

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP 17-033
NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Title: Assessment and Evaluation Workgroups to Explore Current New York State Requirements and Best Practices for Teacher and Principal Evaluation

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) Office of Educator Quality and Professional Development (OEQPD) is seeking proposals **from technical assistance providers with demonstrated knowledge, expertise and the capacity to provide technical assistance and professional development to support the exploration, analysis, and review of quality assessments (Assessment Workgroup) and/or performance metrics (Evaluation Workgroup) as a part of the implementation of Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR) under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.** As a part of the Department's commitment to continue to strengthen the evaluation system and its implementation, and to explore whether the Department's current regulations related to teacher and principal evaluation are creating unintended barriers to implementation of an evaluation system that can be used when making decisions regarding support and development of the teacher and principal workforce, the Department will engage with the field, with the assistance of the selected technical assistance provider, by hosting three (3) Assessment Workgroup sessions and (3) three webinar Assessment Workgroup sessions along with three (3) Evaluation Workgroup sessions and (3) three webinar Evaluation Workgroup sessions. Participants in the Assessment Workgroup and Evaluation Workgroup will regularly convene during the 2017-2018 school year to provide feedback to the Department and to help formulate recommendations to the Board of Regents on assessments and evaluation in support of the implementation of Education Law §3012-d.

The eligible bidders **may include Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), public or private Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), not-for-profit and for-profit organizations or agencies. Bidders should have documented expertise and experience in providing professional development and technical assistance in the field of K-12 teacher and principal evaluation and/or the development, implementation and refinement of K-12 student assessments.**

Subcontracting will be limited to thirty percent (30%) of the total contract budget. Subcontracting is defined as non-employee direct personal services and related incidental expenses, including travel.

Bidders are required to comply with NYSED's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) participation goals for this RFP through one of three methods. Compliance methods are discussed in detail in the Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Participation Goals section below.

NYSED will award up to **two (2)** contract(s)¹ pursuant to this RFP, one (1) contract in relation to the Assessment workgroup and one (1) contract in relation to the Evaluation workgroup. The contract(s) resulting from this RFP will be for a term anticipated to begin **October 1, 2017** and to end **March 31, 2018**.

Components contained in RFP Proposal #17-033 are as follows:

- 1.) [Description of Services to be Performed](#)
- 2.) [Submission](#)
- 3.) [Evaluation Criteria and Method of Award](#)
- 4.) [Assurances](#)
- 5.) [Submission Documents](#)

Questions regarding the request must be submitted by E-mail to AssessEvalWrkgrpRFP@nysed.gov no later than the close of business **June 27, 2017**. Questions regarding this request should be identified as Program, Fiscal or M/WBE. A Questions and Answers Summary will be posted to [NYSED's website](#) no later than **July 3, 2017**. The following are the designated contacts for this procurement:

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The following documents must be submitted in separately sealed envelopes, as detailed in the Submission section of the RFP, and be received at NYSED no later than **July 14, 2017 by 3:00 PM**:

1. Submission Documents labeled Submission Documents - RFP #17-033 Do Not Open
2. Technical Proposal labeled Technical Proposal - RFP #17-033 Do Not Open
3. Cost Proposal labeled Cost Proposal – RFP #17-033 Do Not Open
4. M/WBE Documents labeled M/WBE Documents—RFP #17-033 Do Not Open
5. CD-ROM containing the technical, cost, submission and M/WBE proposals submitted using Microsoft Office labeled CD-ROM-RFP#17-033 Do Not Open.

The mailing address for all the above documentation is:

NYS Education Department
Bureau of Fiscal Management
Attn: Jessica Hartjen, RFP#17-033
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(Facsimile copies of the proposals are NOT acceptable)

¹ A single bidder may undertake both the Assessment and Evaluation workgroups. Bidders must submit a separate bid for each workgroup.

1.) Description of Services to be Performed

Work Statement and Specifications

This section of the bid package details the services and products to be acquired. Please note that the contract process also includes general New York State administrative terms and conditions, as well as terms and conditions required by New York State law. These terms and conditions address issues related to both the submission of bids and any subsequent contract; they are included separately in this bid package for your information. Please review all terms and conditions.

Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Participation Goals Pursuant to Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law

For purposes of this procurement, NYS Education Department hereby establishes an overall goal of 30% of the total contract amount for M/WBE participation, 17% for Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (“MBE”) participation and 13% for Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“WBE”) participation based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs. All bidders must document good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of this Contract. Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation includes any and all services, materials or supplies purchased from New York State certified minority and women-owned firms. Utilization of certified Minority and Women-Owned firms will be applied toward the goals. Bidders can achieve compliance with NYSED’s Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals as described below.

ACHIEVE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH PARTICIPATION GOALS (PREFERRED)

Bidders should submit subcontracting/supplier forms that meet or exceed NYSED’s participation goals for this procurement. All subcontracting/supplier forms must be submitted with the bid proposal. In addition, bidders must complete and submit M/WBE 100: Utilization Plan, M/WBE 102: Notice of Intent to Participate and EEO 100: Staffing Plan. Instructions and copies of these forms are located in the Submission Documents. All firms utilized must be certified with the NYS Division of Minority and Women Business Development before beginning any work on this contract. For additional information and a listing of currently certified M/WBEs, see the [NYS Directory of Certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises](#).

The contact person on M/WBE matters is available throughout the application and procurement process to assist bidders in meeting the M/WBE goals. NYSED reserves the right to approve the addition or deletion of subcontractors or suppliers to enable bidders to comply with the M/WBE goals, provided such addition or deletion does not impact the technical proposal and/or increase the total cost of the bid proposal.

DOCUMENTATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

Bidders must undertake a good faith effort to solicit NYS Certified M/WBE firms as subcontractors and/or suppliers in fulfillment of this procurement. Means of solicitation may include but are not limited to: advertisements in minority centered publications; solicitation of vendors found in the [NYS Directory of Certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises](#); and the solicitation of minority and women-oriented trade and labor organizations. Bidders will be required to certify and attest to their good faith efforts by completing NYSED's Certification of Good Faith Efforts (Form M/WBE 105). See the M/WBE Submission Documents for detailed examples of and required forms to document good faith efforts.

NYSED reserves the right to reject any bid for failure to document "good faith efforts" to comply with the stated M/WBE goals.

IN THE EVENT BIDDERS CANNOT COMPLY WITH NYSED DESIGNATED PARTICIPATION GOALS, SAID BIDDERS MUST DOCUMENT THEIR "GOOD FAITH EFFORTS" TO COMPLY AND SUBMIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

REQUEST A PARTIAL WAIVER OF PARTICIPATION GOALS

In order to request a partial waiver of the participation goals for this procurement, Bidders must provide documentation of their good faith efforts to obtain the use of certified M/WBE enterprises along with their bid proposal forms. The subcontracting forms must include the participation percentage(s) for which they seek approval. Bidders will be required to certify and attest to their good faith efforts. Bidders should submit a request for a partial waiver (Form M/WBE 101) and document their Good Faith Efforts (Form M/WBE 105) at the same time as the bid is submitted. Bidders must also complete and submit M/WBE 100: Utilization Plan, M/WBE 102: Notice of Intent to Participate and EEO 100: Staffing Plan. The M/WBE Coordinator is available throughout the procurement process to assist in all areas of M/WBE compliance.

REQUEST A COMPLETE WAIVER OF PARTICIPATION GOALS

In order to request a complete waiver of the participation goals for this procurement, Bidders must provide documentation of their Good Faith Efforts to obtain the use of certified M/WBE enterprises along with their bid proposal forms. Bidders will be required to certify and attest to their good faith efforts. Bidders should submit a request for a complete waiver on Form M/WBE 101 and document their Good Faith Efforts (Form M/WBE 105) at the same time as they submit their bid. The M/WBE Coordinator is available throughout the procurement process to assist in all areas of M/WBE compliance.

All payments to Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise subcontractor(s) must be reported to NYSED M/WBE Program Unit using M/WBE 103 Quarterly M/WBE Compliance Report. This report must be submitted on a quarterly basis and can be found at NYSED's [M/WBE Forms and Compliance Forms webpage](#).

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) Participation Goals Pursuant to Article 17-B of New York State Executive Law

Article 17-B of Executive Law was enacted to ensure that certified SDVOBs are provided opportunities for meaningful participation in the performance of state contracts. To this end, NYSED strongly encourages bidders to make maximum possible use of SDVOBs as subcontractors and/or suppliers under this contract, consistent with the requirements of State Finance Law and State procurement guidelines, as well as NYSED policies and procedures. Bidders should consider fulfilling the requirements of this contract through the participation of SDVOBs at a rate of 6%. For additional information about this program, including a list of SDVOBs, please visit the [Office of General Services, Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development website](#).

Background

The Department believes that educator evaluation is one component of a comprehensive talent management system that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) can leverage to make decisions that help ensure every student in New York State, regardless of their physical location, has access to the most effective educators and believes the overall quality of teaching and learning can be raised through the development of comprehensive systems of educator effectiveness aligned to the Framework (see [Figure 1](#)) that are rooted in sound implementation of the teacher and principal evaluation system. Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, districts and BOCES were required to have evaluation systems consistent with the requirements of [Education Law §3012-c](#), which requires that educators be evaluated based on multiple measures of effectiveness, including at least two different measures of student performance and other measures of educator effectiveness including observations/school visits and other locally selected options (e.g., surveys, goal-setting, structured review of artifacts aligned to practice rubrics, etc.).

To achieve improved quality of teaching and learning through the evaluation system, schools and districts must be able to:

- Use multiple educator effectiveness measures (e.g., observations of practice, contribution to student academic growth) to identify teachers and principals who consistently demonstrate high levels of effectiveness that can serve as models and mentors for their peers; to identify teachers and principals who need intensive support to improve their practice; and to inform differentiated, high-quality professional development (PD) for all educators.
- Use multiple talent management measures to make strategic staffing decisions that ensure equitable access to the most effective teachers and principals. Such measures should include educator effectiveness data, student academic growth and achievement data, data on teacher and principal turnover rates, effectiveness-based retention of educators, and other characteristics such as first-year teacher status, educator attendance data, and highly qualified teacher status.

The Framework (see [Figure 1](#)) is made up of five components that exist in every district across the state, implemented with varying degrees of success, and should be used in comprehensive and systematic ways to improve the quality, quantity, retention, and diversity of the teacher and principal workforce, and most importantly - improve educational excellence for all students and

ensure all students have equitable access to highly-effective educators (both teachers and school building leaders). Although the Department believes the challenges described here are reflective of broad “root causes” that contribute to statewide equity and performance gaps, it is essential for each district to examine their unique equity issues and potential root causes.

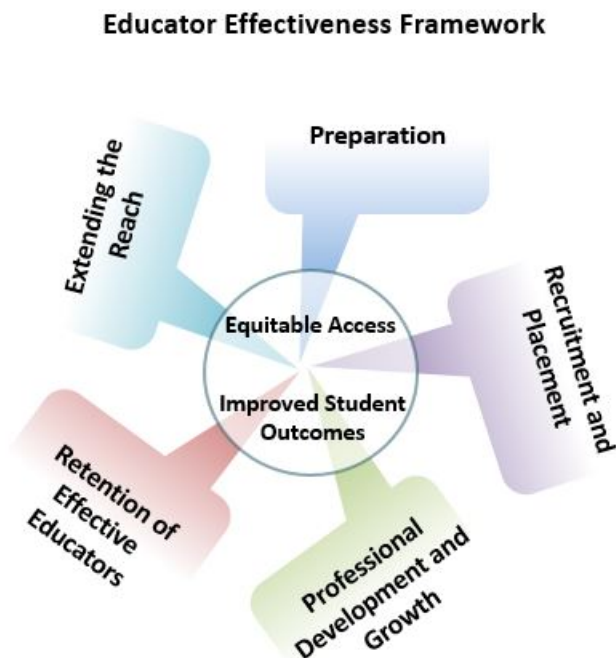


Figure 1 – The Educator Effectiveness Framework

Central to the implementation of the Framework is high quality implementation of an evaluation system that differentiates educator effectiveness into multiple categories, is based in part on improvements in student academic achievement, and which reflects clear and fair measures of performance. All districts in New York State share a common evaluation system framework for teachers and principals built on the core belief of the importance of continuous professional growth. Although many of the aspects of the State’s evaluation system are well defined in statute and regulation, districts have local discretion over some aspects of the system (e.g., the frequency and duration of observations; the State-approved practice rubric used; the State-approved assessments used for teachers of courses with no State assessment, etc.). For each component of the evaluation (measures of student growth and observations of educator practice), educators receive a rating in one of four well-defined categories (Highly Effective, Effective, Developing, and Ineffective) to allow for better differentiation among teachers and principals based on effectiveness. The differentiated categories allow NYSED and districts to acknowledge true excellence in teaching, to reward those individuals with supplemental compensation and increased leadership responsibilities, and to provide targeted professional development for all educators, regardless of their level of effectiveness.

In April 2015, during the third school year of full implementation of Education Law §3012-c, the Legislature signed into law a new evaluation system, [Education Law §3012-d](#), which was required to be implemented beginning in the 2015-16 school year. This new evaluation law significantly revised the overall framework of evaluation and placed additional requirements on the assessments, parameters, and other measures of effectiveness that could be used for teacher and principal evaluations. The law further required that the Board of Regents adopt regulations to implement its provisions by no later than June 30, 2015. In addition to collecting public comments via a dedicated mailbox, the Board of Regents hosted a Learning Summit on the evaluation systems for teachers and principals on Thursday, May 7, 2015 to help inform the development of regulations. Along with presentations from a panel of national experts, the Regents and the State Education Department heard presentations from several New York State stakeholder groups, including representatives from the statewide organizations for superintendents, principals, teachers, parents, and school board members. Additional information about the Learning Summit, including video recordings of each session and submitted materials for stakeholders and experts are available [on the NYSED webpage](#). While some LEAs across New York State used the new evaluation system as an opportunity to develop thoughtful systems that helped them to recruit, retain, develop, and extend the reach of effective educators, the changes to the educator evaluation law (Education Law §3012-d) along with the quick timeframe provided in the law for the Department to conduct stakeholder outreach and formulate regulations have created confusion in the field. At the same time as the changes to the evaluation law, there has also been significant turnover and reduction in staffing in school districts and BOCES across the State which have, in some cases, resulted in a loss of capacity and expertise around this work. Additionally, the Department has recently begun to examine changes to the State's current P-12 Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics as well as the State assessment system.

