



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

OVERCOME - CONNECTIVITY FOR UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

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Questions:

Contact OVERCOME staff at overcome@us-ignite.org.

Updates and FAQ:

Check at <https://www.us-ignite.org/program/overcome/>

Key Dates:

Webinar (optional)

- November 10, 2020, 11 am Eastern Time, 8 am Pacific Time
- Click [here to register for this webinar](#)

Full Proposal (required)

- January 8, 2021, 5 pm Eastern Time

Awards announced

- No later than February 2021
- Site visits, likely virtual, may be required.

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

General Information

Program Title

OVERCOME: Connectivity for Unserved and Underserved Communities

Synopsis of Project

At least 17 million U.S. residents lack the basic Internet access necessary for remote work, online learning, and telemedicine. While ensuring greater connectivity has always been important, the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have turned a desire to deliver broadband to everyone into a critical priority for the nation. The goal of the National Science Foundation-funded OVERCOME project is to select, launch, and oversee five proof-of-concept efforts to deploy novel broadband technology solutions to both rural and urban unserved and underserved communities. These communities will be chosen to reflect a mix of density, demographics, regions of the United States, housing types, local and industry collaborations, and technical approaches.

To explore strategies for further broadband expansion, US Ignite is soliciting communities and their partners to participate in the OVERCOME project to connect the unconnected. Responding communities are asked to propose their team members, identify unserved and/or underserved area(s) they will connect, and recommend specific technologies to be used for broadband delivery. US Ignite will select and fund five strong and diverse proposals, oversee broadband deployment efforts, provide national publicity for the effort, and charter leading faculty to measure the project's effects – both technical and social – as it evolves.

The OVERCOME project results will help guide efforts to create a more comprehensive response to connecting the unconnected by discovering patterns of success worth repeating on a larger scale and noting the distinctions that arise based on variations in the communities served. All data collected will be made available publicly in a timely way, and shared information will include failures and successes. It is hoped that the practical knowledge gained from these proofs-of-concept will enable new broadband deployment models and allow more Americans to take advantage of Internet-based education, join the workforce, and access high-quality healthcare on-demand.

US Ignite will publish and maintain information on the OVERCOME project at the us-ignite.org website. The site will act as a repository for data collected throughout the project and serve as an ongoing public resource for broadband deployment strategies. It is expected that the information provided will prove valuable to industry technologists, researchers, and federal, state, and local governments seeking to expand broadband access.

The National Science Foundation is funding this work in part under Cooperative Agreement 2044448.

Award Information

Anticipated Type of Award: Subaward Agreement

Estimated Number of Awards: 5

Anticipated Funding Amount: Up to \$300,000 in cash per award from the National Science Foundation via US Ignite over one year is available, subject to the availability of funds. Additional funding or in-kind contributions may become available from other federal agencies or corporate partners depending on the selected community effort's scale and scope; US Ignite will discuss any such funding possibilities with the selected community teams at the appropriate time.

Performance Period: For planning purposes, assume a 12-month performance period between March 1, 2021, and February 28, 2022, when preparing your proposal.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Who May Submit Proposals?

Proposals may only be submitted by the following:

Nonprofit, non-academic organizations

State, local and municipal governments and entities they control, community-owned utilities, research labs, foundations, economic development organizations, community-serving organizations, tribal organizations, charitable nonprofits, research and startup incubators, professional societies, school districts, anchor institutions, healthcare, and similar organizations in the US associated with community development, economic development, healthcare, education, and/or research activities.

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)

Two- and four-year IHEs (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in, the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members. Such organizations also are referred to as academic institutions.

Nonprofit organizations (including governments and community-based nonprofits) and academic institutions are strongly encouraged to form teams/partnerships to respond to this RFP to achieve their goals adequately. Teams comprising the following three types of partners will be considered the strongest and most sustainable teams:

1. Technically-aware partners capable of leading novel broadband technology efforts;
2. Community-based partners (including governments and anchor institutions) capable of leading community-sensitive outreach and adoption; and
3. Training and application-based partners in areas like education and/or healthcare.

For-profit organizations are encouraged to participate but may not lead proposing teams. In some cases, local for-profit Internet Service Providers (ISPs), other for-profit organizations, and other team partners can contribute equipment, facilities, and other resources to enhance team capabilities. While for-profit companies can be partners and

vendors in a proposal, only not-for-profit and academic organizations defined here are eligible to submit proposals and receive funding.

