



Solicitation Information

December 3, 2014

Addendum #1

RFP #7549151

TITLE: EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL SUPPORT

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 12, 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**

Questions re: RFP#7549151
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1. Can you clarify the timeline for the pilot and pilot evaluation? The RFP states that RIDE will pilot the process in December. Will the pilot take place before or after the vendor is awarded this project? When will the pilot be completed? **At this point, some pilot activities will take place prior to the award. Activities will be completed during the spring.**
2. The RFP states that a pilot evaluation report is scheduled for December 2014-January 2015. How many weeks will the vendor have to produce an evaluation report of the pilot after the pilot's completion? **RIDE will work out those details with the selected vendor as appropriate given the timing of the award.**
3. How many institutions will participate in the pilot? Can you share any additional information about your current plans for the pilot? **One Institute of Higher Education (IHE) will pilot with 2 approved programs. The pilot will provide RIDE and the IHE with an opportunity to test new activities and approaches to approval.**
4. How are the IHEs selected for the pilot? Were they chosen or did they volunteer? **Volunteer**
5. How many preparation programs at the pilot IHE will be involved in the pilot review process -- all or some of them? **2**
6. How far in advance will the IHE receive copies of the reviewer matrices/rubrics that reviewers will use during the visit? **All IHEs have already reviewed drafts of the rubrics that will be used.**
7. Will the IHE provide self-assessment data relative to these matrices/rubrics to the review team prior to the visit? **They will provide evidence as outlined in required evidence charts.**
8. Has training for the IHE's key personnel in the new program approval process and standards been provided prior to the pilot visit? **Full training has not been provided. We will work through a collaborative model for the purpose of the pilot.**
9. How far along is RIDE in linking the state longitudinal data system data, educator effectiveness evaluation data and identification of a given educators' preparation program(s)? Will these connections have been in place in the preparation for the pilot visit or is that still a "work-in-progress" that will be integrated into the pilot review somewhat tentatively? **RIDE has published an Educator Preparation Program Index that begins to provide some of this information. Information about how this is integrated into the approval process can be found by reviewing the program standards on the web.**

10. Are there any documents you can share that describe the new approval process you are piloting? **Any working drafts will be provided to the selected vendor.**

11. Can you tell us which consultants or vendors have contributed to the development of RI's new approval process for educator preparation programs? **During Race to the Top, RIDE worked with Bellwether Partners.**

12. The RFP reiterates RIDE's goal of ten per cent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State procurements. However, with a budget of \$25,000 we are not anticipating use of a subcontractor. Will there be an evaluation penalty for foregoing participation by an MBE in this bid? **No.**