Through the Assessment Workgroup and the Evaluation Workgroup, the Department sees an opportunity to bring greater coherence to the evaluation system through an examination of LEAs' local processes as well as to explore whether the Department's current regulations related to teacher and principal evaluation are creating unintended barriers to implementation of an evaluation system that can be used as a lever in making other decisions regarding support and development of the teacher and principal workforce, so as to make recommendations to the Board of Regents on potential changes to the evaluation system structure. LEAs will be able to utilize the findings from the workgroup sessions to inform decisions to prepare, recruit, develop, retain, and ensure equitable access to effective educators. In doing so, these systems within the context of a comprehensive Educator Effectiveness Framework can address common talent management challenges that serve as barriers to student achievement and equal education opportunity.

Qualifications, Services, and Deliverables

As a part of the Department's commitment to continue to review and strengthen the evaluation system and its implementation, we intend to engage with a broad range of stakeholders most directly impacted by the teacher and principal evaluation system by hosting two (2) statewide practitioner workgroups: the Assessment Workgroup will focus on an exploration of next

generation assessments and the Evaluation Workgroup will focus on an exploration of performance metrics. Bidders should have documented expertise and experience in providing professional development and technical assistance in the field of K-12 teacher and principal evaluation and/or the development, implementation and refinement of K-12 student assessments. Bidders will provide overarching management of the entire project.

The bidder should have the following qualifications:

For the Evaluation Workgroup:

1. Experience in providing technical assistance on the development, implementation, and refinement of educator evaluation systems.
2. Knowledge of New York State teacher and principal evaluation requirements pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and Education Law §3012-d
3. In-depth understanding of performance metrics, including, but not limited to, covariates for statistical growth models, high school growth metrics, multi-year growth models, and best practices in teacher observations and principal school visits aligned to standards-based practice rubrics.
4. Experience with Common Core Learning Standards, New York State Standards, New York State Teaching Standards, Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards, curriculum and standards alignment, assessment and instruction.
5. Experience with providing programming/presenting at conferences.
6. Experience leading webinars.
7. Experience with a variety of school settings (elementary, middle, high school) serving a variety of school communities (rural, suburban, urban).
8. Experience/familiarity with the Regents Reform Agenda and Race to the Top Initiatives.
9. Experience in using data to improve teacher/principal performance.
10. Experience in the creation and/or implementation of programs specifically designed to build capacity.
11. Experience in the development and/or implementation of programs specifically designed to improve teacher/principal performance.
12. Experience in innovative use of technology and data for school improvement.
13. Experience in planning, conducting and/or evaluating professional development relevant to the evaluation system.
14. Experience in developing effective strategies for outreach.
15. Experience convening broad groups of stakeholders with diverse viewpoints and the expertise to facilitate these groups towards consensus recommendations.
16. Experience with any other effective talent management strategies that have resulted in improved student performance.

For the Assessment Workgroup:

1. Experience in providing technical assistance on the development, implementation, and refinement of educator evaluation systems.
2. Knowledge of New York State teacher and principal evaluation requirements pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and Education Law §3012-d.

3. In-depth knowledge of next generation assessments, including, but not limited to, performance-based tasks as well as the fundamentals of assessment review, including validity, reliability, and the use of assessments to inform instruction and support learning goals.
4. Experience with Common Core Learning Standards, New York State Standards, New York State Teaching Standards, Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards, curriculum and standards alignment, assessment and instruction.
5. Experience with providing programming/presenting at conferences.
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7. Experience with a variety of school settings (elementary, middle, high school) serving a variety of school communities (rural, suburban, urban).
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14. Experience in developing effective strategies for outreach.
15. Experience with any other effective talent management strategies that have resulted in improved student performance.

During the contract, the vendor will:

- Provide national experts on topics related to educator evaluation to participate on the appropriate workgroups;
- Provide pre-meeting written and recorded materials to prepare and inform workgroup participants;
- Coordinate with Office of Educator Quality and Professional Development (OEQPD) staff both before and after the workgroup sessions;
- Conduct three (3) in-person workgroup sessions for each workgroup at NYSED in Albany, NY;
- Conduct three (3) webinars per workgroup;
- Submit abbreviated presentations and/or summary reports of the subject matter addressed during the workgroup sessions for posting; and
- Develop a toolkit/toolkits which includes materials used in workgroup sessions, recorded sessions, as well as memorialization of workgroup discussion, recommendations, and results for Statewide use.

Prior to participating in one of the workgroups, to determine participants², OEQPD staff will select through an application process, individuals who have assessment and/or evaluation expertise statewide including, but not limited to, individuals from the Teaching is the Core (TiTC) grant, and teacher and principal leaders who have been involved in assessment and evaluation work with their LEA through the Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (STLE) grants. For each workgroup, OEQPD envisions three participants from each of the seven geographical regions and two representatives from each of the nine stakeholder groups³. Additionally, the Department wants national experts on topics related to educator evaluation to participate on the appropriate workgroups. The vendor will be responsible for providing these experts, which we approximate to be around 5 experts per workgroup. Each workgroup would thus have approximately 44 participants in total, for an overall total of 88 participants across both workgroups. It is proposed that there will be three (3) webinars for each workgroup (Assessment; Evaluation) between October 2017 and March 2018. Each workgroup will reach consensus on areas of focus for their workgroup during the October 2017 meeting. This will include the integration of workgroup activities and the foundation outlined through topics (see below) in November 2017 before rolling out the final presentation in March 2018. The focus of the two (2) workgroups is as described:

The **Assessment Workgroup**, which will focus on an exploration of next generation assessments with relevant national experts, including, but not limited to, performance-based tasks, to pinpoint student understanding in meaningful ways. Potential Assessment Workgroup Training Topics include:

- **Assessment Review Process**
 - Focus on fundamentals of assessment review, including validity, reliability, and the use of assessments to inform instruction and support learning goals.
- **Performance Assessments**
 - Focus on how to use performance assessment, including tasks and rubrics.
- **Test Construction**
 - Focus on test construction, including test blueprints, linking item performance to learning objectives, and item writing.
 - Using technology for assessment (including computer-based testing and adaptive testing).
- **Action Plan and Professional Development**
 - Focus on how districts may focus their action plans and professional development.

² Participants will not receive a stipend or other payment for their participation, but will be reimbursed by NYSED for travel expenses to attend in-person meetings in Albany.

³ The nine stakeholder groups include: Council of School Supervisors & Administrators
 Empire State School Administrators Association (ESSAA)
 New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS)
 New York State Federation of School Administrators (NYSFSA)
 New York State Parent Teacher Association (NYSPTA)
 New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA)
 New York State United Teachers (NYSUT)
 School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS)
 United Federation of Teachers (UFT)

- **Rubrics and Other Scoring Methods**
 - Focus on how districts can effectively select or create rubrics and also how to use other scoring methods for special purposes

The **Evaluation Workgroup**, which will focus on an exploration of performance metrics, including, but not limited to, new covariates for the growth model, new high school growth metrics, multi-year growth models, possible adjustments to normative method to determine evaluation ratings as well as criterion-referenced measures of growth. Potential Evaluation Workgroup Training Topics include:

- **Exploration of performance metrics options, including, but not limited to, statistical growth models for measuring educator effectiveness**
- **Exploration of the evaluation system framework, including, but not limited to:**
 - Observation processes, including best practices in using independent evaluators and peer observers;
 - Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) for educators who do not receive State-provided growth scores;
 - Optional student performance measures allowable under Education Law §3012-d;
 - Scoring ranges for SLOs and observations;
 - Technical requirements for approval of assessments for use in teacher and principal evaluation; and
 - Other topics related to the State’s teacher and principal evaluation system based on consultation with members of the workgroup
- **Work with the [New York State Quality Framework](#) for implementing a quality evaluation system**
 - Prioritizing Improvement Levers
 - Focus on self-assessment using the Quality Framework
 - Foundations for Action
 - Focus on systems and structures to build capacity
 - Collecting Trustworthy Evidence
 - Focus on high quality Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and observations
 - Using Evidence to Improve Instruction
 - Focus on actionable feedback and targeted professional development to improve measurable impact on teaching and learning
 - Creating an action plan
 - Defining an Overarching Vision for the APPR System and Implementation
 - Designing and Planning for Implementation of Priority Initiatives
 - Planning for Building Leadership Capacity
 - Planning for Resource Allocation: Time, Money and People
 - Planning for Change and Continuous Improvement

All workgroup members will receive professional development, training, and support focused on assessment and evaluation to inform their participation on these workgroups. This support will

be provided following the October 2017 meeting and will be tailored to the specific focus areas determined by each workgroup. It is expected that this support will be provided as pre-meeting written and recorded materials. A sample of a workgroup project plan is included in [Attachment 2](#).

Bidders will provide clearly identified and accountable staff resources to ensure completion of all deliverables and to consult and advise as needed with the Office of Educator Quality and Professional Development (OEQPD) so that OEQPD can make timely and informed decisions. Bidders will maintain continuity of the team staff throughout the project. Changes in key staff require prior approval by OEQPD. Replacement staff must have comparable skills and must be provided at the same or lower rate. Bidders' Project Manager will develop and maintain a comprehensive [workplan](#) that breaks down all tasks associated with the project and the agenda will be shared at least two weeks in advance of each workgroup session and webinar with OEQPD to ensure constancy with goals and objectives.

As part of the ongoing implementation of this project, bidder may be called on to provide information about the project to OEQPD and its stakeholders, including possibly presenting to the Board of Regents. In the event such engagement requires an in-person presentation, OEQPD will provide bidder with adequate notice and bidder will provide key project staff. Any materials, processes, and products produced for OEQPD pursuant to this contract, including but not limited to methodologies, measures, documentation, growth results, training materials, evaluation forms, and reports shall be the sole and exclusive property of the New York State Education Department. Should the bidder use the services of consultants or other organizations or individuals who are not regular employees of the bidder, the subcontract agreement shall provide that any work produced pursuant to the agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of NYSED.

Bidders (including the bidders' presenters/panelists and technical experts) must agree to share materials with Office of Educator Quality and Professional Development (OEQPD) staff at least two weeks in advance. OEQPD staff will review these materials, including proposed talking points, and work with the bidder(s) (including the bidders' presenters/panelists and technical experts), either in person or via conference call, to ensure that the content is appropriate and consistent with our goals. The bidder(s) (including the bidders' presenters/panelists and technical experts) will also arrange a post-workgroup session conference call with OEQPD staff to debrief.

Bidders (including the bidders' presenters/panelists and technical experts) will also create a toolkit for each of the workgroups, as applicable, that is a collection of resources/tools that are used during these workgroup sessions and/or have been developed as a result of the work completed in the workgroup sessions, and will also give NYSED permission to share these resources on the NYSED website so that other districts have access to the same information and tools. OEQPD staff will collect these toolkits so they can be shared on the NYSED website and will be available for all LEAs to use. In addition, bidders will be responsible for recording or otherwise collecting the opinions, recommendations, etc. of workgroup members, to create summary

documents, and to otherwise memorialize the work completed in the workgroup sessions. Materials provided must comply with [NYSED's Web Accessibility Policy](#).

Payments and Reports

The vendor will be required to submit quarterly reports and invoices to NYSED containing the program narrative, dates of services, and an itemized list of activities and costs consistent with the approved Schedule of Deliverables contained in the executed contract. Payments will be made once the quarterly reports are reviewed and project deliverables are determined by NYSED to be adequate. Payment for each Deliverable will be made upon 100% satisfactory completion and approval by NYSED. Payment(s) for subcontractor(s) must list the subcontractor's name(s), payment amount(s), and nature of services provided separately on the invoice submitted. Invoices with incomplete information will be returned to the vendor.

Accessibility of Web-Based Information and Applications

Any documents, web-based information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the contract or procurement, will comply with New York State Education Department IT Policy NYSED-WEBACC-001, Web Accessibility Policy as such policy may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that state agency web-based information, including documents, and applications are accessible to persons with disabilities. Documents, web-based information and applications must conform to NYSED-WEBACC-001 as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing will be conducted by NYSED employee or contractor and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to NYSED before web-based information and applications will be considered a qualified deliverable under the contract or procurement.

Subcontracting Limit

Subcontracting will be limited to 30% of the total contract budget. Subcontracting is defined as non-employee direct personal services and related incidental expenses, including travel.

For vendors using subcontractors, a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire and a NYSED vendor responsibility review are required for a subcontractor where:

- the subcontractor is known at the time of the contract award;
- the subcontractor is not an entity that is exempt from reporting by OSC; and
- the subcontract will equal or exceed \$100,000 over the life of the contract;

For additional information about Vendor Responsibility, see the **Vendor Responsibility** section contained in **3.) Evaluation Criteria and Method of Award** of this RFP.

If the vendor proposes to change subcontractors during the contract period, NYSED must be notified prior to the change. NYSED reserves the right to reject any replacement subcontractors proposed by the vendor and reserves the right to approve all changes in subcontractors. The Subcontracting Form located in the Submission Documents must be updated annually and submitted to NYSED. Using this form, the vendor must also report to NYSED, on an annual basis,

actual expenditures incurred for all subcontractors and indicate which subcontracting costs are associated with M/WBE.

Consultant Staff Changes

The Contractor will maintain continuity of the Consultant Team staff throughout the course of the contract. All changes in staff will be subject to NYSED approval. The replacement Consultant(s) with comparable skills will be provided at the same or lower hourly rate.

Contract Period

NYSED will award up to **two** contract(s)⁴ pursuant to this RFP, one (1) contract in relation to the Assessment workgroup and one (1) contract in relation to the Evaluation workgroup. The contract(s) resulting from this RFP will be for a term anticipated to begin October 1, 2017 and to end March 31, 2018.