How should collaborative proposals be submitted?

For each proposed project, US Ignite expects to receive one cohesive proposal, with one identified lead organization. An organization may propose or participate in more than one project proposal. For collaborative proposals involving multiple institutions, funding for participating institutions will be made through subawards or subcontracts on the lead organization's award from US Ignite. *A collaborative proposal should not be submitted as separate institutional proposals.*

Who May Serve as Project Lead?

The Project Lead may be affiliated with nonprofit non-academic organizations or with academic institutions as defined above.

Through this RFP, project funding may not be used to pay for FFRDC/federal agency staff or resources. Participants from federal agencies beyond NSF and/or non-NSF-funded FFRDCs may join proposing teams via a letter of participation.

An individual who is Project Lead on one proposal may not participate in this role on any other proposal but may participate in other proposals in another role, such as "team member." If an individual exceeds this limit, proposals received within the limit will be accepted based on the earliest date and time of proposal submission.

These eligibility constraints will be enforced strictly in order to treat everyone fairly and consistently. No exceptions will be made.

Additional Institutional Eligibility Information

For all partners as well as US IHEs with overseas branch campuses, this RFP restricts eligibility to research activities using the facilities, equipment, and other resources of the communities and campus(es) located in the US only.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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response to connecting the unconnected by discovering patterns of success worth repeating on a larger scale and noting the distinctions that arise based on variations in the communities served. All data collected will be made available publicly in a timely way, and shared information will include failures and successes. It is hoped that the practical knowledge gained from these proofs-of-concept will enable new broadband deployment models and enable more Americans to take advantage of Internet-based education, join the online workforce, and access high-quality healthcare on demand.

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The success of the OVERCOME project ultimately rests on collaboration among three important stakeholders:

- (a) Innovators in broadband connectivity. This RFP seeks explicitly novel approaches to broadband connectivity that will result in replicable methods to reach the currently unconnected;
- (b) Government, academic, not-for-profit, community-based organizations, anchor institutions, and for-profit partners willing to help recruit unconnected households, install, test, and maintain the innovative broadband connectivity, and provide the equipment and training necessary for the newly connected households to make effective use of their new connectivity; and
- (c) Application-based interested parties can help evaluate the benefits of online education, telehealth, and other application areas.

OVERCOME RFP Phase

In this first phase of the project, US Ignite, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and its partners will publicize the effort and encourage proposals. Responding communities are encouraged to bring various technical, social, governmental, nonprofit, for-profit, anchor, and philanthropic organizations together to devise creative solutions for connecting important unserved and underserved populations. We expect community-based partnerships to propose solutions utilizing a broad range of technologies to apply for proof-of-concept design and deployment subawards.

There are a wide range of methodologies already in use across the country for providing Internet connectivity more universally. These include lifeline services, mobile hotspots, cellular data, and others. The OVERCOME project intends to augment these with creative technology and deployment solutions that may need seed funding for proofs-of-concept in real-world situations. A proof-of-concept is a creative risk-taking approach to invention, choice, and/or configuration of technical, social, and organizational variables to deliver outsized technical and social results in connecting unserved and underserved people to the Internet for societal benefit. We believe that these creative technology and deployment solutions will often take the form of

partnerships between people and organizations with technical creativity and expertise; social creativity and expertise; the people newly receiving connectivity; and organizations (including nonprofit, anchor, philanthropic and for-profit) having an interest in connecting their residents or intended audiences. The OVERCOME project desires to provide seed funding and advice to help catalyze these partnerships and encourage them to pursue innovative technical and social solutions.

Desired outcomes include newly connected communities of hundreds to thousands of households invested in the long-term process and benefits of providing their own Internet connectivity, training and upskilling opportunities for unserved and underserved populations, and an ethos and belief that Internet connectivity, device availability, and training in education and healthcare uses of the Internet are benefits to society as a whole.

The OVERCOME website (<https://www.us-ignite.org/program/overcome/>) contains examples of existing projects and efforts to connect the unserved and underserved and outlines some of the more ambitious and unique technical solutions that others have identified.

