



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) – BID# 7548716

EDUCATOR EXTERNSHIP–FACILITATE & SUPPORT

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 1:30 PM (ET)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

NO
 YES _____

Mandatory:

NO
 YES

Any vendor who intends to submit a bid proposal in response to this solicitation must have its designated representative attend the mandatory pre-bid conference. The representative must register at the pre-bid conference and disclose the identity of the vendor whom he/she represents. Because attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory, a vendor’s failure to attend and register at the pre-bid conference shall result in disqualification of the vendor’s bid proposal as non-responsive to the solicitation.

Buyer Name: GAIL WALSH
Title: CHIEF BUYER

QUESTIONS concerning this solicitation must be received by the Division of Purchases at (gail.walsh@purchasing.ri.gov) no later than (**Friday, May 16, 2014, 5:00 PM (ET)**). Questions should be submitted in a *Microsoft Word attachment*. Please reference the bid number (**RFP #7548716**) on all correspondence. Questions received, if any, will be posted on the Rhode Island Division of Purchases website as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information.

SURETY REQUIRED: NO

BOND REQUIRED: NO

DISK BASED BID: NO

NOTE TO VENDORS:

Vendors must register on-line at the Rhode Island Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov. Offers received without the completed four-page Rhode Island Vendor Information Program (RIVIP) Generated Bidder Certification Cover Form attached may result in disqualification.

THIS IS NOT A BIDDER CERTIFICATION FORM

Request for Proposals (RFP)
The Rhode Island Educator Extern Program

The Rhode Island Department of Administration, Division of Purchases, on behalf of the Rhode Island Department of Education, Career and Technical Education (RIDE) is requesting Proposals from qualified vendors to provide educator externship facilitation and support services in accordance with the terms of this solicitation.

This is a Request for Proposals, not an Invitation for Bid. Responses will be evaluated on the basis of the relative merits of the proposal, in addition to price; there will be no public opening and reading of responses received by the Division of Purchases pursuant to this Request, other than to name those offerors who have submitted proposals.

INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS TO BIDDERS:

Potential offerors are advised to review all sections of this solicitation carefully and to follow instructions completely, as failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection of the proposal.

Alternative approaches and/or methodologies to accomplish the desired or intended results of this procurement are solicited. However, proposals which depart from or materially alter the terms, requirements, or scope of work defined by this Request will be rejected as being non-responsive.

All costs associated with developing or submitting a proposal in response to this Request, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content, shall be borne by the offeror. The State assumes no responsibility for these costs.

Proposals are considered to be irrevocable for a period of not less than sixty (60) days following the opening date, and may not be withdrawn, except with the express written permission of the State Purchasing Agent.

All pricing submitted will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated herein.

Proposals misdirected to other State locations or which are otherwise not present in the Division of Purchases at the time of opening for any cause will be determined to be late and may not be considered. The "Official" time clock is in the reception area of the Division of Purchases.

In accordance with Title 7, Chapter 1.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, no foreign corporation shall have the right to transact business in the state until it shall have procured a Certificate of Authority to do so from the Rhode Island Secretary of State (401-222-3040). *This will be a requirement only of the successful bidder (s).*

Offerors are advised that all materials submitted to the State of Rhode Island for consideration in response to this Request for Proposals will be considered to be public records, as defined in Title 38 Chapter 2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, without exception, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request once an award has been made.

All proposals should include the vendor's FEIN or Social Security number as evidenced by a W9, downloadable from the Division's website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

The purchase of services under an award made pursuant to this RFP will be contingent on the availability of funds.

Also, Submitters should be aware of the State's MBE requirements, which addresses the State's goal of ten per cent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State procurements. For further information, contact the State MBE Administrator at (401) 574-8253 or charles.newton@doa.ri.gov. Visit the website <http://www.mbe.ri.gov>.

Interested parties are instructed to peruse the Division of Purchases web site on a regular basis, as additional information relating to this solicitation may be released in the form of an addendum to this RFP.

Equal Employment Opportunity (RIGL 28-5.1)

§ 28-5.1-1 Declaration of policy. – (a) Equal opportunity and affirmative action toward its achievement is the policy of all units of Rhode Island state government, including all public and quasi-public agencies, commissions, boards and authorities, and in the classified, unclassified, and non-classified services of state employment. This policy applies in all areas where the state dollar is spent, in employment, public service, grants and financial assistance, and in state licensing and regulation. For further information, contact the Rhode Island Equal Employment Opportunity Office, at 222-3090 or via email raymond.lambert@hr.ri.gov.

