



Solicitation Information
December 21, 2018

Addendum #1

RFI # 7597670

TITLE: Professional Learning Providers for the Educator Course Network

Submission Deadline: January 7, 2019 at 2:00 PM (ET)

Attached are vendor questions with State responses. No further questions will be answered.

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Vendor A

1. Is answering this RFI a requirement for being considered for the ECN? **No**
2. Does answering it give any preference or advantage to being listed on the ECN? **No**
3. Are you asking for input/comments on the Criteria (A-F) on Page 5? **RIDE welcomes feedback from the field about the ECN generally and the application specifically, though it may not be able to act on every pieces of feedback recieved. Input / comments on the criteria on page 5 are not part of the information requested via the RFI. Such feedback can be submitted to pl@ride.ri.gov.**
4. Are you also asking for responders to this RFI to provide information about our firms responding to questions 1-5 on pages 6-7? **Yes**
5. If my firm answers this, can my responses to questions 1-5 on pages 6-7 be used for a future RFP response for the ECN? **Maybe. RIDE may revise questions from the RFI for use in the application, or may use some of the exact same questions. While we are confident there will be overlap in the general topics addressed, specific questions may change based on whether the responses to the RFI indicate that we are getting the information we expected to elicit when we crafted the questions.**

Vendor B

1. On Page 4 of the RFI, it states:

“In issuing this RFI, RIDE is seeking to understand how applicants will respond to potential questions designed to determine entry into the ECN. Seeing the responses from potential providers will allow RIDE to ensure the questions posed are surfacing the information RIDE is seeking. Responses to the RFI will also allow RIDE to ensure the final application for the ECN does not systematically exclude providers based on characteristics other than what RIDE is intentionally setting forth as criteria for entry to the network.”

For clarification, does submitting a response to this RFI provide vendors an opportunity to get placed on the ECN if selected, or will there be a separate application process for inclusion on the ECN after the proposals are received? **There will be a separate application process for the ECN after the RFI closes. The RFI is an information gathering tool and responses will have no bearing on whether an applicant is admitted to the ECN.**

Vendor C

Question: Do Institutions of Higher Education with regional accreditation and RIDE state-approval teacher education programs need to respond to this RFI? **This RFI is an information gathering tool for RIDE to understand how potential providers might respond to questions on a future application. Completing it will not have an impact on whether a provider is admitted to the ECN. There will be a separate application process for the ECN after the RFI closes.**

Question: Will Institutions of Higher Education with regional accreditation and RIDE state-approval teacher education programs be included in the Educator Course Network as Professional Learning Providers? **Institutes of Higher Education with regional accreditation and RIDE state-approved teacher education programs are welcome and encouraged to apply for listing in the Educator Course Network. Their applications will be reviewed against the same criteria as other potential providers.**

Vendor D

I have a question about RFI #7597670. Is there a list of recommended courses or training topics, or should we just provide information on the ones we provide that may be beneficial?

Note that this RFI is an information gathering tool for RIDE to understand how potential providers might respond to questions on a future application. Completing it will not have an impact on whether a provider is admitted to the ECN. There will be a separate application process for the ECN after the RFI closes.

RIDE encourages applicants to put forward the course or topics they feel will benefit schools / districts in the state and meet the criteria set forth for entry into the ECN. There is no recommended courses or training topics at this time. Note that RIDE will give special status to vendors that provide professional learning that supports the implementation of high-quality curriculum materials in math and ELA, but this will not be done in a way that excludes professional learning on other topics.