Electronic Processing of Payments

In accordance with a directive dated January 22, 2010 by the Director of State Operations - Office of Taxpayer Accountability, all state agency contracts, grants, and purchase orders executed after February 28, 2010 shall contain a provision requiring that contractors and grantees accept electronic payments. Additional information and authorization forms are available at the State Comptroller's website at the [State Comptroller's website](#).

M/WBE AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES REQUIREMENTS CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENT AND OBLIGATION UNDER NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE LAW, ARTICLE 15-A (PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO STATE CONTRACTS)

In an effort to eradicate barriers that have historically impeded access by minority group members and women in State contracting activities, Article 15-A, of the New York State Executive Law §310-318, (Participation by Minority Group Members and Women with Respect to State Contracts) was enacted to promote equality of economic opportunities for minority group members and women.

The New York State Education Department ("NYSED") has enacted its policies Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action and on Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurements, consistent with the requirements as set forth under the provisions of Article 15-A (the "Article") incorporated by reference, requiring Contracting Agencies to implement procedures to ensure that the "Contractor" (as defined under Article 15-A, §310.3 shall mean an individual, a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a corporation, a not-for-profit corporation, or any other party to a state contract, or a bidder in conjunction with the award of a state contract or a proposed party to a state contract, complies with requirements to ensure Equal Employment Opportunities for Minority Group Members and

⁴ A single bidder may undertake both the Assessment and Evaluation workgroups. Bidders must submit a separate bid for each workgroup.

Women, in addition to providing Opportunities for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises on all covered state contracts.

In keeping with the intent of the Law, it is the expectation of the Commissioner and the responsibility of all contractors participating in and/or selected for procurement opportunities with NYSED, to fulfill their obligations to comply with the requirements of the Article and its implementing regulations.

In accordance with these requirements, the contractor hereby agrees to make every good faith effort to promote and assist the participation of certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("M/WBE") as subcontractors and suppliers on this project for the provision of services and materials in an amount at least equal to the M/WBE goal (Included in the procurement document) as a percentage of the total dollar value of this project. In addition, the contractor shall ensure the following:

1. All state contracts and all documents soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts contain or make reference to the following provisions:

a. The contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, gender, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic disposition or carrier status and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination.

For purposes of the Article, affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination and rate of pay or other forms of compensation.

b. The contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, gender, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic disposition or carrier status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the contractor's obligation herein.

c. The contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, gender, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic disposition or carrier status.

2. The contractor will include the provisions of subdivision one of this section in every subcontract as defined under §310.14, except as provided under §312.6 of the Article, in such a manner that

the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the State contract.

3. Contractors or subcontractors shall comply with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity, which effectuates the purpose of this section.

4. Contractors and subcontractors shall undertake programs of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity as required by this section⁵. In accordance with the provision of the Article, the bidder will submit, with their proposal, Staffing Plan (EEO 100).

5. Certified businesses (as defined under Article 15-A, §310.1 means a business verified as a minority or women-owned business enterprise pursuant to §314 of the Article) shall be given the opportunity for meaningful participation in the performance of this contract, to actively and affirmatively promote and assist their participation in the performance of this contract, so as to facilitate the award of a fair share of this contract to such businesses⁶.

6. Contractor shall make a good faith effort to solicit active participation by enterprises identified in the [Empire State Development \(“ESD”\) directory of certified businesses](#). The contractor must document its good faith efforts as set forth in 5 NYCRR 142.8. This document, Contractors Good Faith Efforts, can be found in the M/WBE Submission Documents.

7. Contractor shall agree, as a condition of entering into said contract, to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A, §316.

8. Contractor shall include the provisions set forth in paragraphs (6) and (7) above, in every subcontract in a manner that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with this contract.

9. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of any federal law concerning opportunities for M/WBEs which effectuates the purpose of this section.

10. Contractor shall submit all necessary M/WBE documents and/or forms as described above as part of their proposal in response to NYSED procurement.

11. The percentage goals established for this RFP are based on the overall availability of M/WBEs certified in the particular areas of expertise identified under this RFP. These goals should not be construed as rigid and inflexible quotas which must be met, but as targets reasonably attainable

⁵ Notice – Contractors are provided with notice herein, NYSED may require a contractor to submit proof of an equal opportunity program after the proposal opening and prior to the award of any contract. In accordance with regulations set forth under Article 15-A §312.5, contractors and/or subcontractors will be required to submit compliance reports relating to the contractor’s and/or subcontractor’s program in effect as of the date the contract is executed.

⁶ Should the contractor identify a firm that is not currently certified as an M/WBE, it should request that the firm submit a certification application [Empire State Development](#) by the deadline for submission of proposals for eligibility determination. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that a sufficient number of certified M/WBE firms have been identified in response to this procurement, in order to facilitate full M/WBE participation.

by means of applying every good faith effort to make all aspects of the entire Minority and Women-Owned Business Program work.

12. Contractor shall ensure that enterprises have been identified (M/WBE 102) within the Utilization Plan, and the contractor shall attempt, in good faith, to utilize such enterprise(s) at least to the extent indicated in the plan, as to what measures and procedures contractor intends to take to comply with the provisions of the Article.

13. Contractor shall upon written notification from NYSED M/WBE Program Unit as to any deficiencies and required remedies thereof, the contractor, within the period of time specified, will submit compliance reports documenting remedial actions taken and other information relating to the operation and implementation of the Utilization Plan.

14. Where it appears that a contractor cannot, after a good faith effort, comply with the M/WBE participation requirements, contractor may file a written application with NYSED M/WBE Program Unit requesting a partial or total waiver (M/WBE 101) of such requirements setting forth the reasons for such contractor's inability to meet any or all of the participation requirements, together with an explanation of the efforts undertaken by the contractor to obtain the required M/WBE participation.

For purposes of determining a contractor's good faith efforts to comply with the requirements of this section or be entitled to a waiver, NYSED shall consider at the least the following:

I. Whether the contractor has advertised in general circulation media, trade association publications and minority-focused and women-focused media and, in such event;

a. Whether or not the certified M/WBEs which have been solicited by the contractor exhibited interest in submitting proposals for a particular project by attending a pre-bid conference; and

b. Whether certified businesses solicited by the contractor responded in a timely fashion to the contractor's solicitations for timely competitive bid quotations prior to the contracting agency's deadline for submission of proposals.

II. Whether there has been written notification to appropriate certified M/WBEs that appear in the [Empire State Development website](#).

All required Affirmative Action, EEO, and M/WBE forms to be submitted along with bids and/or proposals for NYSED procurements are attached hereto. Bidders must submit subcontracting forms which:

1) fully comply with the participation goals specified in the RFP; OR

2) partially comply with the participation goals specified in the RFP, and include a request for partial waiver, and document its good faith efforts to fully comply with the percentage goals specified in the RFP; OR

3) do not include certified M/WBE subcontractors or suppliers, and include a request for a complete waiver, and document its good faith efforts to fully comply with the participation goals specified in the RFP.

All M/WBE firms are required to be certified by Empire State Development (ESD) or must be in the process of obtaining certification from ESD. Online Certification can be found at the [New York State Contract System website](#).

Failure to comply with the requirements of Article 15-A as set forth under this procurement and in conjunction with the corresponding contract, will result in the withholding of associated funds and other enforcement proceedings set forth under Article 15-A.

2.) Submission

Documents to be submitted with this proposal

This section details the submission document or documents that are expected to be transmitted by the respondent to the State Education Department in response to this RFP. New York State Education Department shall own all materials, processes, and products (software, code, documentation and other written materials) developed under this contract. Materials prepared under this contract shall be in a form that will be ready for copyright in the name of the New York State Education Department. Any sub-contractor is also bound by these terms. The submission will become the basis on which NYSED will judge the respondent's ability to perform the required services as laid out in the RFP. This will be followed by various terms and conditions that reflect the specific needs of this project.

Project Submission:

Each proposal submitted in response to this RFP must include the following documents:

1. Submission Documents—Two (2) copies (one bearing an original signature)
2. Technical Proposal—Five (5) copies
3. Cost Proposal—Three (3) copies (one bearing an original signature)
4. M/WBE Documents—Two (2) copies (one bearing an original signature)
5. Microsoft Office (CD format)—One (1) electronic version with the submission, technical, cost, and M/WBE proposals. Please place the CD-ROM in a separate envelope.

Bidders choosing to bid on both workgroups must submit a separate bid for each workgroup.

Proposals must be received by **July 14, 2017, by 3:00 PM** at NYSED in Albany, New York.

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, avoiding the use of elaborate promotional materials beyond those sufficient to provide complete presentation. If supplemental materials are a necessary part of the proposal, the bidder should reference these materials in the technical proposal, identifying the document(s) and citing the appropriate section and page(s) to be reviewed.

The proposal must communicate an understanding of the deliverables of the RFP, describe how the tasks are to be performed and identify potential problems in the conduct of the deliverables and methods to identify and solve such problems.

Bidders should specify all details and dates required to evaluate the technical proposal and should limit aspects of the project plan which are to be determined only after the award of a contract. No optional deliverables to be provided only at an additional cost should be included and will not be considered in the evaluation of the technical proposal. Contractual terms, conditions and assumptions are inappropriate for inclusion in the proposal.

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Any proprietary material considered confidential by the bidder will specifically be so identified, and the basis for such confidentiality will be specifically set forth in the proposal by submitting the form "Request for Exemption from Disclosure Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law," located in 5) Submission Documents.

Technical Proposal (70 points):

The original plus four copies of the completed Technical Proposal must be mailed in a separate envelope labeled **RFP #17-033-Technical Proposal-Do Not Open** and must include the following:

- Project description, with deliverables, resources, and plan of work.
- Work Plan (see [Attachment 1](#) for template to be used)

Project Description (50 Points): The complete project description and supporting materials will be reviewed to determine the overall consistency of the proposal with the stated purpose and objectives of the RFP. **The bidder should clearly indicate which workgroup they are applying to lead (Assessment or Evaluation). If applying to lead both workgroups, two separate proposals are required, and a bidder may be awarded one and not the other.** The qualifications of key personnel and the adequacy of the resources of the bidder will be reviewed to determine the organization's ability to implement the activities described in the application. The project description should include the bidder's:

- Description of the organizational capacity to conduct the activities and produce the deliverables specified in the RFP consistent with State and federal laws and regulations that pertain to Education Law §3012-d. The description of organizational capacity must include, but is not limited to, description of the agency's human, material and information resources. **(3 points)**
- Knowledge and experience in relation to Education Law §3012-d and §3012-c, especially the evaluation of teachers and principals. Bidder should include a description of the bidder's knowledge and expertise related to the required reporting data elements for Education Law §3012-d, and should include how this knowledge and experience will be instrumental in providing professional development to districts through the workgroups and webinars. The bidder should include resumes for the proposed Project Director and any other professional staff that will be assigned to work on this contract. Include examples of programs directed by the proposed project director.
 - For the **Assessment Workgroup**, bidders should include demonstrated knowledge and experience with next-generation assessments including, but not limited to, performance-based tasks, in order to pinpoint student understanding in meaningful ways.
 - For the **Evaluation Workgroup**, bidders should include demonstrated knowledge and experience with exploration of performance metrics,

including, but not limited to, covariates for statistical growth models, high school growth metrics, multi-year growth models, and possible adjustments to normative method to determine evaluation ratings as well as best practices in conducting observations of teachers and school visits of principals aligned to standards-based practice rubrics. This should also include potential challenges in evaluating staff based on multiple measures and ways to address such challenges. **(29 points)**

- Details of proposed workgroup project plan to provide professional development in the workgroup training topics. Please see [Attachment 2](#) for a sample workgroup project plan. **(6 points)**
- Description of plan to assist stakeholders in reviewing the Department’s current regulations and processes in light of the requirements of Education Law §3012-d and formulating recommendations to refine aspects of the evaluation systems and/or current assessments that are less successful. **(6 points)**
- Description of plan to record or otherwise collect the opinions, recommendations, etc. of workgroup members, to create summary documents, and to otherwise memorialize the work completed in the workgroup sessions. **(6 points)**

Work Plan (20 Points):

The Work Plan Template (located in [Attachment 1](#)) should be completed to describe the deliverables that will result in meeting the requirements of the RFP. The Work Plan will be evaluated based on its completeness, the appropriateness of the activities to achieve each of the required contract deliverables, indicators of success, how the indicators will be measured, and the agenda for proposed activities within the workgroup session(s) timeframe constraints.

- Specific activities to meet contract deliverables **(10 points)**
- Indicators (benchmarks) and measures of Success **(5 points)**
- Timeline **(5 points)**

Cost Proposal (30 points):

The original plus two (2) copies of the completed Cost Proposal must be mailed in a separate envelope labeled **RFP #17-033-Cost Proposal-Do Not Open** and must include the following:

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| 1.) | Bid Form Cost Proposal | Signature Required |
| 2.) | Subcontracting Form | |
| 3.) | M/WBE Purchases Form | |

Budgets must be submitted using whole dollar numbers.

The Financial Criteria portion of the RFP will be scored based upon the Total Project Budget listed on the Cost Proposal.

M/WBE Documents

The original plus one (1) copy of the completed M/WBE Documents must be packaged in a separate envelope labeled **RFP #17-033-M/WBE Documents-Do Not Open**. Please return the documents listed for the compliance method bidder has achieved:

Full Participation-No Request for Waiver

- 1. M/WBE Cover Letter **Signatures Required**
- 2. **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan
- 3. **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate
- 4. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan

Partial Participation-Partial Request for Waiver

- 1. M/WBE Cover Letter **Signatures Required**
- 2. **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan
- 3. **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate
- 4. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan
- 5. **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver
- 6. **M/WBE 105** Contractor's Good Faith Efforts

No Participation-Request for Complete Waiver

- 1. M/WBE Cover Letter **Signatures Required**
- 2. **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver
- 3. **M/WBE 105** Contractor's Good Faith Efforts

3.) Evaluation Criteria and Method of Award

This section begins with the criteria the agency will use to evaluate bids, and closes with the “method of award” or how the contractor will be selected. This will be followed by various terms and conditions that reflect the specific needs of this project as well as New York State contract guidelines and requirements.

