



Solicitation Information

August 22, 2012

Addendum #1

LOI #7457945

**TITLE: PROVIDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (ELP)
ASSESSMENT – RI DEPT. OF EDUCATION**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 4, 2012 at 10:30 AM (EDT)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

**Gail Walsh
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**Questions Regarding
Request for Proposal (LOI) # 7457945:
Provide English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment – RI Dept. of Education**

#	Section/Page	Question
1	b.ii.Deliverables/p.5	Please provide the grade range of the 8,000 ELL students, and please provide approximate number of students at each grade level.
2		What assessment(s) is (are) currently in use for measuring English language proficiency in Rhode Island?
3	b.ii /p. 5	How many staff will require training?
4		Are the General Conditions of Purchase document, as included with the request for LOI, the same as the full Terms and Conditions referenced in the request? If not, please provide a copy of the full Terms and Conditions.

#1:

Grade	# of ELLs
K	1011
1	1108
2	1048
3	1050
4	683
5	652
6	514
7	493
8	490
9	536
10	461
11	367
12	251
Total	8664

#2: ACCESS for ELLs®

#3: There are approximately 1800 teachers in the state who hold an ESL certification (either stand-alone or an add-on certificate). All teachers administering the test require test administration training and certification. However, training on the use of the ELD standards, instructional ESL practices, and/or analysis of test data *must be made available to all teachers* working with ELLs.

#4: Below is the link to our General Conditions of Purchase.

<http://www.purchasing.ri.gov/RIVIP/publicdocuments/RULES2011/ATTA.pdf>

**Questions Regarding
Request for Letter of Information # 7457945:
Provide English Language Proficiency Assessment**

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1		With this LOI, is RIDE seeking a summative assessment for required reporting of ELL English Language Proficiency or a formative assessment of English Language Proficiency to inform instructional practice in ELL programs?

#1: Rhode Island requires a summative assessment of ELP aligned to the WIDA ELD standards. Rhode Island does not recognize formative assessment as an 'instrument' so the state is not seeking "a formative assessment". Rather, Rhode Island requires the technical support (PD, materials, research) to promote formative assessment practices, aligned to the WIDA ELD standards, in the classroom.