

Industry Cluster Study Update - Questions and Answers

1. Is the previous Cluster Study available?

Answer:

Yes, it is on our website titled “Industry Cluster Study: Targeted Cluster Identification & Strategic Alignment” done in September, 2012. <https://pacmtn.org/about-us/reports-resources/>

2. Can you tell us a little more about the local project committee? Will it be a mix of board, staff and leadership?

Answer:

We are taking a two-step process in developing this committee. First, we have spoken to each of the five Economic Development Council’s in our county and they have been invited to designate two individuals to be a part of the committee. Second, we are also putting a call out to our board.

3. Will EDC’s be entirely responsible for outreach and event planning related to the primary data work, convening participants and stakeholders?

Answer:

No, there will need to be involvement from both the selected contractor and a PacMtn staff. Each county will have flexibility to design what works best for their area.

4. In terms of coordination, convening stakeholder interviews to gather primary data. Will the vendor need to identify a primary site or can contractor leverage PacMtn knowledge of the area or even PacMtn offices if the space is available? Would that be a collaborative effort?

Answer:

We expect that coordination to be a collaborative effort with PacMtn and the contractor.

5. Since the RFP has been published, has anything changed or have you heard from any stakeholders that have changed PacMtn’s approach to the project or changed the context of the project?

Answer:

There have been no changes or conversations that have altered the project. PacMtn had dialogue with the Economic Development Council’s and received feedback while writing the RFP, feedback was incorporated early and often in the writing process.

6. Is the winning vendor free to use their own cluster definitions or is it expected that we will adopt those used in the 2012 study? For example, the NAICS that we assign to our “Food Manufacturing” cluster may not match those NAICS assigned to the “Food Production” cluster used in your 2012 study.

Answer:

The vendor will present their recommendations for indicators that should be used as part of the project. The recommendations will be presented to PacMtn and Project Committee. PacMtn and the committee will review the suggestions and decide accordingly.

7. Is there a date identified for the Future of Work event to be held in August?

Answer:

The date for the Future of Work event has not been confirmed. The event date will be solidified after input from the project committee and the contractor.

8. Under the second deliverable, page 4 (2.b.ii.), it states “Emphasis on **analytical data updates** for each sector...” --- what are “analytical data updates” related to? For example, should we plan to emphasize changes to the list of indicators being used? Changes to specific indicator values between 2012 and 2019? Changes to sectors being recommended?

Answer:

The final data is negotiable and we will be looking to the contractor to provide recommendations, and confirmed within the final contract between the vendor and PacMtn.