Criteria for Evaluating Bids

All eligible proposals received by the deadline will be reviewed using the following criteria and ratings. Applicants must ensure that all components of this application request have been addressed, the required number of copies has been provided, all forms and assurances have been completed, and the original signatures in blue are included as required.

An evaluation committee will complete a review of all proposals submitted. The committee will review each proposal based upon the submitted proposal and the requirements of the RFP only. Bidders should not assume that committee review members will be familiar with the current program or have any previous experience with the bidder. Appropriate description should be included to inform review committee members about the bidder’s qualifications and capacity to perform all required deliverables.

The committee will review each proposal to determine compliance with the requirements described in the RFP. The committee retains the right to determine whether any deviation from the requirements of this RFP is substantial in nature and may reject in whole or in part any and all proposals, waive minor irregularities and conduct discussions with all responsible bidders.

Minimum technical score

Proposals receiving at least an average of sixty percent (60%) of the points available for the Technical Proposal (a total of 42 out of 70 points) will move on to the next step of the process, scoring of the cost proposal. Proposals with an average score of less than 42 points in the Technical Proposal section will be eliminated from further consideration.

Technical Criteria (70 Points)

Project Description (50 points)

Work Plan (20 points)

Financial Criteria (30 Points)

Cost Proposal (30 points)

The Financial Criteria portion of this RFP will be scored based upon the Total Project Budget listed on the Cost Proposal.

The **financial portion** of the proposal represents thirty (30) points of the overall score and will be awarded up to thirty (30) points pursuant to a formula. This calculation will be

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computed by the Contract Administration Unit upon completion of the technical scoring by the technical review panel.

- The submitted budget will be awarded points pursuant to a formula which awards the highest score of thirty (30) points to the budget that reflects the lowest overall cost. The remaining budgets will be awarded points based on a calculation that computes the relative difference of each proposal against the lowest budget submitted. The resulting percentage is then applied to the maximum point value of thirty (30) points.

Method of Award

NYSED will award up to two (2) contract(s) pursuant to this RFP, one (1) contract in relation to the Assessment workgroup and one (1) contract in relation to the Evaluation workgroup. A single bidder may undertake both the Assessment and Evaluation workgroups, but must provide a separate bid for each workgroup. Proposals for one workgroup will be evaluated independent of the proposals submitted for the other workgroup, and awards will be made without considering whether the same bidder applied to undertake both workgroups. Bidders proposing to undertake both workgroups should not assume that both awards will be made to the same entity.

The aggregate score of all the criteria listed will be calculated for each proposal received. The contract issued for each workgroup will be awarded to the vendor whose aggregate technical and cost score is the highest among all the proposals rated for that workgroup. **If NYSED exercises the right to request best and final offers, the contract must be issued to the vendor with the highest aggregate technical and financial score that results from the best and final offer.**

In the event that more than one proposal obtains the highest aggregate score, the contract will be awarded to the vendor in that group of highest aggregate scores whose budget component reflects the lowest overall cost.

NYSED's Reservation of Rights

NYSED reserves the right to: (1) reject any or all proposals received in response to the RFP; (2) withdraw the RFP at any time, at the agency's sole discretion; (3) make an award under the RFP in whole or in part; (4) disqualify any bidder whose conduct and/or proposal fails to conform to the requirements of the RFP; (5) seek clarifications of proposals; (6) use proposal information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the state's investigation of a bidder's qualifications, experience, ability or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the bidder in response to the agency's request for clarifying information in the course of evaluation and/or selection under the RFP; (7) prior to the bid opening, amend the RFP specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available; (8) prior to the bid opening, direct bidders to submit proposal modifications addressing subsequent RFP amendments; (9) change any of the scheduled dates; (10) waive any requirements that are not material; (11) negotiate with the successful bidder within the scope of the RFP in the best interests of the state; (12) conduct contract negotiations with the next responsible bidder, should the agency be unsuccessful in negotiating with the selected bidder;

(13) utilize any and all ideas submitted in the proposals received; (14) unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, every offer is firm and not revocable for a period of 90 days from the bid opening; (15) require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of an offeror's proposal and/or to determine an offeror's compliance with the requirements of the solicitation; (16) request best and final offers.

Post Selection Procedures

Upon selection, the successful bidder will receive a proposed contract from NYSED. The selected bidder may be given an opportunity to reduce its cost proposal in accordance with the agency's right to negotiate a final best price. The contents of this RFP, any subsequent correspondence during the proposal evaluation period, and such other stipulations as agreed upon may be made a part of the final contract prepared by NYSED. Successful bidders may be subject to audit and should ensure that adequate controls are in place to document the allowable activities and expenditure of State funds.

Debriefing Procedures

In accordance with section 163 of the NY State Finance Law, NYSED, upon request, must provide a debriefing to any unsuccessful bidder regarding the reasons their proposal was not selected for an award.

1. All unsuccessful bidders may request a debriefing within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving notice from NYSED of non-award. Bidders may request a debriefing by submitting a written request to the Fiscal Contact person at:

NYS Education Department
Contract Administration Unit
89 Washington Avenue
Room 501W EB
Albany, NY 12234

2. Upon receipt of a timely written request from the unsuccessful bidder, NYSED will schedule the debriefing to occur within a reasonable time following receipt of the request. Debriefings will be conducted in person, unless NYSED and the bidder mutually agree to utilize other means, including but not limited to telephone, video-conferencing or other types of electronic communication.
3. The debriefing will include: a) the reasons that the proposal submitted by the unsuccessful bidder was not selected for an award; b) the qualitative and quantitative analysis employed by NYSED in assessing the relative merits of the proposals; c) the application of the selection criteria to the unsuccessful bidder's proposal; and d) when the debriefing is held after the final award, the reasons for the selection of the winning proposal. The debriefing will also provide, to the greatest extent practicable, general

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advice and guidance to the unsuccessful bidder concerning potential ways that their future proposals could be more responsive.

Contract Award Protest Procedures

Bidders who receive a notice of non-award or disqualification may protest the NYSED award decision subject to the following:

1. The protest must be in writing and must contain specific factual and/or legal allegations setting forth the basis on which the protesting party challenges the contract award by NYSED.
2. The protest must be filed within ten (10) business days of receipt of a debriefing or disqualification letter. The protest letter must be filed with:

NYS Education Department
Contract Administration Unit
89 Washington Avenue
Room 501W EB
Albany, NY 12234

3. The NYSED Contract Administration Unit (CAU) will convene a review team that will include at least one staff member from each of NYSED's Office of Counsel, CAU, and the Program Office. The review team will review and consider the merits of the protest and will decide whether the protest is approved or denied. Counsel's Office will provide the bidder with written notification of the review team's decision within seven (7) business days of the receipt of the protest. The original protest and decision will be filed with OSC when the contract procurement record is submitted for approval and CAU will advise OSC that a protest was filed.
4. The NYSED Contract Administration Unit (CAU) may summarily deny a protest that fails to contain specific factual or legal allegations, or where the protest only raises issues of law that have already been decided by the courts.

Vendor Responsibility

State law requires that the award of state contracts be made to responsible vendors. Before an award is made to a not-for-profit entity, a for-profit entity, a private college or university or a public entity not exempted by the Office of the State Comptroller, NYSED must make an affirmative responsibility determination. The factors to be considered include: legal authority to do business in New York State; integrity; capacity- both organizational and financial; and previous performance. Before an award of \$100,000 or greater can be made to a covered entity, the entity will be required to complete and submit a [Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire](#). School districts, Charter Schools, BOCES, public colleges and universities, public libraries, and the Research Foundation for SUNY and CUNY are some of the exempt entities. A complete list of exempt entities can be viewed at the [Office of the State Comptroller's website](#).

NYSED recommends that vendors file the required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the [VendRep System Instructions](#) or go directly to the [VendRep System on the Office of the State Comptroller's website](#).

Vendors must provide their New York State Vendor Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for VendRep System assistance, contact the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at ITServiceDesk@osc.state.ny.us.

Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the [VendRep website](#) or may contact NYSED or the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk for a copy of the paper form.

Subcontractors:

For vendors using subcontractors, a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire and a NYSED vendor responsibility review are required for a subcontractor where:

- the subcontractor is known at the time of the contract award;
- the subcontractor is not an entity that is exempt from reporting by OSC; and
- the subcontract will equal or exceed \$100,000 over the life of the contract.

Note: Bidders must acknowledge their method of filing their questionnaire by checking the appropriate box on the Response Sheet for Bids (5. Submission Documents).

Procurement Lobbying Law

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between the New York State Education Department ("NYSED") and an Offerer/bidder during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of the solicitation through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by NYSED and, if applicable, Office of the State Comptroller ("restricted period") to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law §139-j(3)(a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is identified below. NYSED employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a four-year period, the Offerer/bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found at [NYSED's Procurement Lobbying Law Policy Guidelines webpage](#).

Designated Contacts for NYSED
Program Office – **Courtney Max**

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Contract Administration Unit – **Jessica Hartjen**
M/WBE – **Joan Ramsey**

Consultant Disclosure Legislation

Effective June 19, 2006, new reporting requirements became effective for State contractors, as the result of an amendment to State Finance Law §§ 8 and 163. As a result of these changes in law, State contractors will be required to disclose, by employment category, the number of persons employed to provide services under a contract for consulting services, the number of hours worked and the amount paid to the contractor by the State as compensation for work performed by these employees. This will include information on any persons working under any subcontracts with the State contractor.

Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006 expands the definition of contracts for consulting services to include any contract entered into by a State agency for analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal, or similar services.

To enable compliance with the law, State agencies must include in the Procurement Record submitted to OSC for new consultant contracts, the State Consultant Services Contractor's Planned Employment From Contract Start Date Through the End of the Contract Term ([Form A](#) - see link below). The completed form must include information for all employees providing service under the contract whether employed by the contractor or a subcontractor. Please note that the form captures the necessary planned employment information ***prospectively from the start date of the contract through the end of the contract term.***

[Form A](#) is available on OSC's website.

Please note that although this form is not required as part of the bid submissions, NYSED encourages bidders to include them in their bid submission to expedite contract execution if the bidder is awarded the contract. Note also that only the form listed above is acceptable.

Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006 mandates that State agencies must now require State contractors to **report annually** on the employment information described above, including work performed by subcontractors. The legislation mandates that the annual employment reports are to be submitted by the contractor to the contracting agency, to OSC and to the Department of Civil Service. State Consultant Services Contractor's Annual Employment Report ([Form B](#) - see link below) is to be used to report the information for all procurement contracts above \$15,000. Please note that, in contrast to the information to be included on Form A, which is a one-time report of planned employment data for the entire term of a consulting contract on a projected basis, ***Form B will be submitted each year the contract is in effect and will capture historical information, detailing actual employment data for the most recently concluded State fiscal year (April 1 – March 31).***

[Form B](#) is available on OSC's website.

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For more information, please visit [OSC Guide to Financial Operations](#).

Public Officer's Law Section 73

All bidders must comply with Public Officer's Law Section 73 (4)(a), as follows:

4. (a) No statewide elected official, state officer or employee, member of the legislature, legislative employee or political party chairman or firm or association of which such person is a member, or corporation, ten per centum or more of the stock of which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such person, shall (i) sell any goods or services having a value in excess of twenty-five dollars to any state agency, or (ii) contract for or provide such goods or services with or to any private entity where the power to contract, appoint or retain on behalf of such private entity is exercised, directly or indirectly, by a state agency or officer thereof, unless such goods or services are provided pursuant to an award or contract let after public notice and competitive bidding. This paragraph shall not apply to the publication of resolutions, advertisements or other legal propositions or notices in newspapers designated pursuant to law for such purpose and for which the rates are fixed pursuant to law.

(i) The term "state officer or employee" shall mean:

(i) heads of state departments and their deputies and assistants other than members of the board of regents of the university of the state of New York who receive no compensation or are compensated on a per diem basis;

(ii) officers and employees of statewide elected officials;

(iii) officers and employees of state departments, boards, bureaus, divisions, commissions, councils or other state agencies other than officers of such boards, commissions or councils who receive no compensation or are compensated on a per diem basis; and

(iv) members or directors of public authorities, other than multistate authorities, public benefit corporations and commissions at least one of whose members is appointed by the governor, who receive compensation other than on a per diem basis, and employees of such authorities, corporations and commissions.

Review [Public Officer's Law Section 73](#).

NYSED Substitute Form W-9

Any payee/vendor/organization receiving Federal and/or State payments from NYSED must complete the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 if they are not yet registered in the Statewide Financial System centralized vendor file.

The NYS Education Department (NYSED) is using the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 to obtain certification of a vendor's Tax Identification Number in order to facilitate a vendor's registration with the SFS centralized vendor file and to ensure accuracy of information contained therein. We ask for the information on the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States.

Workers' Compensation Coverage and Debarment

New York State Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) has specific coverage requirements for businesses contracting with New York State and additional requirements which provide for the debarment of vendors that violate certain sections of WCL. The WCL requires, and has required since introduction of the law in 1922, the heads of all municipal and State entities to ensure that businesses have appropriate workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage *prior* to issuing any permits or licenses, or *prior* to entering into contracts.

Workers' compensation requirements are covered by WCL Section 57, while disability benefits are covered by WCL Section 220(8). The Workers' Compensation Benefits clause in Appendix A – STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS states that in accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, a contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the contractor provides and maintains coverage during the life of the contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the WCL.

Under provisions of the 2007 Workers' Compensation Reform Legislation (WCL Section 141-b), any person, or entity substantially owned by that person: subject to a final assessment of civil fines or penalties, subject to a stop-work order, or convicted of a misdemeanor for violation of Workers' Compensation laws Section 52 or 131, is barred from bidding on, or being awarded, any public work contract or subcontract with the State, any municipal corporation or public body for one year for each violation. The ban is five years for each felony conviction.

Proof of Coverage Requirements

The Workers' Compensation Board has developed several forms to assist State contracting entities in ensuring that businesses have the appropriate workers' compensation and disability insurance coverage as required by Sections 57 and 220(8) of the WCL.

Please note – an ACORD form is not acceptable proof of New York State workers' compensation or disability benefits insurance coverage.

Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL, the Workers' Compensation Board requires that a business seeking to enter into a State contract submit appropriate proof of coverage to the State contracting entity issuing the contract. For each new contract or contract renewal, the contracting entity must obtain ONE of the following forms from the contractor and submit to OSC to prove the contractor has appropriate workers' compensation insurance coverage:

- **Form C-105.2** – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carriers, or **Form U-26.3** issued by the State Insurance Fund; or
- **Form SI-12**– Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance; or **Form GSI-105.2** Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance; or

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- **CE-200**– Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers’ Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

Proof of Disability Benefits Coverage

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL regarding disability benefits, the Workers’ Compensation Board requires that a business seeking to enter into a State contract must submit appropriate proof of coverage to the State contracting entity issuing the contract. For each new contract or contract renewal, the contracting entity must obtain ONE of the following forms from the contractor and submit to OSC to prove the contractor has appropriate disability benefits insurance coverage:

- **Form DB-120.1** - Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance; or
- **Form DB-155**- Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance; or
- **CE-200**– Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from New York State Workers’ Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

For additional information regarding workers’ compensation and disability benefits requirements, please refer to the [New York State Workers’ Compensation Board website](#). Alternatively, questions relating to either workers’ compensation or disability benefits coverage should be directed to the NYS Workers’ Compensation Board, Bureau of Compliance at (518) 486-6307.

Please note that although these forms are not required as part of the bid submissions, NYSED encourages bidders to include them in their bid submission to expedite contract execution if the bidder is awarded the contract. Note also that only the forms listed above are acceptable.

Sales and Compensating Use Tax Certification (Tax Law, § 5-a)

Tax Law § 5-a requires contractors awarded State contracts for commodities or services valued at more than \$100,000 over the full term of the contract to certify to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (“DTF”) that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes, if they made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000, measured over a specific period of time. The registration requirement applies if the contractor made a cumulative total of more than \$300,000 in sales during the four completed sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which the certification is made. Sales tax quarters are June – August, September – November, December – February, and March – May. In addition, contractors must certify to DTF that each affiliate and subcontractor of such contractor exceeding such sales threshold during a specified period is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. Contractors must also certify to the procuring State entity that they filed the certification with the DTF and that it is correct and complete.

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The selected bidder must file a properly completed Form ST-220-CA (with OSC as the Contracting Agency within 48 hours of notification of selection for award) and Form ST-220-TD (with the DTF). These requirements must be met before a contract may take effect. Further information can be found at the [New York State Department of Taxation and Finance's website](#). Forms are available through these links:

- [ST-220 CA](#)
- [ST-220 TD](#)

Please note that although these forms are not required as part of the bid submissions, NYSED encourages bidders to include them with their bid submissions to expedite contract execution if the bidder is awarded the contract.

4.) Assurances

The State of New York Agreement, Appendix A – Standard Clause for all New York State Contracts, and Appendix A-1 **WILL BE INCLUDED** in the contract that results from this RFP. Vendors who are unable to complete or abide by these assurances should not respond to this request.

The documents listed below are included in **5.) Submission Documents**, which must be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer. Please review the terms and conditions. Certain documents will become part of the resulting contract that will be executed between the successful bidder and the NYS Education Department.

1. Non-Collusion Certification
2. MacBride Certification
3. Certification-Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992
4. Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment and Suspension; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
5. Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations
6. NYSED Substitute Form W-9 (If bidder is not yet registered in the SFS centralized vendor file.)
7. Iran Divestment Act Certification

M/WBE Documents – **(the forms below are included in 5.) Submission Documents)**

Please return the documents listed for the compliance method bidder has achieved:

Full Participation-No Request for Waiver

Signatures Required

1. M/WBE Cover Letter
2. **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan
3. **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate
4. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan

Partial Participation-Partial Request for Waiver

Signature Required

1. M/WBE Cover Letter
2. **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan
3. **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate
4. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan
5. **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver
6. **M/WBE 105** Contractor’s Good Faith Efforts

No Participation-Request for Complete Waiver

Signature Required

1. M/WBE Cover Letter
2. **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver
3. **M/WBE 105** Contractor’s Good Faith Efforts

STATE OF NEW YORK AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is hereby made by and between the People of the State of New York, acting through MaryEllen Elia, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, party of the first part, hereinafter referred to as the (STATE) and the public or private agency (CONTRACTOR) identified on the face page hereof.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the STATE has the authority to regulate and provide funding for the establishment and operation of program services and desires to contract with skilled parties possessing the necessary resources to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR is ready, willing and able to provide such program services and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to perform or have performed the services required pursuant to the terms of this AGREEMENT;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, responsibilities and covenants herein, the STATE and the CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

I. Conditions of Agreement

A. This AGREEMENT may consist of successive periods (PERIOD), as specified within the AGREEMENT or within a subsequent Modification Agreement(s) (Appendix X). Each additional or superseding PERIOD shall be on the forms specified by the particular State agency, and shall be incorporated into this AGREEMENT.

B. Funding for the first PERIOD shall not exceed the funding amount specified on the face page hereof. Funding for each subsequent PERIOD, if any, shall not exceed the amount specified in the appropriate appendix for that PERIOD.

C. This AGREEMENT incorporates the face pages attached and all of the marked appendices identified on the face page hereof.

D. For each succeeding PERIOD of this AGREEMENT, the parties shall prepare new appendices, to the extent that any require modification, and a Modification Agreement (The attached Appendix X is the blank form to be used). Any terms of this AGREEMENT not modified shall remain in effect for each PERIOD of the AGREEMENT.

To modify the AGREEMENT within an existing PERIOD, the parties shall revise or complete the appropriate appendix form(s). Any change in the amount of consideration to be paid, or change in the term, is subject to the approval of the Office of the State Comptroller. Any other modifications shall be processed in accordance with agency guidelines as stated in Appendix A1.

E. The CONTRACTOR shall perform all services to the satisfaction of the STATE. The CONTRACTOR shall provide services and meet the program objectives summarized in the Program Workplan (Appendix E) in accordance with: provisions of the AGREEMENT; relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative and fiscal guidelines; and where applicable, operating certificates for facilities or licenses for an activity or program.

F. If the CONTRACTOR enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to this AGREEMENT, the CONTRACTOR shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the STATE under this AGREEMENT. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subcontractor and the STATE.

G. Appendix A (Standard Clauses as required by the Attorney General for all State contracts) takes precedence over all other parts of the AGREEMENT.

II. Payment and Reporting

A. The CONTRACTOR, to be eligible for payment, shall submit to the STATE's designated payment office (identified in Appendix C) any appropriate documentation as required by the Payment and Reporting Schedule (Appendix C) and by agency fiscal guidelines, in a manner acceptable to the STATE.

B. The STATE shall make payments and any reconciliations in accordance with the Payment and Reporting Schedule (Appendix C). The STATE shall pay the CONTRACTOR, in consideration of contract services for a given PERIOD, a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the face page hereof or in the respective Appendix designating the payment amount for that given PERIOD. This sum shall not duplicate reimbursement from other sources for CONTRACTOR costs and services provided pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

C. The CONTRACTOR shall meet the audit requirements specified by the STATE.

III. Terminations

A. This AGREEMENT may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the STATE and the CONTRACTOR.

B. The STATE may terminate the AGREEMENT immediately, upon written notice of termination to the CONTRACTOR, if the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures affecting this AGREEMENT.

C. The STATE may also terminate this AGREEMENT for any reason in accordance with provisions set forth in Appendix A1.

D. Written notice of termination, where required, shall be sent by personal messenger service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. The termination shall be effective in accordance with the terms of the notice.

E. Upon receipt of notice of termination, the CONTRACTOR agrees to cancel, prior to the effective date of any prospective termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible, and agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without approval by the STATE.

F. The STATE shall be responsible for payment on claims pursuant to services provided and costs incurred pursuant to terms of the AGREEMENT. In no event shall the STATE be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the program(s) in this AGREEMENT after the termination date.

IV. Indemnification

A. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors pursuant to this AGREEMENT. The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the STATE and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

B. The CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and may neither hold itself out nor claim to be an officer, employee or subdivision of the STATE nor make any claim, demand or application to or for any right based upon any different status.

V. Property

Any equipment, furniture, supplies or other property purchased pursuant to this AGREEMENT is deemed to be the property of the STATE except as may otherwise be governed by Federal or State laws, rules or regulations, or as stated in Appendix A1.

VI. Safeguards for Services and Confidentiality

A. Services performed pursuant to this AGREEMENT are secular in nature and shall be performed in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of religious belief, or promote or discourage adherence to religion in general or particular religious beliefs.

B. Funds provided pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that may influence legislation or the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

C. Information relating to individuals who may receive services pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall be maintained and used only for the purposes intended under the contract and in conformity with applicable provisions of laws and regulations, or specified in Appendix A1.

Appendices

Appendix A: Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a contractor, licensor, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

1. EXECUTORY CLAUSE. In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.

2. NON-ASSIGNMENT CLAUSE. In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, this contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet or otherwise disposed of without the State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so are null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law may be waived at the discretion of the contracting agency and with the concurrence of the State Comptroller where the original contract was subject to the State Comptroller's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that any Contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless this contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

3. COMPTROLLER'S APPROVAL. In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if this contract is with the State University or City University of New York, Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if this contract exceeds \$50,000 (or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller for certain S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller's approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$85,000 (State Finance Law Section 163.6-a). However, such pre-approval shall not be required for any contract established as a centralized contract through the Office of General Services or for a purchase order or other transaction issued under such centralized contract.

4. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and

maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex (including gender identity or expression), national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status or domestic violence victim status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

6. WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS. If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

7. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION. In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was

awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

8. INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION. In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2NYCRR 105.4).

9. SET-OFF RIGHTS. The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State agency, its representatives, or the State Comptroller.

10. RECORDS. The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. The State shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are

exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.

(a) Identification Number(s). Every invoice or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a New York State agency by a payee, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property must include the payee's identification number. The number is any or all of the following: (i) the payee's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the payee's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) the payee's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System. Failure to include such number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or Claim for Payment, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) Privacy Notification. (1) The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. (2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN.

In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement

in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the following shall apply and by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

(b) at the request of the contracting agency, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and

(c) the Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Contractor will include the provisions of "a", "b", and "c" above, in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The contracting agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the applicability of Section 312 to the extent of such duplication or conflict. Contractor will comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

13. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Appendix A, the terms of this Appendix A shall control.

14. GOVERNING LAW. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

15. LATE PAYMENT. Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

16. NO ARBITRATION. Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

17. SERVICE OF PROCESS. In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

18. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

19. MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES. In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of

the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that the Contractor either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165 of the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

20. OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992. It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5100
Fax: 518-292-5884
email: opa@esd.ny.gov

A directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
212-803-2414
email: mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov
[NYS M/WBE Directory](#)

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this bid proposal or contract, as applicable, Contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

(a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

(b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;

(c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

(d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

21. RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS. Bidders are hereby notified that if their principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services they offer will be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of May 15, 2002, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for a current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION ACT. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

23. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSULTANT DISCLOSURE LAW. If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal or similar services, then, in accordance with Section 163 (4-g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

24. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

25. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION TO COLLECT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX BY CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTORS, AFFILIATES AND SUBCONTRACTORS.

To the extent this agreement is a contract as defined by Tax Law Section 5-a, if the contractor fails to make the certification required by Tax Law Section 5-a or if during the term of the contract, the Department of Taxation and Finance or the covered agency, as defined by Tax Law 5-a, discovers that the certification,

made under penalty of perjury, is false, then such failure to file or false certification shall be a material breach of this contract and this contract may be terminated, by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if the covered agency determines that such action is in the best interest of the State.

26. **IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT.** By entering into this Agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law §165-a that it is not on the “Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012” (“[Prohibited Entities List](#)”).

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

During the term of the Contract, should the state agency receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the state agency will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

The state agency reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

(January 2014)

Appendix A-1

Payment and Reporting

- A. In the event that Contractor shall receive, from any source whatsoever, sums the payment of which is in consideration for the same costs and services provided to the State, the monetary obligation of the State hereunder shall be reduced by an equivalent amount provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall require such reimbursement where additional similar services are provided and no duplicative payments are received.
- B. For each individual for whom costs are claimed under this agreement, the contractor warrants that the individual has been classified as an employee or as an independent contractor in accordance with 2 NYCRR 315 and all applicable laws including, but not limited to, the Internal Revenue Code, the New York Retirement and Social Security Law, the New York Education Law, the New York Labor Law, and the New York Tax Law. Furthermore, the contractor warrants that all project funds allocated to the proposed budget for Employee Benefits, represent costs for employees of the contractor only and that such funds will not be expended on any individual classified as an independent contractor.

Terminations

- A. The State may terminate this Agreement without cause by thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the event of such termination, the parties will adjust the accounts due and the Contractor will undertake no additional expenditures not already required. Upon any such termination, the parties shall endeavor in an orderly manner to wind down activities hereunder.
- B. SED reserves the right to terminate this Agreement in the event it is found that the certification by the Contractor in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, SED may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of this Agreement.

Responsibility Provisions

- A. **General Responsibility Language**
The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.
- B. **Suspension of Work (for Non-Responsibility)**
The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when he or she discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

C. Termination (for Non-Responsibility)

Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate SED officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner or his or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

Property

- A. The Contractor shall maintain a complete inventory of all realty, equipment and other non-expendable assets including, but not limited to, books, paintings, artifacts, rare coins, antiques and other collectible items purchased, improved or developed under this agreement. The Contractor shall submit a copy of the inventory in a form identical to or essentially similar to, Exhibit A annexed hereto. The term "non-expendable assets" shall mean for the purposes of this agreement any and all assets which are not consumed during the term of this agreement and which have a cost of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or more.

Inventories for non-expendable assets must be submitted with the final expenditure report. In addition to or as part of whatever rights the State may have with respect to the inspection of the Contractor, the State shall have the right to inspect the inventory without notice to the Contractor.

The Contractor shall not at any time sell, trade, convey or otherwise dispose of any non-expendable assets having a market value in excess of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) at the time of the desired disposition without the express permission of the State. The Contractor may seek permission in writing by certified mail to the State.

