

STATE OF ALASKA RFI FOR ALASKA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS  
AMENDMENT NUMBER 04



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**THIS IS NOT AN ORDER**  
**DATE AMENDMENT ISSUED: September 12, 2016.**

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**RFI CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 4:00 PM on Wednesday September 14, 2016**

**Note: numbering in this amendment continues from the prior amendment.**

F. The following questions have revised answers

15. Page 5, Technology - please provide a summary from the State's most recent technology survey showing devices, operating systems, and network capacity by school, if possible.

*Answer: The information provided on pages 5-6 of the RFI outlines the technology requirements that schools were expected to meet. There is no more recent information available from a technology survey.*

25. Are the following Alaska Measures of Progress (AMP) accessibility tools mandatory or desired: Auditory Calming?

*Answer: Auditory Calming or accessibility tools such noise buffers, white noise are tools used nationwide in summative assessments. Alaska desires to have an assessment that can be comparable across the nation and having similar accessibility tools is important in making that comparison reliable.*

26. Are the following embedded accommodations mandatory or desired: Braille and American Sign Language?

*Answer: Alaska has students who are visually-impaired and the need for Braille is a required part of their daily instruction. Therefore, these students will require this accommodated format for participating in the summative assessment. DEED understands embedded American Sign Language (ASL) may be cost prohibitive for Alaska. If this is the case, a read aloud option in spring 2017 is acceptable. Alaska would desire to have discussion on the capability of implementing this embedded support for students in future contract years.*

<End of Amendment 04>

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Robert Roys  
Procurement Officer