

STATE OF ALASKA RFI FOR ALASKA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS
AMENDMENT NUMBER 01



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THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

DATE AMENDMENT ISSUED: August 26, 2016.

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RFI CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 4:00 PM on Tuesday September 6, 2016

A. The RFI has been updated. These are the changes...

- (1) On Page 1, under "Request For Information" the following sentence has been added.
"Information received from this RFI may lead to a procurement under AS 36.30 or through a procurement exemption recently passed under HB156 that becomes effective October 26, 2016. All responses become public records under AS 36.30.530."
- (2) On Page 8, Item 14 Budget has been replaced in its entirety with the following item.
"Cost
Can you reasonably provide an assessment for ELA and math in grades 3-10 and science in grades 4, 8, and 10 within the budget addressed on page 1 of this RFI? Please do not include any actual costs or detailed budget information."
- (3) The deadline to submit information has been changed to 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 14.

B. The following questions have been asked. Answers follow each question. Questions received after 12:00 PM Friday, August 26, 2016 will be answered on Monday, August 29.

- (1) What are you planning to do after the RFI?
Answer: The RFI is the beginning of DEED's decision making process for what is the best solution for Alaska. At this time, future actions and decisions are not known. Information received from this RFI may lead to a procurement under AS 36.30 or through a procurement exemption recently passed under HB156 that becomes effective October 26, 2016.
- (2) Given the amount of information DEED is asking for, would EED consider extending the deadline of the RFI?
Answer: DEED has extended the deadline for responses until September 14, 2016.
- (3) What is the rationale in issuing an RFI when HB 156 appears to prohibit requiring any kind of statewide assessment?
Answer: HB 156 restricts DEED from requiring a school district or school to administer a statewide assessment before July 1, 2018. It does not relieve DEED from its responsibility to select and make a statewide summative assessment available to all districts and schools.

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- (4) Does the “30 page” limit include any or all of the following items: cover letter, executive summary, supplemental information in the form of appendices?

Answer: Yes, thirty pages total. Supplemental information is not expected at this time.

- (5) Will vendor questions be answered on a rolling basis? What is the expected turnaround time for responses?

Answer: Questions will be compiled and answered on a rolling basis and will be posted as soon as possible after receipt.

- (6) Does the State expect that the dozen schools and 2,200 students who required paper in 2015 will be similar to the requirement in 2017?

Answer: That number could increase or decrease. If a district prefers to give a paper-based assessment, DEED hopes to be able to accommodate the district's preference.

- (7) Are the dozen schools requiring paper predominantly rural/remote location schools?

Answer: No. They are located throughout Alaska. Most were statewide correspondence schools that required students to travel to a testing site in a central location in their region of the state.

- (8) Will a response which proposes only high school level assessments be considered responsive to the RFI?

Answer: No, it would not be responsive to this RFI.

<End of Amendment 01>



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