



Solicitation Information

October 7, 2014

Addendum #1

**RFP #7549020**

**TITLE: ARRA – PROGRAM DESIGN, DELIVERY & TRANSITION SUPPORT – ACADEMY FOR TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014 AT 2:00 PM (ET)**

**ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.**

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Chief Buyer**

RFP #7549020 – Transformative Leadership Academy – Transition Support

Vendor A

Our firm is interested in submitting a proposal in response to RFP #7549020 as our work is well aligned with the service areas, activities and goals in the area of school turnaround. Would your office be willing to accept a proposal that is specific to school turnaround in the areas of special education and identified struggling students?

Response:

Yes, as long as the proposal also addresses the tasks related to leadership development.

Vendor B

1. The links to the "essential background reading for all bidders" are not "live" on my computer. I was able to find the website for the Academy of Transformational Leadership, but I am curious if "Rhode Island's Transformation System" is what I have found in the 2009 Strategic Plan? If not, can you send me another link for this?

Response:

Please see the following links to RIDE's website, as well as the related resources posted on each.

<http://ride.ri.gov/InformationAccountability/Accountability/SchoolTransformation.aspx>

<http://ride.ri.gov/InformationAccountability/Accountability.aspx>

2. How many district and school leaders do you envision serving with this contract? Is it all of the persistently low achieving cohort 1 and 2 schools? How large is that group at present?

Response:

The Office of Transformation currently works with 31 Priority and Focus schools. This includes the persistently low achieving cohort 1 and 2 schools, as well as all schools classified as Priority or Focus since the state was given a waiver from ESEA in the spring of 2012. Tasks related to performance monitoring may involve any or all of these schools. Tasks related to leadership development that include service directly to schools will involve a subset of these schools whose districts or principals opt for the added support.

3. What do you see as the active time span for this project? It ends in June 2015, but when do you see it beginning? You have estimated #/hrs per week for many tasks - and I would like to get a sense of how many weeks of delivery you envision.

Response:

The project would begin upon issuance of the state purchase order (approximate November 2014).

4. Is there a ballpark idea for timing of the Leadership Institutes mentioned in Service Area 1, Tasks 1 & 2?

Response:

This is flexible, dependent on assessment of school need and decisions made by the Office of Transformation staff in partnership with the contractor.

5. In Service Area 3, Task 3, I assume that RIDE has an initial list of possible partners and funders?

Response:

The task is to generate that list.

6. I understand that you will award this contract to a prime vendor. If I am interested in either subcontracting to another vendor or finding other vendors to subcontract to me, is there any way to find out who the other interested vendors are?

Response:

That information is not public until after the bid opening. Please keep the state's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements in mind when considering subcontractors. Visit: [www.mbe.ri.gov](http://www.mbe.ri.gov).