**EarthConnections Regional Alliance Information Meeting: Chat**

11:44:56 From Sarah Fortner : If we are in a few regional alliances already, some geo-tied, some not, does that matter? our proposal could center around geo.

11:46:23 From Tamara Ledley : Are program partners and consulting corp people identified already?

11:48:21 From Tamara Ledley : Can you give an example of a Program Parner?

11:52:50 From Tamara Ledley : Thanks!!

11:54:21 From Sarah Fortner : Could we partner with other national partners too? (say AGI, we have a good sense of how to connect to their planned work? They plan to expand in the community engagement arena (I think).

11:54:52 From Sarah Fortner : No hurry to answer

11:58:07 From Sarah Fortner : Cool!

11:58:17 From Tamara Ledley : In reading the materials it sounds like the "workforce" is STEM careers. However, I would argue that there could be a wide range or careers that would use geoscience in some way but not be considered STEM careers.

12:00:15 From Tamara Ledley : I would add that the use of geoscience to address local problems.

12:01:45 From Sarah Fortner : Should we try to show all of our capacity right away, or just our most strategic partnering for this?

12:02:34 From Sarah Fortner : thanks!

12:06:45 From Kim Hannula : Got to go to class. Thanks for the information & ideas.

12:07:03 From Susan : Good to see you Kim!

12:17:40 From Mitchell Awalt : Express interest form: https://serc.carleton.edu/earthconnections/interest\_form.html

12:19:22 From Bob Newton : When you say, "those materials" by March 11. Exactly what materials?

12:19:41 From Mindi Searls : How many Regional alliance groups do you anticipate bringing into the grant?

12:20:07 From Sarah Fortner : Our partners will want to know # of meetings.

12:20:42 From Sarah Fortner : We already meet quarterly

12:21:09 From Anne Gold : Is that a total of 20k for the two years or 20k/year for a total of 40k? — that will help understand the scope for us

12:21:16 From Sarah Fortner : Do partners need to sign anything?

12:23:55 From Mindi Searls : What is the proposal deadline?

12:23:59 From Sarah Fortner : Thanks! Doable.

12:24:43 From Mitchell Awalt : Notes also on this page: https://serc.carleton.edu/earthconnections/march\_1.html

12:24:56 From Sarah Fortner : Do you need a description of our setting (low income community, etc)

12:30:19 From Sarah Fortner : We do have ideas about matching funds.

12:35:33 From Bob Newton : Thanks Cathy. We'll be in touch.

12:35:35 From Tamara Ledley : Thanks Cathy and the rest of the team.

12:35:40 From Sarah Fortner : Thanks!

12:35:43 From Nina Hitchings : Thank you!

12:35:44 From Kusali : Thanks!

12:35:47 From Anne Gold : Thanks a log - that was great!

12:35:48 From Mitchell Awalt : All information on the meeting website: <https://serc.carleton.edu/earthconnections/march_1.html>

12:35:54 From lkennedy : thanks!