

ASAPS Challenge Contest 1: Rules change as of July 30, 2020

The original rules are located at: <https://www.challenge.gov/assets/netlify-uploads/3.2-oio-rules-asaps-contest-1-final-.pdf>

Plain Language Summary

This change amends the official rules to replace “Individuals currently receiving PSCR funding through a grant or cooperative agreement are not eligible to apply.” with the following: “Individuals currently receiving NIST funding through a grant or cooperative agreement are eligible to compete but may not utilize the NIST funding for competing in this challenge.” The amendment is shown in context below. This change is official as of July 30, 2020.

Original Text from the Official Rules

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Contestants may not be a Federal entity or Federal employee acting within the scope of their employment. NIST Associates are not eligible to enter. ~~Individuals currently receiving PSCR funding through a grant or cooperative agreement are not eligible to apply.~~ Previous and current PSCR prize challenge contestants are eligible to apply. Non-NIST Federal employees acting in their personal capacities should consult with their respective agency ethics officials to determine whether their participation in this Competition is permissible. A contestant shall not be deemed ineligible because the contestant consulted with Federal employees or used Federal facilities in preparing its submission to the Challenge if the Federal employees and facilities are made available to all contestants on an equitable basis. Employees of any official co-sponsoring entities are not eligible to enter.

Contestants, including individuals and private entities, must not have been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months and must not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability. Contestants must not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from doing business with the Federal Government.

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