



Solicitation Information

June 9, 2015

Addendum #1

**RFP #7549605**

**TITLE: State Pre-Kindergarten Program Professional Development Technical Assistance Provider**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 19, 2015 AT 2:30 PM (ET)**

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

**Gail Walsh  
Chief Buyer**

**State Pre-Kindergarten Program Professional Development and Technical Assistance Provider**

**Question:** Are there PD/TA resources in addition to the resources provided by the State Pre-Kindergarten Program Professional Development Technical Assistance Provider that Pre-K programs will be able to access?

**Answer:** Yes. Pre-K programs, informed by their Program Quality Improvement Plan and related program- and staff-level plans, can access resources through the RI State Center for Early Learning Professionals and other available state initiatives. There are not additional funds for PD included within state Pre-K contracts.

**Question:** Will RIDE provide start-up/orientation support to newly-funded Pre-K programs? Will RIDE provide Teaching Strategy Gold training or will that be the responsibility of the State Pre-Kindergarten Program Professional Development Technical Assistance Provider?

**Answer:** RIDE has established a fiscal agent who will, if necessary, subcontract the planning and provision of all State Pre-K Program PDTA opportunities over Summer 2015, while contracting is completed with the identified PDTA vendor for this contract. This includes ALL orientation activities related to the provision of all PDTA opportunities, including, if needed, TSG training.

**Question:** From our review of the Request for Proposal, we understand that the State Pre-K Program work plan developed by the successful bidder will be a component of the larger State Pre-K Program Improvement Plan. Can you provide us with some examples of program improvement activities that will be conducted by RIDE or other outside entities?

**Answer:** The work plan for the State Pre-K Program PDTA vendor will be determined through a continuous, quality improvement process informed by a needs assessment, FY2015 PDTA data, and additionally identified data sources. The work plan will be data-informed and evolve as needed to meet the needs of the State Pre-K Program. Since State Pre-K Programs are also engaged in the state QRIS system, programs may also engage in program quality monitoring,

including classroom-level performance-based measures, and access quality initiatives as made available by the state agencies within that system.

**Question:** Page 9 of the RFP, under the heading of *Delivery of PDTA Services and Supports*, states that at a minimum, the successful bidder must provide PDTA that effectively supports each State Pre-K Program in achieving RIDE CECE Program Standards Full Approval by June 30, 2016. Will CECE approval be a precondition of Pre-K applicants in years 2-4?

**Answer:** All Pre-K programs are required, as defined under contractual deliverables, to successfully complete and receive RIDE CECE approval process by June 30, 2016. At this time, CECE pre-approval has not been identified as a precondition of Pre-K applicants in years 2-4.

**Question:** Can you confirm that FY 2016 refers to the dates July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017?

**Answer:** FY2016 refers to the timeframe from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.