



## Process Changes: Program Builder Funding Round 13

# What's changing?

- **Our goals** are to make our process more equitable, more predictable, more responsive to needs, and better able to fund programs across the career connected learning continuum (Career Launch, Career Prep, and Career Explore)

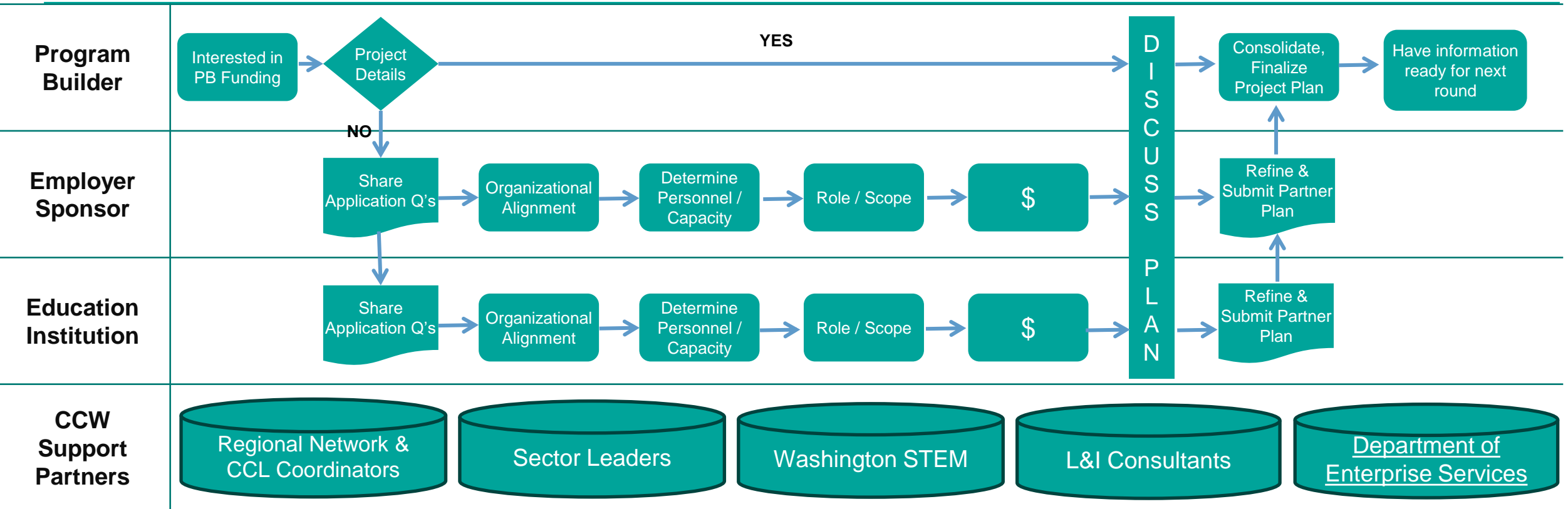
## Previous Program Builder Funding Rounds

- The written proposals were lengthy and complex. They required lots of time to complete and required additional support letters needed from partners.
- Bidders could not get help or feedback on their proposal until the RFP closed.
- Separate applications were required for each individual funding round.
- Review process was based only on written materials, like proposals, responses, and letters.
- Proposals could never be revised or improved once they were submitted into ESD.
- The evaluation committee had limited access to subject matter experts.

