Topic	Question	Topic	Question
ITEST Program Solicitation	We are targeting an elementary school. For a "proof-of-concept" strategies project, is it better to partner a university with one local elementary school (public school) and keep it smaller scale, have a couple schools within the same district, or partner with some charter schools (that also have a good infrastructure) as well?	ITEST Program Solicitation	What are some STEM interest and skill measures geared toward grades 3 - 5; if developed on 5th or 6th will it be acceptable to propose to use them for a younger cohort and examine the psychometric properties?
ITEST Program Solicitation	What makes a quality scale-up project?	ITEST Program Solicitation	What is expected to be the major differences between a strategies vs scale-up proposal?
Diversifying the STEM Workforce	Do we have evidence from successful strategies for STEM education along with longitudinal data?	Diversifying the STEM Workforce	What are some of the important factors to consider when designing a program for rural locations? Do these factors differ for program design in urban and suburban areas? How?
ITEST Program Solicitation	Can one faculty member serve as a PI on a lead ITEST proposal and a co-PI on another ITEST subproposal?	ITEST Program Solicitation	Can you review the weaknesses of many ITEST- RESEARCH proposals submitted to NSF? What makes a strong RESEARCH proposal?
Research and Strategies for Engaging African American and Latino families	In order to effectively work/in with a community, is it necessary for the PI to be of the same race/ethnicity/background as the majority of community members?	Research and Strategies for Engaging African American and Latino families	Can you share some approaches you have found effective for recruiting and then engaging and retaining students in ITEST projects, especially over multiple years
ITEST Program Solicitation	If I serve as a PI on a new ITEST grant, can I simultaneously serve as a co-PI on another ITEST grant?	ITEST Program Solicitation	The solicitation summary posted on this website shows a very clear focus on engaging diverse audiences. Reading the full solicitation I can see that engaging diverse audience is something that is encouraged but not exclusively. Is this focus on diverse audience an official focus of the upcoming solicitation?
Diversifying the STEM Workforce	Please provide some examples of how you have integrated career information, connections, opportunities into ITEST projects	ITEST Program Solicitation	When is the anticipated award date and preferred project start date for ITEST Strategies Projects funding (re: NSF program solicitation 12-597)
ITEST Program Solicitation	We plan on using an external evaluator with extensive evaluation experience that we have used in the past for other educational programs and grants. However, this individual has not evaluated NSF projects. Is there an advantage to hiring an evaluator with specific NSF experience?	ITEST Program Solicitation	What percentage of your budget request should target costs associated with the project's evaluation?
ITEST Program Solicitation	I would be interested in hearing more about the requirements and outcomes desired from the project evaluation.	ITEST Program Solicitation	Is it more advantageous to have an IHE or a K-12 school district as the project proposers? Both will be partners in the project - wondering if it's better to be run through the IHE or the school district?