The Contractor shall not at any time use or allow to be used any non-expendable assets in a manner inconsistent with the purposes of this agreement.

- B. If the Contractor wishes to continue to use any of the non-expendable assets purchased with the funds available under this agreement upon the termination of this agreement, it shall request permission from the State in writing for such continued use within twenty-five (25) days of the termination of this agreement. The Contractor's request shall itemize the non-expendable assets for which continued use is sought. The State may accept, reject or accept in part such request. If the request for continued use is allowed to any degree, it shall be conditioned upon the fact that said equipment shall continue to be used in accordance with the purposes of this agreement.

If after the State grants permission to the Contractor for "continued use" as set forth above the non-expendable assets are not used in accordance with the purposes of this agreement, the State in its discretion may elect to take title to such assets and may assert its right to possession upon thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail to the Contractor. The State upon obtaining such non-expendable assets may arrange for their further use in the public interest as it in its discretion may decide.

- C. Upon termination of this agreement, the State in its discretion may elect to take title and may assert its right to possession of any non-expendable assets upon thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified

mail to the Contractor. The State's option to elect to take title shall be triggered by the termination of this agreement or by the State's rejection of continued use of non-expendable assets by the Contractor as set forth herein. The State upon obtaining such non-expendable assets may arrange for their further use in the public interest as it in its discretion may decide.

- D. The terms and conditions set forth herein regarding non-expendable assets shall survive the expiration or termination, for whatever reason, of this agreement.

Safeguards for Services and Confidentiality

- A. Any copyrightable work produced pursuant to said agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of the New York State Education Department. The material prepared under the terms of this agreement by the Contractor shall be prepared by the Contractor in a form so that it will be ready for copyright in the name of the New York State Education Department. Should the Contractor use the services of consultants or other organizations or individuals who are not regular employees of the Contractor, the Contractor and such organization or individual shall, prior to the performance of any work pursuant to this agreement, enter into a written agreement, duly executed, which shall set forth the services to be provided by such organization or individual and the consideration therefor. Such agreement shall provide that any copyrightable work produced pursuant to said agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of the New York State Education Department and that such work shall be prepared in a form ready for copyright by the New York State Education Department. A copy of such agreement shall be provided to the State.
- B. All reports of research, studies, publications, workshops, announcements, and other activities funded as a result of this proposal will acknowledge the support provided by the State of New York.
- C. This agreement cannot be modified, amended, or otherwise changed except by a writing signed by all parties to this contract.
- D. No failure to assert any rights or remedies available to the State under this agreement shall be considered a waiver of such right or remedy or any other right or remedy unless such waiver is contained in a writing signed by the party alleged to have waived its right or remedy.
- E. Expenses for travel, lodging, and subsistence shall be reimbursed at the per diem rate in effect at the time for New York State Management/Confidential employees.
- F. No fees shall be charged by the Contractor for training provided under this agreement.
- G. Nothing herein shall require the State to adopt the curriculum developed pursuant to this agreement.
- H. This agreement, including all appendices, is, upon signature of the parties and the approval of the Attorney General and the State Comptroller, a legally enforceable contract. Therefore, a signature on behalf of the Contractor will bind the Contractor to all the terms and conditions stated therein.

The parties to this agreement intend the foregoing writing to be the final, complete, and exclusive expression of all the terms of their agreement.

Certifications

- A. Contractor certifies that it has met the disclosure requirements of State Finance Law §139-k and that all information provided to the State Education Department with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.
- B. Contractor certifies that it has not knowingly and willfully violated the prohibitions against impermissible contacts found in State Finance Law §139-j.
- C. Contractor certifies that no governmental entity has made a finding of nonresponsibility regarding the Contractor in the previous four years.
- D. Contractor certifies that no governmental entity or other governmental agency has terminated or withheld a procurement contract with the Contractor due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information.
- E. Contractor affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of the STATE relative to permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6)(b).
- F. Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with NYS Public Officers Law, including but not limited to, §73(4)(a).

Notices

Any written notice or delivery under any provision of this AGREEMENT shall be deemed to have been properly made if sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the address(es) set forth in this Agreement, except as such address(es) may be changed by notice in writing. Notice shall be considered to have been provided as of the date of receipt of the notice by the receiving party.

Miscellaneous

- A. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208). Contractor shall be liable for the costs associated with such breach if caused by Contractor’s negligent or willful acts or omissions, or the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor’s agents, officers, employees or subcontractors.
- B. If required by the Office of State Comptroller (“OSC”) Bulletin G-226 and State Finance Law §§ 8 and 163, Contractor agrees to submit an initial planned employment data report on Form A and an annual employment report on Form B. State will furnish Form A and Form B to Contractor if required.

The initial planned employment report must be submitted at the time of approval of this Agreement. The annual employment report on Form B is due by May 15th of each year and covers actual employment data performed during the prior period of April 1st to March 31st. Copies of the report will be submitted to the NYS Education Department, OSC and the NYS Department of Civil Service at the addresses below.

By mail: NYS Office of the State Comptroller
 Bureau of Contracts
 110 State Street, 11th Floor

Albany, NY 12236
Attn: Consultant Reporting
By fax: (518) 474-8030 or (518) 473-8808

Reports to DCS are to be transmitted as follows:

By mail: NYS Department of Civil Service
Office of Counsel
Alfred E. Smith Office Building
Albany, NY 12239

Reports to NYSED are to be transmitted as follows:

By mail: NYS Education Department
Contract Administration Unit
Room 505 W EB
Albany, NY 12234
By fax: (518) 408-1716

- C. Consultant Staff Changes. If this is a contract for consulting services, Contractor will maintain continuity of the consultant team staff throughout the course of the contract. All changes in staff will be subject to STATE approval. The replacement consultant(s) with comparable skills will be provided at the same or lower hourly rate.
- D. Order of Precedence. In the event of any discrepancy, disagreement, conflict or ambiguity between the various documents, attachments and appendices comprising this contract, they shall be given preference in the following order to resolve any such discrepancy, disagreement, conflict or ambiguity:
1. Appendix A – Standard Clauses for all State Contracts
 2. State of New York Agreement
 3. Appendix A-1 - Agency Specific Clauses
 4. Appendix X - Sample Modification Agreement Form (where applicable)
 5. Appendix A-3 - Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise Requirements (where applicable)
 6. Appendix B – Budget
 7. Appendix C – Payment and Reporting Schedule
 8. Appendix D – Program Work Plan

(Revised 10/20/15)

Attachment 1: Program Work Plan Guidelines

The vendor will submit an updated and detailed work plan of evaluation/assessment activities at least two weeks before the start of each Workgroup Session/Webinar to OEQPD for review and approval.

- A. The updated work plan will be consistent with the required deliverables as referenced in the RFP.
- B. The work plan should reflect valid and reliable evaluation methods that will measure the effectiveness of each activity.

The following template is to be used for the bidder’s work plan, submitted for either or both the Assessment or Evaluation workgroup:

I. Contract Deliverable			
A. Specific Sub-Activity to meet contract deliverable	Indicator of Success	How Indicator Will be Measured	Timeline for Implementation

Attachment 2: Sample Workgroup Project Plan

This chart plots the proposed workgroup activities for October 2017 – March 2018, for both the Assessment Workgroup and the Evaluation Workgroup, including the expected outcome of each meeting.

	October 2017 Albany kick-off mtg. (in-person)	November 2017 (webinar)	December 2017 Albany midway mtg. (in-person)	January 2018 (webinar)	February 2018 (webinar)	March 2018 Albany close-out mtg. (in-person)
Assessment Workgroup	<p>Vision Setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of expected outcomes • Overview of current status of work • Discuss concerns/ challenges/ perspectives on current work • Brainstorm areas of focus and areas to pursue, including strategies and viable options <p>Expected outcome: Each workgroup will have 1-2 target areas and a defined vision for the trajectory of the workgroup</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth exploration of next generation/ performance assessments with relevant national experts • Other topics as proposed by workgroup <p>Expected outcome: Workgroup participants will continue to build capacity around next generation/performance assessments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of desired direction for the field • Analysis of pros/cons of desired direction(s) • Reach consensus on area of focus <p>Expected outcome: Action plan for each workgroup drafted with recommendations</p>	<p>In-depth exploration of targeted assessment topics with relevant national experts, including Teaching is the Core assessment work</p> <p>Expected outcome: Work plan for consistent regional roll-out of turn-key training</p>	<p>Turn-key training regional roll-out on assessment topics with field practitioner or workgroup participant and national expert support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of regional work • Summary of workgroup accomplishments • Proposed next steps
Evaluation Workgroup	<p>In-depth exploration of targeted evaluation topics with relevant national experts, including Quality Framework</p> <p>Expected outcome: Work plan for consistent regional roll-out of turn-key training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth exploration of evaluation metrics and growth models with relevant national experts • Other topics as proposed by workgroup <p>Expected outcome: Workgroup participants will continue to build capacity around evaluation metrics and growth models</p>		<p>Turn-key training regional roll-out on evaluation topics with field practitioner or workgroup participant and national expert support</p>		

4.) SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

RESPONSE TO
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #17-033
NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Title: **Assessment and Evaluation Workgroups to Explore Current New York State Requirements and Best Practices for Teacher and Principal Evaluation**

To respond to the RFP, you must complete all the documents that are contained in this package, signing each individual document as required. Attach any other pertinent information that responds to the information requested in the RFP and mail the documents to ensure the documents are received by the due date that is stated in this RFP:

Submit each of the following documents in separately sealed envelope:

	Number of copies
Submission Documents labeled Submission Documents - RFP #17-033 Do Not Open	Two copies (one signed original)
Technical Proposal labeled Technical Proposal - RFP #17-033 Do Not Open	Five copies (one signed original)
Cost Proposal labeled Cost Proposal – RFP #17-033 Do Not Open	Three copies (one signed original)
M/WBE Documents labeled M/WBE Documents— RFP #17-033 Do Not Open	Two copies (one signed original)
CD-ROM containing technical/ cost proposal, M/WBE and Submission Documents labeled CD-ROM– RFP #17-033 Do Not Open	One copy

To:

**NYS Education Department
Bureau of Fiscal Management
Contract Administration Unit
Attn: Jessica Hartjen, RFP #17-033
89 Washington Avenue, Room 501W EB
Albany, NY 12234**

Application Checklist RFP #17-033

All bidders must complete the checklist presented below and submit the following forms and required Narrative Information in the order listed in the checklist.

A. SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS PACKAGE (SIGNATURES REQUIRED)

	REQUIREMENT	Included
1.	This checklist	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Response Sheet for Bids	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Non-Collusive Bidding Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	MacBride Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Certification-Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment and Suspension; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Iran Divestment Act Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	NYSED Substitute Form W-9 (If bidder is not yet registered in the SFS centralized vendor file. If registered, insert NYS Vendor ID in "Response Sheet for Bids" Check <input type="checkbox"/> if not applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (<input type="checkbox"/> Paper submission <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic filing <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
While the following forms are not required until notification of selection is made, bidders are strongly encouraged to submit the following forms with their proposal		
<i>Sales and Compensating Use Tax Documentation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST-220-CA • ST-220-TD 		
11.	ST-220 CA – Sales and Compensating Use Tax Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Worker's Compensation Documentation (See the Workers' Compensation Board website for more information.)</i>		
12.	Form C-105.2 – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carriers, or Form U-26.3 issued by the State Insurance Fund; OR	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Form SI-12 – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance; or Form GSI-105.2 Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance; OR	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	CE-200 Certificate of Attestation for New York Entities with No Employees and certain out of State Entities, that New York State Worker's compensation and/or Disability Benefits Insurance is not required.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Disability Benefits Coverage (See the Workers' Compensation Board website for more information.)</i>		
15.	Form DB-120.1 - Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance; OR	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.	Form DB-155 - Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance; OR	<input type="checkbox"/>
17.	CE-200 – Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Consultant Disclosure Reporting http://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/qbull/q226forma.doc</i>		
18.	Form A	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL PACKAGE

	Requirement	Included
1.	Technical Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Any attachments or supporting materials (resumes, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. COST PROPOSAL PACKAGE (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

	Requirement	Included
1.	Cost Proposal Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Cost Proposal Summary	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Subcontracting Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	M/WBE Subcontracting/Supplier Form	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. M/WBE DOCUMENTS PACKAGE (SIGNATURES REQUIRED)

Full Participation Request Partial Waiver Request Total Waiver

Type of Form	Forms Required		
	Full Participation	Request Partial Waiver	Request Total Waiver
M/WBE Cover Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M/WBE 100 Utilization Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
M/WBE 102 Notice of Intent to Participate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
EEO 100 Staffing Plan and Instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M/WBE 105 Contractor's Good Faith Efforts	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M/WBE 101 Request for Waiver Form and Instructions	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E. CD ROM

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Name of Bidder: _____

Response Sheet for Bids

Please complete the bidder section on this sheet even if you choose not to bid. Read the detailed specifications, terms, and conditions, and submit this form along with your completed bid form and supporting materials.

Agency and Bid-Delivery Information

Bids may not be faxed. To ensure the confidentiality of your bid before the bid opening, enclose your bid within an envelope labeled

**Bid Proposal # 17-033
DO NOT OPEN**

Place this sealed envelope within another envelope labeled with the delivery information.

Bidder Information—Please Complete This Section
Please complete the following even if you are choosing not to bid; responses must be legible. By signing, you indicate your express authority to sign on behalf of yourself, or your company or other entity and full knowledge and acceptance of the terms and conditions of the bid. You also affirm that you understand and agree to comply with the procedures of the NYSED relative to permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b).

<u>Name of Company Bidding</u>	<u>Employer's Federal Tax ID Number</u>
	<u>NYS Vendor ID</u>

Address	<i>Street</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

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Check one of the following:

I certify that my organization has filed its Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System and that the current questionnaire was certified within the past six months.

I am including a completed paper copy of the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire with the bid proposal.

My entity is exempt based on the OSC listing.

Other, explanation: _____

I am not submitting a bid. (Please complete and submit this sheet only; in addition, please indicate why you have chosen not to bid.) _____

Bidder's Signature	<i>Date</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>

Print Name as Signed and Title

The New York State Education Department reserves the right to request any additional information deemed necessary to properly review bids.