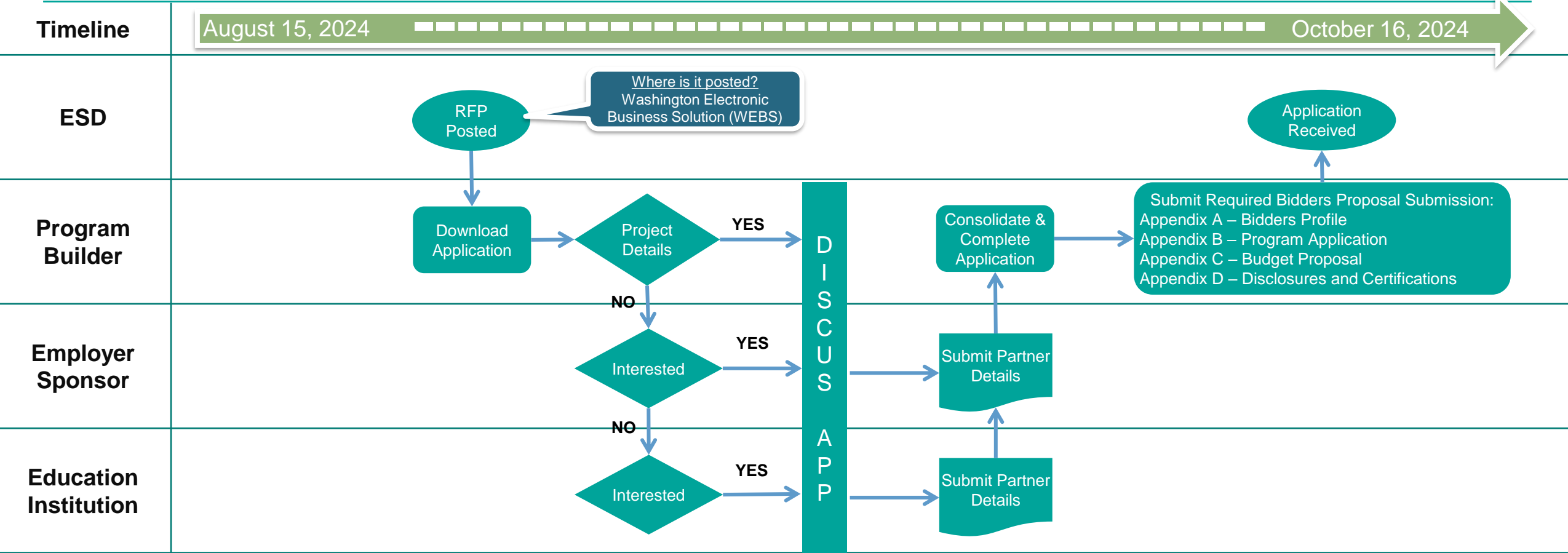
## Program Builder Round 13

- New shortened and simplified application.
- New multi-phase approach that allows Regional Network and Sector Leaders to support as subject matter experts.
- New “Convenience Pool” – Once an application is accepted, it remains active for up to 24 months.
  - > No more resubmitting applications
  - > ESD and CCW partners will provide technical assistance, networking opportunities, and support
  - > You can improve your proposal at anytime
  - > When new funds become available, programs can be selected from the Pool for consideration
  - > You may be invited to present more information about your program to the Selection Committee

# Application Development Guide



# Round 13 – Active Solicitation Period



# Evaluation to Award – Multi-Phase Approach

## Phase 1: Administrative Review

- **Verification of Responsiveness** – All proposals received by the stated deadline will first be reviewed by the Procurement Coordinator and staff to ensure that the proposals contain all required information.
- Only responsive proposals that meet the requirements will be forwarded to the evaluation team for review. Any proposal that does not contain all required information, or any Bidder that does not meet all of the mandatory qualifications, will be rejected as non-responsive, and will be removed from further evaluation.

## Phase 2: Review of Application

- **Evaluation Approach** – Application will be evaluated based on the current potential benefits the program will provide to the noted community employers and students. The primary components for this determination include the current regional and sectoral need for that program within the proposed communities.
- **Note** – This determination is not intended to review the quality or methodology of the program, but rather the efficacy of how well the program can help expand the CCW Grant Program across the entire state.

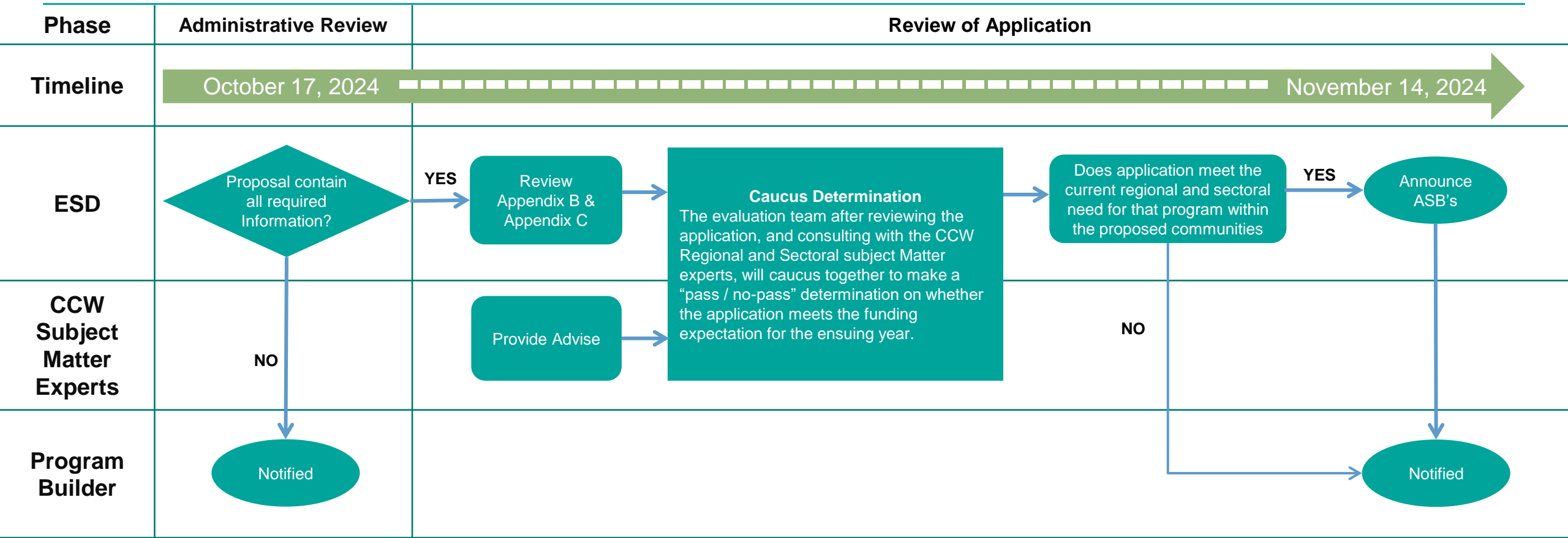
## Phase 3: Designation of Apparent Successful Bidders - Convenience Pool

