# FY2015 Training and Technical Assistance—Regional Training Conferences
## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **On page 7 of the NOFA, there is a reference to performance measures as a required element of the application. Is that just boilerplate for all CNCS NOFAs, or does that apply to the regional conference competition?**
   The NOFA was amended and reposted on August 13, 2015 (see item #6 below); performance measures are not applicable to this competition.

2. **How much training content will CNCS provide or require for all regional conferences? How much space will remain in each region's agenda for other topics, once the CNCS content is covered?**
   Per page 3 of the NOFA, CNCS staff will provide up to eight hours of core curriculum at each regional conference. The topics will be determined by CNCS staff and provided to the award recipients. The timing of the CNCS sessions will be determined by each conference's planning team and the relevant CNCS staff involved in the training. The remaining time in each region's agenda will be determined by the planning team.

3. **Will the regional conference planners be able to choose from a list of optional sessions to be provided by CNCS as well as the required eight hours of content?**
   There is no list of optional content that will be provided by CNCS for the regional conference planners. Each region will determine its conference goals and structure based on the target audiences' needs and within the required scope of the award.

4. **How much content did CNCS provide in the last round of regional conferences?**
   All five agendas for the FY2014 regional conferences may be found at
   http://www.nationalservicetraining.org/.

5. **On page 6 of the NOFA, there is reference to CNCS working with the award recipients of this competition to determine a consistent look and feel for conference agendas and event materials. Please provide more explanation of this grant requirement.**
   CNCS staff will provide general templates for the regional conference agenda and the conference graphic that will align with the agency's design standards. The intention of this requirement is to create visual alignment between these conferences and the CNCS overall branding. Each region will tailor its printed and electronic agenda and materials to reflect the character of the region represented, within the guidance provided by CNCS.

6. **The NOFA was amended and reposted on August 13, 2015. What are the key changes made to the document?**
   - Deletion on page 2—The highlighted language was removed from the NOFA: Collecting and reporting on CNCS designated performance reporting criteria, including evaluation of customer satisfaction with the conference experience using CNCS approved survey instruments, basic conference outputs (numbers of attendees, etc.), and the measurement of knowledge gains attained by participants in core CNCS content sessions by program type and other audience demographics.
   - Correction—The following language was added to the Amended Announcement, page 4: CNCS anticipates awarding approximately $300,000 for 2015 Training and Technical Assistance—Regional Training Conferences cooperative agreements. CNCS expects to make awards of approximately $50,000-$60,000 to support a CNCS regional cluster. Increase in available funds and potential award amounts.
   - Clarification—The following language was added to the Amended Announcement, page 7: Performance Measures – Not Applicable for this Notice.
   - Correction—Award recipients will submit digital copies of all curricula, handouts, and other materials developed to CNCS. The following language was removed from the NOFA, page 17: Submit digital

7. **What is the funding mechanism for this competition?**
   Per page 4 of the Amended Announcement, the funding mechanism for the FY 2015 Training and Technical Assistance—Regional Training Conferences competition is a cooperative agreement, which provides for substantial involvement by CNCS with the awardees as the approved grant activities are implemented. CNCS involvement will include, but is not limited to, input on the content of the conference agenda, presenter selection (CNCS and non-CNCS), logistics, and material review.