We seek creative and innovative approaches to technical design, new deployment methods, new partnerships that create new capabilities, and other discovery-related efforts that will enlarge the national portfolio of successful proofs-of-concept. The OVERCOME website examples include several that are not yet well-proven and well-deployed but could serve as inspiration or potentially a partial component of an innovative and meaningful proof-of-concept proposal.

Since this RFP is for proofs-of-concept that may form the basis for future, larger-scale efforts to connect the unserved and underserved with Internet service and particularly Internet service useful for interacting with government, education, and healthcare, US Ignite, and the NSF wish to study the factors and processes that make various winners of this RFP (“subawardees”) successful. If chosen, subawardees should be prepared to spend a reasonable amount of time documenting their efforts, risks, obstacles, methods of overcoming obstacles, successes, failures, perceived advantages, disadvantages, and other social and technical measures of the challenges they face and are overcoming. Each proposing project is expected to conduct pre-and post-deployment assessments to quantify the impacts, while the exact assessment methodology is left to the project team to propose. Several social scientists are part of the US Ignite team and will work with communities to understand the social and economic factors involved in each of the awarded proof-of-concept efforts. Proposing partnerships should be prepared to spend some time working with the social scientists and collecting data on the successes and failures of their proposal’s component efforts. In addition, each team is required to include a faculty member from a local Institution of Higher Education to assist with the design, deployment, and assessment of the proposed approach.

Any proprietary information which will be used in the project should be identified in the proposal. This RFP aims to form replicable proofs-of-concept, so US ignite and proposal evaluators wish to understand to what extent this replicability goal may be limited by proprietary information before making awards. If proprietary products or services are being proposed that lack reasonable competitive alternatives, that fact should be

disclosed.

Proposals received in the RFP phase will be evaluated as described in this proposal, and a portfolio of about five diverse projects will be chosen to receive seed funding for their proof-of-concept.

OVERCOME Deployment Phase

Proposers should describe their deployment plans that will lay out projected timelines and costs associated with their intended plan to connect specific unserved and underserved areas within their communities.

As previously stated, the OVERCOME program encourages coordination among major groups of stakeholders: local academic experts, researchers, and students; local nonprofits, municipal governments, tribal governments or organizations of indigenous peoples (including tribal community colleges, Indian Health Service clinics, or Bureau of Indian Affairs schools); schools and healthcare organizations; and community-focused industry partners, anchor institutions, community-based organizations (including churches and neighborhood centers), innovation districts, philanthropic organizations, and others who take an interest in connecting the unserved and underserved. The synergy and resources that can be brought to the problem among multiple partners may produce results where no one or two of them could accomplish without this collaboration.

US Ignite would like these proofs-of-concept, when successful, to be sustained by their served communities and the interests of the partnerships involved.

For-profit companies with skills or products that may be valuable in providing connectivity to unserved and underserved communities are welcome to participate but may not be the lead organization submitting the proposal. US Ignite will publicize the results from these proofs-of-concept, while requirements to keep business processes confidential cannot be honored.

AWARD INFORMATION

Anticipated Type of Award

Subaward Agreement

Estimated number of Awards

5

Anticipated Funding Amount

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Performance Period

For planning purposes, assume a 12-month performance period between March 1, 2021, and February 28, 2022, when preparing your proposal.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS***Full Proposal Preparation Instructions***

Proposers must submit full proposals in response to this RFP by 5 pm Eastern Time on the date listed on the first page of this RFP. Proposals must be submitted through the EDAS system described below. Incomplete or incorrectly formatted proposals will be returned without review. US Ignite reserves the right to request that proposers provide additional supplementary and other information documents during the review process.

Proposal Title

A proposal title must begin with “**OVERCOME21: <Your Project Name>**” without quotation marks and with <Your Project Name> replaced by the name of your project.

Project Description

The Project Description **MUST** contain the following sections (i.e., Sections I – VIII) with the headings shown below. Page lengths for each section within the Project Description are suggested below, but only the total page limit of 12 pages will be enforced.