- **Convenience Pool of Apparent Successful Bidders** - Once an ASB is announced. Although being part of the convenience pool does not guarantee that the Bidder will be selected for a later contract, it does mean that the Bidder and its program are available for future selection.
- Bidders may remain in the convenience pool for up to twenty-four months, ESD may also extend this period for up to additional twenty-four months after consultation with the Bidder.

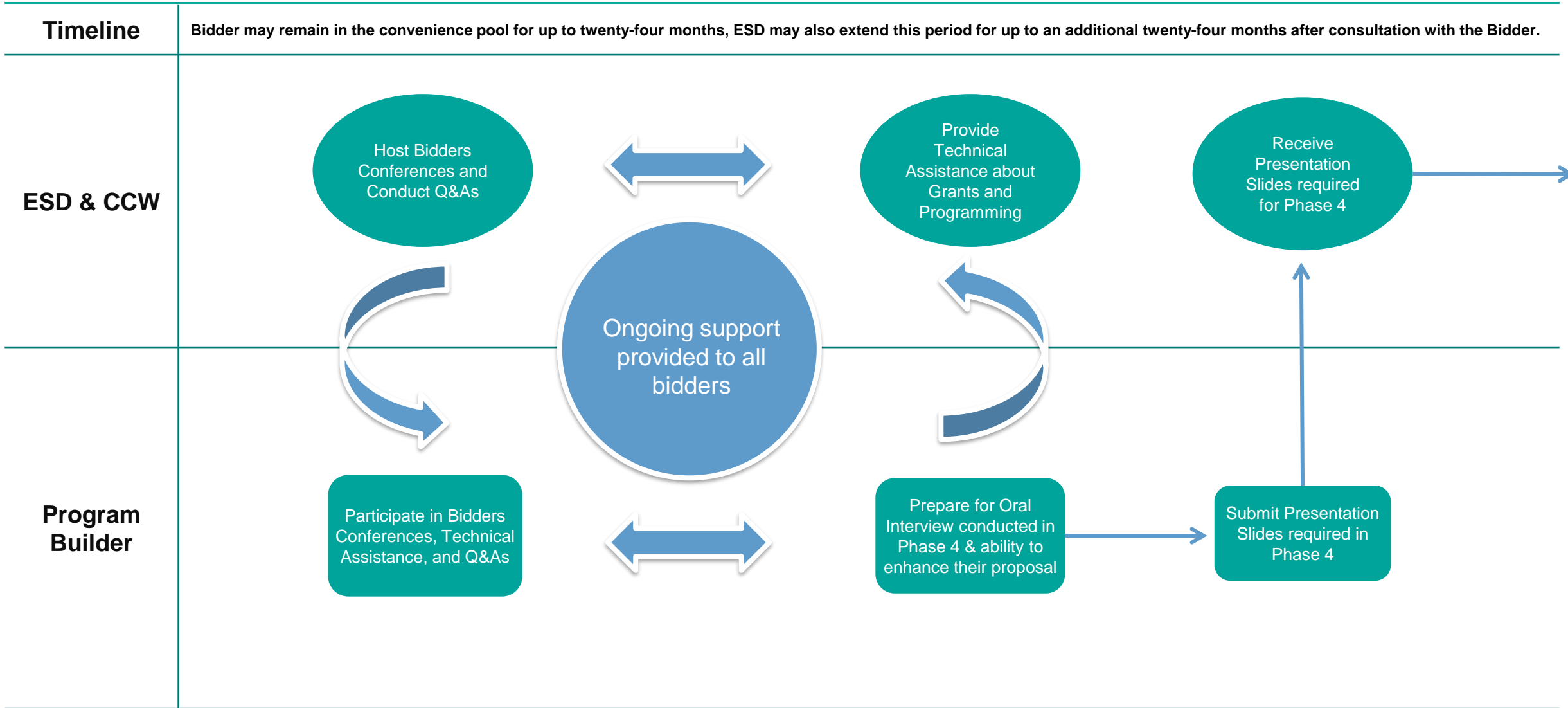
## Phase 4: Selection for interviews and contracting

