

The Build America Bureau's Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) team is preparing for the launch of the application portal, set to open 30 days after the release of the FY24-FY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The RTA team would like to propose changing the language for one of the application questions to improve its clarity for potential applicants.

When testing the application portal for its launch, test applicants displayed confusion when providing a response to question five. Test applicants provided a "yes" or "no" answer when ideally the questions seek applicants to list the congressional district(s) in which the entity/organizations headquarters and project is located. With this, the RTA would like to propose the following change to question five on the application form.

Currently, question five reads as:

- Q5: Entity/Organization headquarters is in this congressional district(s)
- Q5: Project is in this congressional district(s)

After making the proposed changes, question five would read as:

- Q5: Enter the congressional district(s) the entity/organization headquarters is in
- Q5: Enter the congressional district(s) the project is in

The purpose of this change is to clarify the question for the applicant to respond to properly and provide information that will allow the RTA team to accurately and efficiently review applications.