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Get Third-Party Program Evaluation Assistance

The demand for grant-funded program accountability is rising, as grant stakeholders and/or funding sources want to understand how programs are working compared to the plans laid out in original grant proposals. Third-party evaluation is an important service in assessing implementation of proposed program activities and evaluating the achievement of stated goals. Including a unique and thorough third-party evaluation plan in your proposal can give you a decisive edge when competing for Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF) grants.

Whether you are currently writing a grant proposal or have recently been awarded a WIF grant, you will need third-party evaluation services to evaluate and monitor your program, as well as define any process improvements. WIF grants do require a third-party program evaluation service; the objectivity and the process and measurement expertise provided by such a service will strengthen your WIF proposal. What’s more, program evaluation can be vital as grantors determine eligibility for future funding and for multi-year renewals of the grant award.

Engage Our Team to Make the Most of Your Grant

We are an evaluation, assessment and research unit affiliated with the Office of Outreach & Engagement and the Industrial Extension Service at NC State University. Our team offers leadership and practical assistance in research, assessment and program evaluation, often in complex environments and in a wide variety of areas—from education to business and industry to military and government agencies.

Our program evaluation services are based on a framework derived from two evaluation approaches—objectives-oriented and participant-oriented. These approaches ensure that full attention is paid to the interests of those funding the activities and to those participating in (and affected by) the activities.
Leverage Our Uniqueness

Based on client needs and evaluation context, we use an appropriate quality system framework, such as the Baldrige Model Criteria for Performance Excellence, that provides a foundation for the development of the evaluation plan. Such a foundation ensures a high-quality, rigorous and customer-focused evaluation. Our competitive advantage is based on how we evaluate and what we evaluate. Unique to our evaluation services, we develop:

- Pre-intervention assessments
- Logic models and preliminary evaluation design, as needed
- Formative and summative evaluation processes
- Developmental evaluation perspectives, as appropriate
- Post-intervention assessments and next-step plans for using evaluation results
- Evaluation capacity-building to enable long-term self-evaluation by grantee

Understand Our Qualifications

- Extensive knowledge of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the measures required by WIOA, including measures such as credential
- Attainment, achieving measurable skill gains enrolled in an education or training program, and effectiveness of core programs in serving employers
- Unparalleled experience with data collection and analysis
- Demonstrated expertise in delivering services for large scale projects
- Demonstrated adaptability to develop practical, but rigorous, evaluation plans
- Daily interaction with educational institutions and industry that results in a more in-depth program evaluation from both job-seeker and employer perspectives
- Experience developing program evaluations for U.S. Department of Labor grants

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