- **Presentation and Oral Interviews** – Bidders in the convenience pool who are selected to potentially receive contract funding, will first be required to appear for a presentation and interviews.
- The selection of Bidders from the convenience pool will be based upon the selection Committee's determination of which programs best serve the current overall needs of the Career Connected Learning Grant Program.
- There is no guarantee that being selected for presentation and interviews will automatically lead to being awarded with a contract.

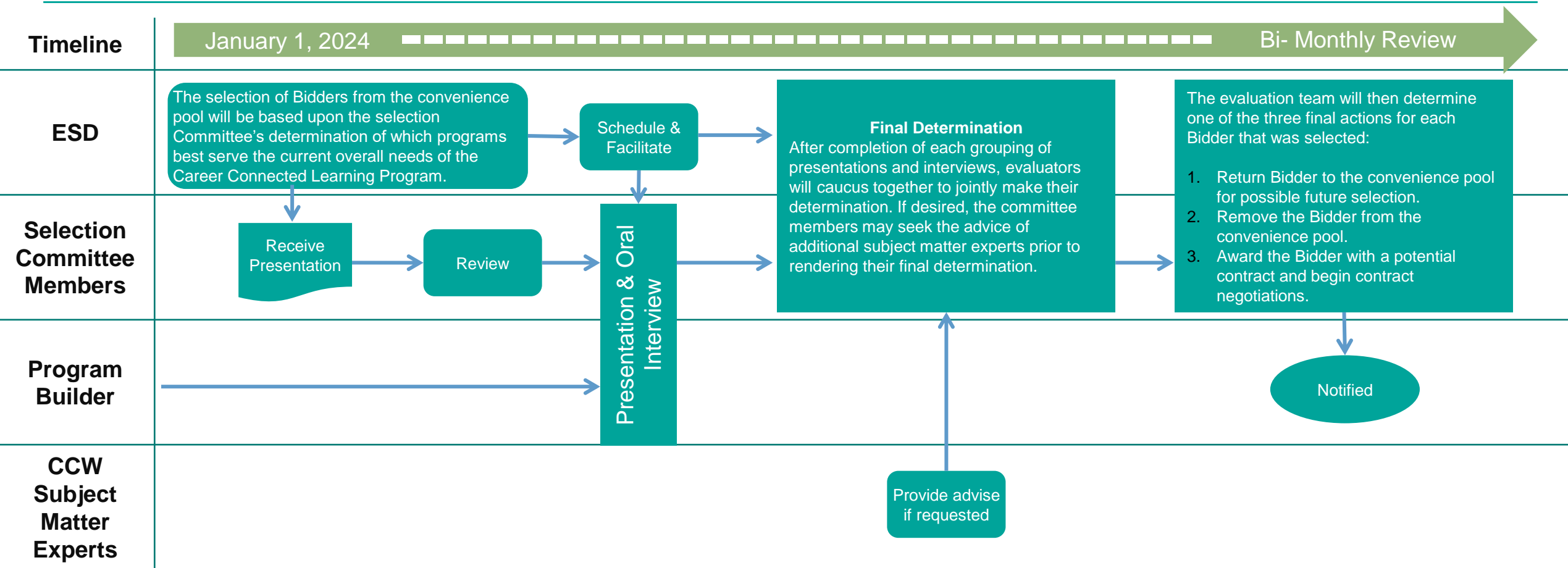
# Phase 1 – Administrative Review & Phase 2 – Review of Application



# Phase 3 – Convenience Pool



# Phase 4 – Selection for Interview and contracting



**Note** – Selection for Phase 4 will be made by collaboration between ESD, the Governor’s Office, and the career connected learning cross-agency work group (hereinafter called the “Selection Committee”). This collaborative is consistent with RCW 28C.30.050(1).