



*Collaborative Research Matching Grant Program Request for Proposals (No. 2014-JAII-01)*

Questions and Answers  
November 5, 2013

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1.	<p>As we are trying to finalize the proposal and the budget, I have a question regarding indirect costs on the grant. In the budget worksheet, there is the option to include overhead on capitalized labor and it can be included as “match funds” or as “MTC funding.” In the RFP on page 32, it states that the grantee shall be reimbursed for such capitalizable indirect costs at their government-approved rate or at the grantee’s actual indirect cost rate. Would you please confirm which rate we should use? And if we should use the MTC approved rate, please advise the percentage.</p>	<p>The indirect cost rate that would be allowed is the governmental-approved rate of the Applicant. An approved rate is one that has been submitted to and accepted by a federal or state agency for a current fiscal period under another grant received by the Applicant. Normally there is an indirect cost rate approval letter from the applicable federal or state agency. MassTech’s expectation is that the Applicant will typically provide a rate that has been approved by a federal agency. If the Applicant does not have an approved rate, they could submit information to MassTech that would justify their proposed rate based upon their actual calculated indirect cost rate (similar to what they would need to do under a federal award).</p>
2.	<p>Would you please clarify if we request the indirect cost as MTC funds does this reduce the amount of funds we receive for direct cost, or would the indirect cost be in addition to the award amount?</p>	<p>Any allowed indirect costs rate would be part of the overall award made, not incremental.</p>