1. Are ECE Workforce Policy Project Proposals required to include matching funds?
ECE Workforce Policy Project Proposals are not required to include matching funds.

2. Can an ECE Workforce Policy Project Applicant apply to lead only one component of the ECE Workforce Policy Project, such as the Policy Workgroups, but not the Career Development Demonstration Collaboratives?
First 5 LA seeks to secure a Contractor that will meet all of the requirements identified in the RFQ to support First 5 LA’s implementation of the ECE Workforce Policy Project. A Proposal can be submitted by a collaborative of organizations, entities, and/or individuals that support the full implementation of the ECE Workforce Policy Project.

3. Can the key ECE Workforce Policy Project personnel or subcontractors be based outside of LA County?
Applicants must have a presence in and the capacity to work throughout LA County. The Proposal must demonstrate the Applicant’s knowledge of and familiarity with the underlying issues and complexities affecting the ECE workforce, delivery of ECE career development services, and ECE career development opportunities and resources available in LA County. The Applicant must also demonstrate established relationships and access to key stakeholders such as policy makers and leaders within LA County.

4. How will the Policy Workgroup participants be selected and will the participants include the key stakeholders identified in the RFQ (child care Resource and Referral agencies and networks, Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), LA County Office of Childcare and LACOE Head Start-State Preschool)?
The criteria and selection process to identify appropriate Policy Workgroup participants is being developed. The criteria is being informed by a thorough scan of the ECE workforce policy environment. The Access Policy Workgroup will include leaders from organizations and institutions such as higher education, training entities, county level supports and key participants from the Collaboratives that impact the career development services systems in the five geographic areas and county wide. The Sustainability Policy Workgroup participants will include representatives from different segments of the ECE field, private sector, academia and other key stakeholders. The selected areas of focus for each Policy Workgroup will help inform the selection of appropriate Policy Workgroup participants.

5. Does Early Care and Education refer to infants and toddlers?
Yes, First 5 LA’s focus on Early Care and Education (ECE) includes children from the ages zero to five.