Non-Collusive Bidding Certification

In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law and paragraph 7 of Appendix A (Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts), the bidder hereby affirms, under penalty of perjury:

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his knowledge and belief:

- (1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- (2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

A BID SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD NOR SHALL ANY AWARD BE MADE WHERE [1], [2], [3] ABOVE HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT IF IN ANY CASE THE BIDDER(S) CANNOT MAKE THE FORGOING CERTIFICATION, THE BIDDER SHALL SO STATE AND SHALL FURNISH BELOW A SIGNED STATEMENT WHICH SETS FORTH IN DETAIL THE REASONS THEREFORE:

[AFFIX ADDENDUM TO THIS PAGE IF SPACE IS REQUIRED FOR STATEMEMNT.]

Subscribed to under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New York, this ____ day of _____, 20__ as the act and deed of said corporation of partnership.

The person signing on behalf of the bidder further affirms that he/she is authorized and responsible for signing this certificate.

Identifying Data

Name of Potential Contractor _____

Street Address _____

City, State, zip code: _____

Telephone: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Joint or combined bids by companies or firms must be certified on behalf of each participant.

Legal name of person, firm or corporation

Legal name of person, firm or corporation

By: _____

Name

Name

Name

Title

Title

Title

Title

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

IF BIDDER(S) ARE A PARTNERSHIP, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

NAMES OF PARTNERS OR PRINCIPALS

LEGAL RESIDENCE

IF BIDDER(S) ARE A CORPORATION, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

NAME

LEGAL RESIDENCE

President

Secretary

Treasurer

President

Secretary

Treasurer

MacBride Certification

**NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND:
MacBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES**

In accordance with section 165 of the State Finance Law, the bidder, by submission of this bid, certifies that it or any individual or legal entity in which the bidder holds a 10% or greater ownership, or any individual or legal entity that holds a 10% or greater ownership in the bidder, either:

(Answer Yes or No to one or both of the following, as applicable)

1. Has business operations in Northern Ireland:

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes:

2. Shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations they have in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles relating to nondiscrimination in employment and freedom of workplace opportunity regarding such operations in Northern Ireland, and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

_____ Yes _____ No

Company Name: _____

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Proposal: _____

Commodity: _____

CERTIFICATION – OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this RFP/bid proposal, contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

1. The contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;
2. The contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;
3. The contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor; or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request;
4. The contractor acknowledges notice that New York State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: _____

Required Assurances

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," and 34 CFR Part 85, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Education determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-grants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for

prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110--

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610 -

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Professional, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the

requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, and zip code)

Check [] if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
(GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.610-

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Professional, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications. The applicant will provide immediate written notice to the NYSED Contract Administration Unit if at any time the applicant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND / OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE
CONTRACT YEAR	CONTRACT NUMBER

RFP #17-033

Instructions: The attached form is to be completed and submitted by the individual or entity seeking to enter into a Procurement Contract. It shall be submitted to the State Education Department.

Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations

Name of Individual or Entity Seeking to Enter into the Procurement Contract:

Address: _____

Name and Title of Person Submitting this Form: _____

Contract RFP Number: _____

Date: _____

1. Has any Governmental Entity made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the individual or entity seeking to enter into the Procurement Contract in the previous four years? (Please circle):

No Yes

If yes, please answer the next questions:

2. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to a violation of State Finance Law §139-j (Please circle):

No Yes

3. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity? (Please circle):

No Yes

4. If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide details regarding the finding of non-responsibility below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Finding of Non-responsibility: _____

Basis of Finding of Non-Responsibility: _____

(Add additional pages as necessary)

5. Has any Governmental Entity or other governmental agency terminated or withheld a Procurement Contract with the above-named individual or entity due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information? (Please circle):

No Yes

6. If yes, please provide details below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Termination or Withholding of Contract: _____

Basis of Termination or Withholding: _____

(Add additional pages as necessary)

Offerer certifies that all information provided to the Governmental Entity with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.

By: _____ Date: _____
Signature

Name: _____

Title: _____



NYSED SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9:

REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER & CERTIFICATION

TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION NEATLY. PLEASE REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Part I: Payee/Vendor/Organization Information

AGENCY ID:

1. Legal Business Name:

2. If you use a DBA, please list below:

3. Entity Type (Check one only):

- Sole Proprietor
- Partnership
- Limited Liability Co.
- Business Corporation
- Unincorporated Association/Business
- Federal Government
- State Government
- Public Authority
- Local Government
- School District
- Fire District
- Other _____

Part II: Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) & Taxpayer Identification Type

1. Enter your TIN here: *(DO NOT USE DASHES)*

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2. Taxpayer Identification Type (check appropriate box):

- Employer ID No. (EIN)
- Social Security No. (SSN)
- Individual Taxpayer ID No. (ITIN)
- N/A (Non-United States Business Entity)

Part III: Address

1. Physical Address:

2. Remittance Address:

Number, Street, and Apartment or Suite Number

Number, Street, and Apartment or Suite Number

City, State, and Nine Digit Zip Code or Country

City, State, and Nine Digit Zip Code or Country

Part IV: Certification of CEO or Properly Authorized Individual

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that I am the CEO or properly authorized individual and that the number shown on this form is my correct Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

Sign Here:

Signature

Date

Print Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Part V: Contact Information – Individual Authorized to Represent the Payee/Vendor/Organization

Contact Person: _____
(Print Name)

Title: _____

Contact's Email Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Part VI: Survey of Future Payment Methods

Please indicate all methods of payment acceptable to your organization:

- [] Electronic
- [] Check
- [] VISA

NYS Education Department

Instructions for Completing NYSED Substitute W-9

The NYS Education Department (NYSED) is using the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 to obtain certification of your TIN in order to facilitate your registration with the SFS centralized vendor file and to ensure accuracy of information contained therein. We ask for the information on the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States.

Any payee/vendor/organization receiving Federal and/or State payments from NYSED must complete the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 if they are not yet registered in the SFS centralized vendor file.

Part I: Payee/Vendor/Organization Information

1. **Legal Business Name:** For individuals, enter the name of the person who will do business with NYS as it appears on the Social Security card or other required Federal tax documents. An organization should enter the name shown on its charter or other legal documents that created the organization. Do not abbreviate names.
2. **DBA (Doing Business As):** Enter your DBA name, if applicable.
3. **Entity Type:** Mark the Entity Type doing business with New York State.

Part II: Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Taxpayer Identification Type

1. **Taxpayer Identification Number:** Enter your nine-digit Social Security Number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)⁷ or Employer Identification Number.
2. **Taxpayer Identification Type:** Mark the type of identification number provided.

Part III: Address

1. **Physical Address:** List the location of where your business is physically located.
2. **Remittance Address:** List the location where payments should be delivered.

Part IV: Certification of CEO or Properly Authorized Individual

Please sign, date and print the authorized individual's name, telephone and email address. An email address will facilitate communication and access to Vendor Self Service.

Part V: Contact Information

Please provide the contact information for an individual who is authorized to make legal and financial decisions for your organization. An email address will facilitate communication and access to Vendor Self Service.

Part VI: Survey of Future Payment Methods

Payment methods are needed for informational purposes. To expedite payments, vendors are strongly encouraged to consider accepting payment via VISA credit card.

⁷ An ITIN is a nine-digit number used by the United States Internal Revenue Service for individuals not eligible to obtain a Social Security Number, but are required to file income taxes. To obtain an ITIN, submit a completed W-7 to the IRS. The IRS will notify you in writing within 4 to 6 weeks about your ITIN status. In order to do business with New York State, **you must submit IRS Form W-8** along with our NYSED Substitute Form W-9 showing your ITIN. IRS Form W-8 certifies your foreign status. To obtain IRS Forms W-7 and W-8, call 1-800-829-3676 or visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT CERTIFICATION

As a result of the Iran Divestment Act of 2012 (Act), Chapter 1 of the 2012 Laws of New York, a new provision has been added to the State Finance Law (SFL), § 165-a, effective April 12, 2012. Under the Act, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (OGS) will be developing a list (prohibited entities list) of “persons” who are engaged in “investment activities in Iran” (both are defined terms in the law). Pursuant to SFL § 165-a(3)(b), the initial list is expected to be issued no later than 120 days after the Act’s effective date, at which time it will be posted on the OGS website.

By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation or by assuming the responsibility of a Contract awarded hereunder, Bidder/Contractor (or any assignee) certifies that once the prohibited entities list is posted on the OGS website, it will not utilize on such Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the prohibited entities list.

Additionally, Bidder/Contractor is advised that once the list is posted on the OGS website, any Contractor seeking to renew or extend a Contract or assume the responsibility of a Contract awarded in response to the solicitation, must certify at the time the Contract is renewed, extended or assigned that it is not included on the prohibited entities list.

During the term of the Contract, should the New York State Education Department (AGENCY) receive information that a person is in violation of the above-referenced certification, AGENCY will offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then AGENCY shall take such action as may be appropriate including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

AGENCY reserves the right to reject any bid or request for assignment for an entity that appears on the prohibited entities list prior to the award of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the prohibited entities list after contract award.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: : _____

RFP #17-033: Assessment and Evaluation Workgroups to Explore Current New York State Requirements and Best Practices for Teacher and Principal Evaluation

Cost Proposal Form

October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018

Name of Bidder: _____

Workgroup (Assessment or Evaluation)⁸: _____

Daily rates for deliverables must include all costs incurred by the bidder (except travel) for performing the deliverable, including:

- Total Staff Cost (including any fringe benefits)
- Total Purchased Services (e.g., non-employee consultants, subcontractors)
- Total Non-Personal Services (e.g., content supplies and materials, etc.)
- Indirect Costs

Do not include any employee or subcontractor/consultant travel costs with each deliverable. All travel expenses should be included only in the last section of this form (Travel). Travel expenses must be in accordance with the approved NYS rates, available on the [GSA website](#).

Vendors should be prepared to show how they arrived at the amounts listed in each column for each activity should they be subject to audit by NYSED or the NYS Office of the State Comptroller. The financial criteria portion of the RFP will be scored based upon the grand total of the project budget.

In-Person Workgroup Sessions	
Cost per in-person session for professional development related to Assessment and/or Evaluation Workgroups, including pre-meeting material preparation and dissemination	Total cost for all in-person workgroup sessions: 3 days X cost per day

Webinars	
Cost per day of professional development related to Assessment and/or Evaluation Workgroups webinar sessions, including pre-webinar material preparation and dissemination	Total cost for all webinars: 3 webinars X cost per day

OEQPD Coordination	
Cost for pre-facilitation and post-facilitation meetings with OEQPD staff (either in-person or via conference call) for each in-person and webinar Evaluation and/or Assessment Workgroup session	Total cost for support: 6 workgroup sessions (3 in-person; 3 webinars) X cost

⁸ Bidders should submit a separate Cost Proposal Form for each Workgroup that they are submitting an application for.

Creation of Toolkits	
Creation of Toolkits per Workgroup	Total cost for toolkit creation
Total Field Support Cost	

Travel	
Employee and Subcontractor/Consultant Travel	Amount
Total Employee Travel	
Total Subcontractor/Consultant Travel	
Total Cost	

Subcontracting is limited to thirty percent (30%) of the total contract budget. Subcontracting is defined as non-employee direct personal services and related incidental expenses, including travel.

COST PROPOSAL SUMMARY

TITLE: Assessment and Evaluation Workgroups to Explore Current New York State Requirements and Best Practices for Teacher and Principal Evaluation

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	TOTAL COST
In-Person Workgroup Sessions	
Webinars	
OEQPD Coordination	
Toolkit Creation	
Employee and Subcontractor/Consultant Travel	
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	

The Financial Criteria portion of the RFP will be scored based upon the total project budget.

Vendor Name: _____

Vendor Representative Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Subcontracting Form

New York State Education Department

RFP: Exploration of Quality Assessments and Performance Metrics Workgroups

Bidder Name: _____

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Subcontracting For— October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018

Name of Subcontractor	M/WBE	Entity Type	Work Description	Projected Cost
	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not –For-Profit		
	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not –For-Profit		
	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not –For-Profit		
	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not –For-Profit		
	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not –For-Profit		
	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not –For-Profit		
	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not –For-Profit		

*Indicate whether the subcontractor is a Minority or Women–Owned Business Enterprise. Leave box blank if subcontractor is neither.

<u>Total Subcontracting Cost</u>	<u>Total Project Budget</u>	<u>Total Subcontracting Cost divided by Total Project Budget (%)</u>

Subcontracting is limited to thirty percent (30%) of the total contract budget.

M/WBE Purchases Form

New York State Education Department

RFP: Exploration of Quality Assessments and Performance Metrics Workgroups

Bidder Name: _____

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M/WBE Purchases for Year One

Table 1-- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

Name of Vendor	Type of Services or Supplies	Cost
Total MBE Costs		
Total Budget		
Total MBE Costs divided by Total Budget (%)		

Table 2-- Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE)

Name of Vendor	Type of Services or Supplies	Cost
Total WBE Costs		
Total Budget		
Total WBE Costs divided by Total Budget (%)		

M/WBE Documents

Minority & Woman-Owned Business Enterprise Requirements

NAME OF FIRM _____

In accordance with the provisions of Article 15-A of the NYS Executive Law, 5 NYCRR Parts 140-144, Section 163 (6) of the NYS Finance Law and Executive Order #8 and in fulfillment of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) policies governing Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation, it is the intention of the New York State Education Department to provide real and substantial opportunities for certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises on all State contracts. It is with this intention the NYSED has assigned M/WBE participation goals to this contract.

In an effort to promote and assist in the participation of certified M/WBEs as subcontractors and suppliers on this project for the provision of services and materials, the bidder is required to comply with NYSED’s participation goals through one of the three methods below. Please indicate which one of the following is included with the M/WBE Documents Submission.