Section I: Your proposed project vision for creatively connecting an unserved and/or underserved community (up to 1.5 pages)

In this section, proposers should outline the unique aspects of the proposal including the unserved and/or underserved community or communities, its density and demographics, the likely number of households to be connected, the innovative technical approach (bearing in mind that the next section will go into greater detail), and the key results expected if the proposal were to be funded and the unserved or underserved community or communities successfully connected. Be sure to provide a measurement plan that includes anticipated impact on the unserved or underserved community and measurement of social impacts. Please also be sure to describe why you expect your proposed approach to succeed vs. existing efforts in your unserved or underserved areas. Diagrams may be included here or in the supplementary documents and information.

Section II: Innovative Technical Approach (up to 1 page)

This section will describe the innovative technical design that will deliver on the project

vision. Innovation in technical design is a key criterion for selection. In some cases, the technology itself will be novel. In other cases, its method of deployment, combination with other technologies, and/or innovative use for specific purposes, will improve on existing and well-known successful approaches. See the examples at <https://www.us-ignite.org/program/overcome/> for inspiration; your own discoveries and new ideas are valued. Diagrams may be included here or in the supplementary documents and information.

Section III: Partnerships and other support for the proposed project (up to 1.5 pages)

This section should document evidence of engagement by and for the unserved or underserved community identified in section I, including a discussion of the involvement and commitments which will be made by the unserved or underserved community itself, community-based organizations that will be partners in the project, and other governmental, tribal, nonprofit, educational, academic, anchor, for-profit, healthcare, cooperatives (including housing, agricultural, and electric cooperatives), and philanthropic organizations noting the resources they intend to bring to the project and the roles they will play. The number of partners is not an evaluation criterion. The long lists of organizational types described here and in other sections of this RFP are meant only to encourage creative thinking about the types of partnerships possible. Your proposal should have what you believe is the right number and types of partners to create a robust design and successful deployment for your creative effort to connect the unserved and underserved. Please consider the potential partnership roles the unserved and/or underserved community or communities themselves can play. These roles might include learning, installing, training, and maintaining the technologies used in their community.

Section IV: Project Plan (up to 2 pages)

This section describes the activities and schedules for design, deployment, and operations. Proposers shall describe all key milestones, tasks/activities/deliverables, and key resources (e.g., staff) assignments for the 12-month project period. Describe the project steps, responsible and participating parties, and timeline for the proposed project. We would expect to see 15-20 project steps in a typical plan. The plan must include three critical phases – Design, Deployment, and Operations. Include a GANTT chart or equivalent to show the main tasks. A more detailed GANTT chart can be placed in the supplemental documents and information section (optional) if you wish.

Section V: Budget Information and sustainability plan (up to 2 pages)

Explain how up to \$300,000 in cash provided by the NSF through US Ignite would be used over the first 12 months of design, deployment, and operations. Break down expenditures by capital expenses, deployment expenses, and operational expenses, being sure to note whether any members of the proposing team -- whether nonprofit or for-profit -- will be receiving a contract for services or equipment. Provide a pro forma operational plan to sustain the project for a second 12 months of operation. More detailed breakdowns may be provided, if necessary, in supplementary documents and information.

Section VI: Risk Discussion (up to 1 page)

Discuss assumptions and risks (including due to the current pandemic) the project may face if funded and plans to mitigate those risks. We expect that more innovative projects will have higher risks because of their novelty. How will these risks be managed? What resources are available in the partnership with experience in risk management and mitigation?

Section VII: Management Plan, Organizational Structure, and Project Staffing (up to 1.5 pages)

Describe the project's organizational and management structure. Describe the structure and processes to be used to provide effective leadership. Describe the approach to identify and prioritize unforeseen issues early and respond in an agile manner. How will the partners work together? How will a record of the project's major decisions, allocation of responsibilities, resource allocation, and response to challenges be kept to be instructive to others who may wish to use the same or similar approach? The management plan should include information on how the partners will communicate and collaborate and make joint decisions during the project.

Section VIII: Key Team Members (up to 1 page)

For the Project Lead and other team members, provide a paragraph describing their qualifications, relevant contributions, and results of prior projects made in the most recent five years that demonstrate ability to accomplish the OVERCOME program's goals, work with a team, and manage multi-stakeholder partnerships. Each team is required to include a faculty member from a local Institution of Higher Education to assist with the design, deployment, and assessment of the proposed approach.

