance to the state,
 - (b) Identifies clear and measurable ecological outcomes,
 - (c) Identifies results-oriented approaches in a strategic action plan, and
 - (d) Has a high-performing partnership
- 2) Provide guidance on the FIP application process, including an assessment by staff of the competitive strength of the proposed implementation focused investment partnership. Please note that staff's role is to provide helpful feedback, *not* to disallow proposals (unless they are ineligible because they fall outside of a Board-identified priority for Focused Investment Partnerships).
- 3) Answer applicant questions about the program and its process.

How does the Consultation Occur? Implementation pre-application consultations will be conducted in a 60-minute conference call between OWEB staff and up to five members of the implementation partnership. If partnerships prefer an in-person meeting, a one-hour meeting can be scheduled at the OWEB offices in Salem as an alternative to a conference call. Partnership participants should be prepared to discuss the points above in the Purpose section.

Consultations must be scheduled by May 6, 2015, and must be completed by May 20, 2015. Once you have ascertained that the OWEB Board selected a priority at its April 2015 meeting that is relevant to your FIP, e-mail Gretchen Kirchner (gretchen.kirchner@state.or.us) after the April OWEB Board meeting and no later than May 6) to schedule a day and time for your consultation.

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