- Full Participation – No Request for Waiver (PREFERRED)
- Partial Participation – Partial Request for Waiver
- No Participation – Request for Complete Waiver

By my signature on this Cover Letter, I certify that I am authorized to bind the Bidder’s firm contractually.
Typed or Printed Name of Authorized Representative of the Firm
Typed or Printed Title/Position of Authorized Representative of the Firm
Signature/Date

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M/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: All bidders submitting responses to this procurement must complete this M/WBE Utilization Plan unless requesting a total waiver and submit it as part of their proposal. The plan must contain detailed description of the services to be provided by each Minority and/or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) identified by the bidder.

Bidder's Name _____ Telephone: _____
 Address _____ Federal ID No.: _____
 City, State, Zip _____ RFP No.: _____

Certified M/WBE	Classification (check all applicable)	Description of Work (Subcontracts/Supplies/Services)	Annual Dollar Value of Subcontracts/Supplies/Services
NAME ADDRESS CITY, ST, ZIP PHONE/E-MAIL FEDERAL ID No.	NYS ESD Certified MBE _____ WBE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not -For-Profit		\$ _____
NAME ADDRESS CITY, ST, ZIP PHONE/E-MAIL FEDERAL ID No.	NYS ESD Certified MBE _____ WBE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Not -For-Profit		\$ _____

PREPARED BY (Signature) _____ DATE _____

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE BIDDER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE M/WBE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH UNDER NYS EXECUTIVE LAW, ARTICLE 15-1, 5 NYCRR PART 143 AND THE ABOVE REFERENCE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN A FINDING OF NONCOMPLIANCE AND/OR PROPOSAL DISQUALIFICATION.

NAME AND TITLE OF PREPARER: _____
 (print or type)
 TELEPHONE/E-MAIL _____
 DATE _____

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REVIEWED BY _____	DATE _____
UTILIZATION PLAN APPROVED YES/NO	DATE _____
NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ISSUED YES/NO	DATE _____
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE ISSUED YES/NO	DATE _____

**M/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

INSTRUCTIONS: Part A of this form must be completed and signed by the Bidder/Contractor unless requesting a total waiver. Parts B & C of this form must be completed by MBE and/or WBE subcontractors/suppliers. The bidder/contractor must submit a separate M/WBE Notice of Intent to Participate form for each MBE or WBE as part of the proposal.

Bidder Name: _____ Federal ID No.: _____

Address: _____ Phone No.: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative of Bidder's Firm _____
Print or Type Name and Title of Authorized Representative of Bidder's Firm

Date: _____

PART B - THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES OR SUPPLIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE PROCUREMENT:

Name of M/WBE: _____ Federal ID No.: _____

Address: _____ Phone No.: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ E-mail: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES OR SUPPLIES TO BE PERFORMED BY MBE OR WBE:

DESIGNATION: ___ MBE Subcontractor ___ WBE Subcontractor ___ MBE Supplier ___ WBE Supplier

PART C - CERTIFICATION STATUS (CHECK ONE):

___ The undersigned is a certified M/WBE by the New York State Division of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development (MWBD).

___ The undersigned has applied to New York State's Division of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development (MWBD) for M/WBE certification.

THE UNDERSIGNED IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SERVICES OR SUPPLIES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WILL ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BIDDER CONDITIONED UPON THE BIDDER'S EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The estimated dollar amount of the agreement \$ _____

Signature of Authorized Representative of M/WBE Firm

Date

Printed or Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - STAFFING PLAN

Instructions on Page 2

Bidder Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____
 Federal ID No.: _____
 RFP No: _____

Report includes:

Reporting Entity:

Work force to be utilized on this contract

Contractor

Contractor/Subcontractor's total work force

Subcontractor - Name: _____

Enter the total number of employees in each classification in each of the EEO-Job Categories identified.

EEO - Job Categories	Total Work Force	Race/Ethnicity - report employees in only one category																				
		Hispanic or Latino		Not-Hispanic or Latino Male										Female								
		Male	Female	White	African-American or Black	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	Disabled	Veteran	White	African-American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	Disabled	Veteran			
Executive/Senior Level Officials and Managers																						
First/Mid-Level Officials and Managers																						
Professionals																						
Technicians																						
Sales Workers																						
Administrative Support Workers																						
Craft Workers																						
Operatives																						
Laborers and Helpers																						
Service Workers																						
TOTAL																						

PREPARED BY (Signature): _____

DATE: _____

NAME AND TITLE OF PREPARER: _____
 (print or type)

TELEPHONE/EMAIL: _____

EEO 100

STAFFING PLAN INSTRUCTIONS

General Instructions: All Bidders and each subcontractor identified in the bid or proposal must complete an EEO Staffing Plan (EEO 100) and submit it as part of the bid or proposal package. Where the work force to be utilized in the performance of the State contract can be separated out from the contractor's or subcontractor's total work force, the Bidder shall complete this form only for the anticipated work force to be utilized on the State contract. Where the work force to be utilized in the performance of the State contract cannot be separated out from the contractor's or subcontractor's total work force, the Bidder shall complete this form for the contractor's or subcontractor's total work force.

Instructions for Completing:

1. Enter the RFP number that this report applies to, along with the name, address, and federal ID number of the Bidder.
2. Check off the appropriate box to indicate if the work force being reported is just for the contract or the Bidder's total work force.
3. Check off the appropriate box to indicate if the Bidder completing the report is the contractor or subcontractor.
4. Enter the total work force by EEO job category.
5. Break down the total work force by gender and race/ethnic background and enter under the heading Race/Ethnicity. Contact the Designated Contact(s) for the solicitation if you have any questions.
6. Enter the name, title, phone number and/or email address for the person completing the form. Sign and date the form in designated areas.

RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION

For purposes of this form NYSED will accept the definitions of race/ethnic designations used by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), as those definitions are described below or amended hereafter. (Be advised these terms may be defined differently for other purposes under NYS statutory, regulatory, or case law). Race/ethnic designations as used by the EEOC do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. For the purposes of this report, an employee may be included in the group to which he or she appears to belong, identifies with, or is regarded in the community as belonging. The race/ethnic categories for this survey are:

- **Hispanic or Latino** - A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.
- **White (Not Hispanic or Latino)** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- **Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino)** - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino)** - A person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- **Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino)** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- **American Indian or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino)** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- **Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino)** - All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races.
- **Disabled** - Any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity; has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment
- **Vietnam Era Veteran** - a veteran who served at any time between and including January 1, 1963 and May 7, 1975.

5 NYCRR 142.8 CONTRACTOR'S GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

(a) The contractor must document its good faith efforts toward meeting certified minority- and women-owned business enterprise utilization plans by providing, at a minimum:

- (1) Copies of its solicitations of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises and any responses thereto;
- (2) If responses to the contractor's solicitations were received, but a certified minority- or woman-owned business enterprise was not selected, the specific reasons that such enterprise was not selected;
- (3) Copies of any advertisements for participation by certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises timely published in appropriate general circulation, trade and minority- or women-oriented publications, together with the listing(s) and date(s) of the publication of such advertisements;
- (4) Copies of any solicitations of certified minority- and/or women-owned business enterprises listed in the directory of certified businesses;
- (5) The dates of attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by the State agency awarding the State contract, with certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises which the State agency determined were capable of performing the State contract scope of work for the purpose of fulfilling the contract participation goals;
- (6) Information describing the specific steps undertaken to reasonably structure the contract scope of work for the purpose of subcontracting with, or obtaining supplies from, certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises.

(b) In addition to the information provided by the contractor in paragraph (a) above, the State agency may also consider the following to determine whether the contractor has demonstrated good faith efforts:

- (1) whether the contractor submitted an alternative utilization plan consistent with the subcontract or supplier opportunities in the contract;
- (2) the number of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises in the region listed in the directory of certified businesses that could, in the judgment of the State agency, perform work required by the State contract scope of work;
- (3) The actions taken by the contractor to contact and assess the ability of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises located outside of the region in which the State contract scope of work is to be performed to participate on the State contract;
- (4) whether the contractor provided relevant plans, specifications or terms and conditions to certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises sufficiently in advance to enable them to prepare an informed response to a contractor request for participation as a subcontractor or supplier;
- (5) the terms and conditions of any subcontract or provision of suppliers offered to certified minority- or women-owned business enterprises and a comparison of such terms and conditions with those offered in the ordinary course of the contractor's business and to other subcontractors or suppliers of the contractor;
- (6) whether the contractor offered to make up any inability to comply with the certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises goals in the subject State contract in other State contracts being performed or awarded to the contractor; and
- (7) any other information that is relevant or appropriate to determining whether the contractor has demonstrated a good faith effort.

M/WBE CONTRACTOR GOOD FAITH EFFORTS CERTIFICATION (FORM 105)

PROJECT/CONTRACT # _____

I, _____
(Contractor/Vendor)

_____ of _____
(Title) (Company)

_____ (Address) (Telephone Number)

do hereby submit the following as evidence of our good faith efforts to retain certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises:

- (1) Copies of its solicitations of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises and any responses thereto;
- (2) If responses to the contractor's solicitations were received, but a certified minority- or woman-owned business enterprise was not selected, the specific reasons that such enterprise was not selected;
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- (6) Information describing the specific steps undertaken to reasonably structure the contract scope of work for the purpose of subcontracting with, or obtaining supplies from, certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises.
- (7) Describe any other action undertaken by the bidder to document its good faith efforts to retain certified minority - and women- owned business enterprises for this procurement.

Submit additional pages as needed.

Authorized Representative Signature

Date

M/WBE CONTRACTOR UNAVAILABLE CERTIFICATION

RFP#/PROJECT NAME _____

I, _____ (Authorized Representative) _____ (Title) _____ (Bidder's Company)
_____ (Address) _____ (Phone)

I certify that the following New York State Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprises were contacted to obtain a quote for work to be performed on the abovementioned project/contract.

List of date, name of M/WBE firm, telephone/e-mail address of M/WBEs contacted, type of work requested, estimated budgeted amount for each quote requested.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>M/WBE NAME</u>	<u>PHONE/EMAIL</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>ESTIMATED BUDGET</u>	<u>REASON</u>
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

To the best of my knowledge and belief, said New York State Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise contractor(s) was/were not selected, unavailable for work on this project, or unable to provide a quote for the following reasons: Please check appropriate reasons given by each MBE/WBE firm contacted above.

- _____ **A.** Did not have the capability to perform the work
- _____ **B.** Contract too small
- _____ **C.** Remote location
- _____ **D.** Received solicitation notices too late
- _____ **E.** Did not want to work with this contractor
- _____ **F.** Other (give reason) _____

Authorized Representative Signature **Date** **Print Name**



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE

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Bureau of Financial Administration, Office of Fiscal Management

REQUEST FOR WAIVER FORM

BIDDER/CONTRACTOR NAME:	TELEPHONE:
ADDRESS:	EMAIL:
CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE:	FEDERAL ID NO.:
	RFP#/CONTRACT NO.:

INSTRUCTIONS: By submitting this form and the required information, the bidder/contractor certifies that Good Faith Efforts have been taken to promote M/WBE participation pursuant to the M/WBE goals set forth under this RFP/Contract.

Please see Page 2 for additional requirements and document submission instructions.

BIDDER/CONTRACTOR IS REQUESTING (check all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> MBE Waiver - A waiver of the MBE goal for this procurement is requested.	<input type="checkbox"/> WBE Waiver - A waiver of the WBE goal for this procurement is requested.
<input type="checkbox"/> Total <input type="checkbox"/> Partial _____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Total <input type="checkbox"/> Partial _____%
<input type="checkbox"/> Waiver Pending ESD Certification (check here if subcontractor or supplier is not certified M/WBE, but an application for certification has been filed with Empire State Development)	
Subcontractor/Supplier Name: _____ Date of application filing: _____	

PREPARED BY (Signature): _____ DATE: _____

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE BIDDER/CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE M/WBE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH UNDER NYS EXECUTIVE LAW, ARTICLE 15-A, 5 NYCRR PART 143, AND THE ABOVE REFERENCED SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN A FINDING OF NONCOMPLIANCE AND/OR PROPOSAL DISQUALIFICATION.

NAME OF PREPARER: TITLE OF PREPARER: TELEPHONE: EMAIL:	FOR AUTHORIZED USE ONLY
	REVIEWED BY: _____ DATE: _____
	WAIVER GRANTED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL WAIVER <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL WAIVER <input type="checkbox"/> ESD CERTIFICATION WAIVER <input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY <input type="checkbox"/> CONDITIONAL WAIVER
	COMMENTS: _____ DATE: _____

REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

When completing the Request for Waiver Form, please check all boxes that apply. To be considered, the Request for Waiver Form must be accompanied by documentation for items 1-11, as listed below. If a Waiver Pending ESD Certification is requested, please see Item 11 below. Copies of the following information and all relevant supporting documentation must be submitted along with the request.

1. A statement setting forth your basis for requesting a partial or total waiver.
2. The names of general circulation, trade association, and M/WBE-oriented publications in which you solicited certified M/WBEs for the purposes of complying with your participation goals.
3. A list identifying the date(s) that all solicitations for certified M/WBE participation were published in any of the above publications.
4. A list of all certified M/WBEs appearing in the NYS Directory of Certified Firms that were solicited for purposes of complying with your certified M/WBE participation levels.
5. Copies of notices, dates of contact, letters, and other correspondence as proof that solicitations were made in writing and copies of such solicitations, or a sample copy of the solicitation if an identical solicitation was made to all certified M/WBEs.
6. Provide copies of responses made by certified M/WBEs to your solicitations.
7. Provide a description of any contract documents, plans, or specifications made available to certified M/WBEs for purposes of soliciting their bids and the date and manner in which these documents were made available.
8. Provide documentation of any negotiations between you, the Bidder/Contractor, and the M/WBEs undertaken for purposes of complying with the certified M/WBE participations goals.
9. Provide any other information you deem relevant which may help us in evaluating your request for a waiver.
10. Provide the name, title, address, telephone number and email address of the Bidder/Contractor's representative authorized to discuss and negotiate this waiver request.
11. Copy of notice of application receipt issued by Empire State Development (ESD).

NOTE: Unless a Total Waiver has been granted, Bidder/Contractor will be required to submit all reports and documents pursuant to the provisions set forth in the procurement and/or contract, as deemed appropriate by NYSED, to determine M/WBE compliance.