Contributed Resources

Proposers and/or proposing partners (e.g., cities/communities, universities, anchor institutions, nonprofits, tribal organizations, cooperatives, and/or for-profits) may contribute resources including cash, equipment, people, rights-of-way, conduits, existing buildings and their roofs, pole access, spectrum, FCC licenses to operate, supplies, training, public relations, testing, evaluation, meeting, training, and assembly venues, fundraising activities, devices, fiber, Indefeasible Rights of Use (IRUs), security, project tracking, project management, risk assumption, governing boards, and/or insurance. Where any of these or other contributed resources are material to the project, their estimated monetary value (if it clarifies their contribution to the project) should be mentioned in Supplementary Documents and Information and NOT itemized with proposed subaward amounts in Section V (Budget Information and Sustainability Plan).

Supplementary Documents and Information

Pages in this section do not count against the page limit given above. However, the proposal should stand on its own without requiring the close reading of supplementary materials.

Supplementary documents and information may include:

- Two-page biographical sketches for up to ten people (optional).
- Contributed resources described in sufficient detail to permit assessment of the contribution to the proof-of-concept.
- Letters of Support (usually one page each, but a complex relationship may require two pages); letters should be included from listed partners and, where reasonable, from community leaders in the unserved or underserved community or communities themselves. Letters are also sought from each community's governmental (city, state, country, innovation district) Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Chief Information Officer (CIO) or equivalent leader. All letters of support should document the writer's commitment to the proposed OVERCOME project and level of facilities, resources, and services they are making available for the project, including where applicable but not limited to equipment donations or support, site rentals, campus or community IT support, fiber backhaul, the power provided to the sites, and expedited permitting as may be needed for some technical solutions.
- Other information of interest to limited audiences such as specification sheets for novel technologies. Please do not include technical manuals, copies of white papers, academic papers, terms and conditions, general information on the proposing team organizations, specification sheets for commercial equipment, or anything else not germane to a better understanding of Sections I-VIII.

Conflicts of Interests

Proposers are responsible for avoiding conflicts of interest and potential conflicts of interest. In addition, please ensure that **all key team members** (i.e., Project Lead, co-Leads, and other personnel) and paid/unpaid Consultants or Collaborators, the project's own Subrecipients, Postdocs, and project-level advisory committee members are registered **as co-authors** in EDAS so that any potential conflicts of interest identified by EDAS can be addressed.

Formatting Requirements

Proposal Pagination

The Project Description should be paginated prior to upload to the electronic system.

Proposal Margin and Spacing Requirements

For the Project Description, except figures, captions, and tables, please use only one of these typefaces: Arial, Courier New, Palatino Linotype, Times New Roman, or a Computer Modern font. All fonts should be used at a font size of 11 points or larger. Proposals should have no more than six lines of text within a vertical space of one inch. Margins, in all directions, must be at least an inch.

Page Formatting

Use a standard, single-column format for the text.

EDAS Full Proposal Submission Guidance

Please [click here](#) to go directly to the “OVERCOME21” application in EDAS. Once you are on the EDAS page, you may register if you are new to EDAS, or log into EDAS if you are already registered.

Within EDAS, you should add all Project Leads, Co-Leads, and other senior team members associated with the proposed project within the “Add or Delete Authors” section. Each Senior Personnel associated with the Full Proposal should have the following information: Name, EDAS ID, Affiliation, and Email.

Within EDAS, there should be two uploads for your Full Proposal submission, including:

- ***Project Description:*** This PDF upload should include Sections I to VIII with a total length of 12 pages or fewer; and
- ***Other Documents and Information:*** This consolidated PDF upload should include the supplementary materials you’ve chosen to provide as described above under “Supplementary Documents and Information.”

Proposers must submit the Full Proposal in response to this RFP by 5 pm Eastern Time on the date shown on the front page of this RFP.

PROPOSAL PROCESSING AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

The RFP has been written to encourage deep collaborations among communities, academic institutions, local corporate partners, tribal organizations, anchor institutions, research nonprofits, and civic institutions such as Chambers of Commerce, startup accelerators, and innovation centers.

