

2.4.4. ACCESSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

RPOSD registrants will be asked to report their need for technical assistance and indicate which TAP elements they are interested in during the registration process. As an initial step to understanding and addressing technical assistance needs, the report of technical assistance needs can be updated as needed by registrants and/or RPOSD Program Managers as technical assistance needs arise or change. RPOSD Program Managers can also choose to recommend or offer TAP elements to registrants at any time, regardless of the registrant's responses to the report of technical assistance.

To receive professional services and/or be eligible to apply for Planning and Design funds, RPOSD will assess the applicant's responses on the report of technical assistance needs and the applicant's Study Area Need Level. This assessment will occur annually on a predetermined date. All registrants will be encouraged to update their report of technical assistance needs to reflect their need for professional services and/or Planning and Design funds before this date. Registrants will then be notified of RPOSD's eligibility determination for these elements of TAP. This determination does not affect access to any other elements of TAP.