AMS TTAG PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Overview:

The AMS Technology Transfer Assistance Grant Program (TTAG) provides limited financial support for the transfer and deployment of innovative technology. The TTAG Program assists Arkansas enterprises in developing or improving products or processes through the transfer of technical solutions to technology-based, industry-driven problems, thus enhancing that enterprise's market competitiveness.

AMS will fund up to $3,750 of costs associated with transferring new or existing technology from a qualified resource provider to an eligible business enterprise with manufacturing or manufacturing related operations in Arkansas. Up to $5,000 of total project costs will be considered, with the first $2,500 cost-shared equally (50:50) by AMS and the business enterprise; the remaining $2,500 funded by AMS. The TTAG Enterprise Match payment must be received by AMS prior to the issuance of the AMS TTAG matching award funds to the resource provider. Work on the TTAG project must not begin before the TTAG Enterprise Match has been remitted by the enterprise and received by AMS according to the terms of the award. The TTAG Enterprise Match is held on deposit by AMS and remitted to the TTAG Resource Provider upon project completion according to the TTAG Award requirements. The TTAG project must be completed within 90 days.

Depending on fund availability, each Arkansas enterprise is eligible to receive assistance for two technology transfer projects per state fiscal year (12 months beginning 07/01 and ending 06/30). TTAG Project Applications are evaluated on a competitive basis.

Valid NAICS:

AMS TTAG business enterprise participants must provide a current Dun and Bradstreet ID for their Arkansas location with at least one AMS NIST MEP valid NAICS and the current number of employees at their Arkansas location. Valid NAICS for AMS TTAG business enterprise participants are:

- 31XXXX, 32XXXX, 33XXXX – Manufacturing. All 6-digit NAICS codes starting with 31, 32, or 33.
- 423510 – Metal Service Centers and Other Metal Merchant Wholesalers.
- 4841XX – General Freight Trucking. All 6-digit NAICS codes starting with 4841.
- 4842XX – Specialized Freight Trucking. All 6-digit NAICS codes starting with 4842.
- 488510 – Freight Transportation Arrangement.
- 488991 – Packing and Crating.
- 4931XX – Warehousing and Storage. All 6-digit NAICS codes starting with 4931.
- 541330 – Engineering Services.
- 541380 – Testing Laboratories.
- 541420 – Industrial Design Services.
- 541511 – Custom Computer Programming Services.

- 541512 – Computer Systems Design Services.
- 54171x – Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences. All 6-digit NAICS codes starting with 54171.
- 561910 – Packaging and Labeling Services.
- 811310 – Commercial and Industrial Machinery & Equipment (except Automotive & Electronic) Repair & Maintenance.

TTAG Applicant Business Enterprise and Resource Provider Requirements:

The TTAG Resource Provider should work with the TTAG Business Enterprise to complete all questions on the AMS TTAG APPLICATION online form. By submitting the TTAG application, the TTAG Applicants agree to:

TTAG Business Enterprise Requirements:

- TTAG Enterprise operations must be located in Arkansas.
- The TTAG Enterprise Match payment must be received by AMS prior to the deadline stipulated in the TTAG Award.
- Submit to AMS the online TTAG Final Report by the deadline stipulated according to the TTAG Award email.
- Respond to up to two post-project surveys within 48 months from the project's completion. AMS efforts to assist industry in Arkansas are supported in part by the United States Department of Commerce (DOC) via the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership MEP. The post project online client surveys are conducted by NIST MEP, our federal funding partner, and are necessary to report estimated impacts for each AMS supported project. Your survey response is very important and is held in strict confidence.

TTAG Resource Provider Requirements:

- TTAG Resource Providers must have operations in Arkansas.
- Resource Providers who have not delivered work funded by the TTAG program in the last 2 years must complete and submit an AMS 3rd Party Resource Provider Application for review by the TTAG Committee prior to the TTAG Application being considered.
- Resource Providers must be registered as a vendor with the State of Arkansas via the state of Arkansas Vendor Services Portal website located at https://www.ark.org/vendor/index.html.
- Resource Providers must provide the TTAG Application stated services to the TTAG Applicant Enterprise.

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- Upon TTAG project completion, Resource Providers must assist the Enterprise in completing and submitting the TTAG Final Report.
- Within 30 days of TTAG project completion, Resource Providers must submit a final invoice to AMS for the TTAG Enterprise Match held on deposit by AMS. The invoice must include the name and address of the TTAG Enterprise, the TTAG Project ID, the TTAG Project Title, and a summary of services delivered by the Resource Provider to the Enterprise.

Failure to meet any of these requirements could impact future funding consideration for both the TTAG Enterprise and the TTAG Resource Provider.