Similar to NSF, US Ignite will rely on a merit review process that incorporates consideration of both the technical aspects of a proposed project and its potential to contribute more broadly to advancing the nation’s health, prosperity, and welfare. Accordingly, US Ignite will conduct a fair, competitive, transparent merit review process to select projects. Proposals will be selected both based on the merit review criteria below and the need to select a diverse portfolio of projects that address diverse types of areas and demographics served (urban, rural, tribal, etc.), technology innovations, types of unserved or underserved populations serviced, and other factors where diversity will add to the value of the overall project.

Merit Review Criteria

The following merit review criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

1. Vision and Benefit to the Unserved or Underserved Community and the likelihood the approach could serve as a proof-of-concept to other communities (See

proposal section I.).

2. Creativity and effectiveness in technical design and deployment (See proposal section II.).
3. Robust and meaningful partnerships with the combined skills and resources to drive significant local social impact, including involvement of the newly served populations and opportunities for the newly served populations to learn, install, train, and maintain the technologies used in their community (See proposal section III.).
4. Reasonable, responsive, and responsible project plan (See proposal section IV.).
5. Cost-effectiveness of the approach includes numbers of unserved and/or underserved people to be connected, the quality of services (including connectivity, training, equipment, etc.) they will receive, and the consequent social impact. Proposals for up to \$300,000 in new cash funding are encouraged. US Ignite will work with winners and relevant federal authorities to request special or temporary access to spectrum, if relevant. The estimated cost-effectiveness of replicating the proposed approach in other communities based on reviewer experience will also be considered. (See proposal section V.).
6. Favorable risk/reward ratio and quality of the risk mitigation strategy (See proposal section VI.).
7. Strength of the Management Plan, Organizational Structure, and Project Staffing section including methods for partnership collaboration and decision-making (See proposal section VII.).
8. Track record and qualifications of key personnel (See proposal section VIII.).
9. Alignment to OVERCOME goals and objectives and ability to add diversity to other selected proposals (based on overall proposal and comparisons to other proposals).

Review and Selection Process

US Ignite will screen the proposals for eligibility based on this RFP. US Ignite will evaluate proposals with input from a panel of independent, non-conflicted experts primarily from industry, anchor institutions, local communities, the government sector, academia, and/or other nonprofits working to connect the unconnected, and with expertise in novel networking technologies and associated social impacts. Conflict-of-interest rules will be implemented consistent with NSF policies at all stages of the review and award process.

The US Ignite team, with advice from the National Science Foundation, will select a portfolio of the projects based on the reviews.

AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Notification of the Award

Notification of the award is made to the submitting organization by US Ignite. Organizations whose proposals are declined will be advised as promptly as possible. Verbatim copies of reviews, not including the identity of the reviewer, will be provided to the Project Lead.

Award Conditions for Winning Proposals

An award from US Ignite consists of:

1. An award agreement, which includes any special provisions applicable to the award and any numbered amendments to it;
2. A budget, which indicates the amounts, by categories of expenses, on which US Ignite has based its support (or otherwise communicates any specific approvals or disapprovals of proposed expenditures); once approved, funding will be provided incrementally based on satisfactory completion of project milestones;
3. The proposal or statement of work;
4. Applicable award terms and conditions; and
5. Any announcement or other US Ignite issuance that may be incorporated by reference in the award notice.

Reporting Requirements and Ongoing Project Oversight

The Subawardee, including its own subrecipients, shall provide progress reports, engage in meetings (by telephone, video conferencing, and/or email), provide written reports, and attend meetings on operations as requested by US Ignite.

The Subawardee shall ensure reasonable progress and performance of subrecipients, including cooperation among the governing structure components and oversight activities. The Subawardee will ensure the availability of all key partners during any review as well as timely access to all project documentation.

The Subawardee and relevant subrecipients will participate in a final review meeting.

US IGNITE CONTACTS

General inquiries regarding this program should be made to Lee Davenport (Project Director) or Nancy Jemison (Project Manager) via email at overcome@us-ignite.org.

For questions related to the use of the EDAS proposal submission system, please contact overcome@us-ignite.org.

WEBINAR

US Ignite will host a Webinar to discuss this RFP on November 10, 2020, at 11 am Eastern Time, 8 am Pacific Time. Attendance is optional and the recording will be made available for later replay soon after. Click [here to register for this webinar](#).

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This RFP provides key information on the OVERCOME program. For additional information and program updates after release of the RFP, access the OVERCOME website (<https://www.us-ignite.org/program/overcome/>).