It is intended that an award pursuant to this RFP will be made to a prime vendor, who will assume responsibility for all aspects of the work. Joint venture and cooperative proposals will not be considered. Subcontracts are permitted, provided that their use is clearly indicated in the offeror's proposal, and the subcontractor(s) proposed to be used are identified in the proposal.

RIGL 37-13-3.1 State public works contract apprenticeship requirements. * (a) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, all general contractors and subcontractors who perform work on any public works contract awarded by the state after passage of this act and valued at one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more shall employ apprentices required for the performance of the awarded contract. The number of apprentices shall comply with the apprentice to journeyman ratio for each trade approved by the apprenticeship council of the department of labor and training.

ARRA SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For contracts and sub-awards funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto, such contracts and sub-awards shall be subject to the Supplemental Terms and Conditions for Contracts and Sub-awards Funded in Whole or in Part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto located on the Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Rhode Island Educator Extern Program strives to connect educators and employers in a partnership to improve and enhance the learning experience for all students and to advance the concept of lifelong learning. The goal is to prepare students for the emerging workforce; to offer opportunities for educators to participate in professional development at business/industry worksites through which they gain the knowledge and experience; to construct and implement effective authentic lesson leading to higher student achievement; to provide a variety of resources that can assist students in meeting the academic and applied learning requirements of the proficiency-based Rhode Island Diploma system; and to contribute to the repository of successful lessons on the Rhode Island Statewide Curriculum that link classroom learning to the world of work.

SCOPE OF WORK

Annually, coordinate and oversee the RI Educator Extern program for placements and portfolio completions. Develop networks between educators and businesses to explore multiple career pathways.

The coordinator will review, (re)design and improve, coordinate, facilitate, monitor all aspects of the Rhode Island Educator Extern Program to include but not be limited to:

- 1) advertising and promoting the program statewide;
- 2) recruiting and enrolling educator and business participants;
- 3) hosting the orientation and sharing sessions;
- 4) serving as the "teacher of record" in association with Rhode Island College for graduate credit and the Rhode Island Department of Education for continuing education units; and
- 5) reviewing all coursework and providing participants with grades and/or applicable contact credits, as appropriate

ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

- Bidders must submit a letter of transmittal signed by an owner, officer, or other authorized agent.
- Bidders must submit relevant organizational information, a list of similar projects undertaken and/or clients served, agency expertise relative to the services requested, and a statement of existing workload as it impacts the performance of the project.
- Bidders must provide an overview of key personnel assigned to the project including education and prior experience.
- Bidders must disclose any work to be sub-contracted including the specific work to be performed and staffing, organizational structure, and business background of the sub-contractor.

TERMS OF THE CONTRACT

The contract will begin estimated **July 1, 2014** and end **June 30, 2019**. The scope of the work may be modified by RIDE prior to beginning work on a given task. Subsequent years' activities are subject to the availability of funding. RIDE retains the option of granting a time extension of up to one year with additional funding if available and if the level of work is expanded by mutual written consent. If necessary, deficiencies in performance of services and/or failure to supply deliverables in a complete and timely manner will be documented in writing by RIDE. RIDE reserves the right to terminate the contract with 30 day prior notification.

COST PROPOSAL/TERMS OF PAYMENT

The contractor must prepare a cost proposal reflecting the hourly rate or other fee structure proposed for this scope of services using the Cost Proposal Forms contained in Appendix A. The total cost of the contract is not to exceed \$8,750 per year. Please ensure the budget is presented by state fiscal year, which runs from July 1st through June 30th.

Please note that reimbursement for travel within the continental United States will be limited to the per diem rates established by the General Services Administration (GSA). Per diem rates are posted at www.gsa.gov/perdiem.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Questions concerning this solicitation may be e-mailed to the Division of Purchases at the address on the cover sheet of this solicitation and no later than the date & time listed. **Send your questions in Microsoft Word format.** Please reference the RFP# on all correspondence. Questions received, if any, will be posted and answered on the Internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information. For computer technical assistance, call the help desk at (401) 222-3766 or Lynda.moore@doit.ri.gov.

Proposals (an original plus 4 copies) should include the following:

1. A completed and signed four-page RIVIP Bidder Certification Cover Form, available at www.purchasing.ri.gov.
2. A ***separate sealed*** Cost Proposal as described above.
3. A *separate* Technical Proposal (see below) describing the qualifications and background of the applicant and experience with similar programs, as well as the work plan or approach proposed for this requirement.
4. A completed and signed W-9 (taxpayer identification number and certification). Form is downloadable at www.purchasing.ri.gov. **Please include with original proposal only.**

5. In addition to the multiple hard copies of proposals required, Respondents are requested to provide their proposal in electronic format (CD-Rom, disc, or flash drive). Microsoft Word/Excel or PDF format is preferable. Only 1 electronic copy is requested and it should be placed in the proposal marked "original."

Deliver to: Department of Administration
Office of Purchases
One Capitol Hill
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Contractor assumes all responsibilities for proposals submitted by mail or commercial delivery service. Proposals misdirected to other state locations or which are otherwise not present in the Office of Purchases at the time of opening, for any cause, will be determined to be late and will not be considered. Faxed responses will not be considered.

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL/REQUIRED ELEMENTS

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| 1. Contractor understanding of the Issues | (10 points) |
| 2. Work Plan | (20 points) |
| 3. Capacity of the Agency Effectively to Administer the Project | (20 points) |
| 4. Quality of Key Personnel (including Curriculum vitae) | (20 points) |
| 5. Cost Proposal | (30 points) |

The technical proposal should be 10-20 pages in length, respond to each area of the required elements listed above, and contain a cost proposal using the forms in Appendix A. Supplemental information may be appended to the technical proposal.

NOT WITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD ON THE BASIS OF COST ALONE, TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL OPTIONS, BID PROPOSALS, AND TO ACT IN ITS BEST INTEREST.

APPENDIX A

BUDGET MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS

The Contractor estimates that its budget for work to be performed under this Agreement is as follows:

<u>Expense Category</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
1. Employee Salary and Benefits	0	0	0	0	0
6. Purchased Services	0	0	0	0	0
3. Supplies and Materials	0	0	0	0	0
4. Travel	0	0	0	0	0
5. Printing	0	0	0	0	0
6. Office Expense	0	0	0	0	0
7. Other: <i>(describe)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
8.	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0
Indirect Cost *	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0

It is understood and agreed that the amounts indicated above for the several line items are estimates of expenditures to be incurred by the Contractor on behalf of this Agreement and to be claimed by the Contractor for reimbursement under this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed that actual expenditures may vary from the estimates set forth above and that such variations shall not in themselves be cause for disallowance of reimbursement by RIDE; provided, however, that the Contractor shall notify the contract officer of the variance and obtain pre-approval, in writing; and provided further that unless permission of the contract officer shall have been obtained in advance, no expenditure shall be claimed by the Contractor for reimbursement by RIDE under this Agreement if such expenditure shall have been incurred in a line item category not listed above. Transfer of funds between categories requires prior written approval by RIDE. In no event shall the total amount of reimbursement claimed by the vendor under this agreement exceed the total approved contract amount.

**** Attach a copy of the approved indirect cost documentation***

BUDGET DETAIL SHEET *
 FISCAL YEAR _____

EMPLOYEE SALARY AND BENEFIT DETAIL (TOTAL COMPENSATION)**

NAME	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF HOURS	HOURLY RATE (including benefits)	SALARY and BENEFIT TOTAL \$
TOTAL REQUEST				

PURCHASED SERVICES DETAIL

NAME	POSITION TITLE	HOURS	HOURLY RATE \$	TOTAL \$
TOTAL REQUEST				\$

OTHER EXPENDITURES DETAIL

EXPENSE CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Supplies and Materials		
Travel ***		
Printing		
Office Expense		
Other: <i>(describe)</i>		
Indirect Cost		

Total \$

* Please include a detail budget sheet for each state fiscal year (July 1st – June 30th)

** Please round hourly rates to the nearest whole dollar and ensure there are no rounding differences with the extended totals.

*** Reimbursement for travel within the continental United States is limited to the per diem rates established by the General Services Administration (GSA). Per diem rates are posted at www.gsa.gov/perdiem.