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To: All Interested Vendors {Bidders}

Re: Bid Solicitation {RFP} # 17DPP00062
Science Assessment Program

REVISED Quote {Proposal} Submission Due Date: July 18, 2017 (2:00 p.m. ET)

Bid Amendment {Addendum} #02

The following constitutes Bid Amendment {Addendum} #01 to the above referenced Bid Solicitation {RFP}:

- This Bid Amendment {Addendum} includes answers to questions, and Bid Solicitation {RFP} revisions.
- Please note that for all additions, deletions, clarifications, and modifications to the Bid Solicitation {RFP} # 17DPP00062, please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 Science Assessment Program Revised RFP 06/23/17).

It is the sole responsibility of the Vendor {Bidder} to be knowledgeable of all of the additions, deletions, clarifications, and modifications to the Bid Solicitation {RFP} and/or the New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions relative to this Bid Solicitation {RFP} as set forth in all Bid Amendments {Addenda}.

All other instructions, terms, and conditions of the Bid Solicitation {RFP} shall remain the same.

Science Assessment Program
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Answers to Questions

Note: Each question is referenced by the appropriate Bid Solicitation {RFP} page number(s) and section where applicable.

#	Page #	RFP Section Reference	Question (Bolded) and Answer
1	8	1.2 Background & Price Schedule	**Page 8 of the RFP mentions the Bidder should assume paper and pencil materials for 10,000 students. But the price schedule requires unit prices for different volumes starting at 10,000 up to 110,000. Since the total on the price sheet includes the pricing for all the volume scenarios, how is the evaluated price calculated?** The evaluated price will be calculated utilizing the price lines associated with 1-10,000 units for each year of the Blanket P.O. {Contract}. Please reference page 123 of the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17" and each sheet of the revised price schedule/sheet titled "T3029 Revised Price Schedule 06/23/17. Subsequently, refer to question #18 of this document for additional clarification regarding the revised price schedule/sheet.
2	34	Section 3.1.4.3.1(b.1.iii.a) State Technology Requirements and Standards	**Please provide an example of how PCI is applicable as a regulation and security requirement?** Payment Card Industry (PCI) regulations are not applicable to this Blanket P.O. {Contract}. Please reference the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 Revised SAP RFP 06/23/17".
3	49	Section 3.4.1 Test Implementation Schedule& Block Scheduling Work Plan	**The RFP notes that, "*Beginning in 2017-2018, all tests (EOCA, Grade 4 (5) Science, and Grade 8 Science) shall be based on the PBA/MSA model and the Next Generation Science Standards.*"** **Please confirm the academic year that NJDOE expects to make the transitions for Grade 4/5 and three EOCAs for High School/Grade 11.** The NJDOE expects to make the transition to Grade 4/5, Grade 8, and **one (1)** comprehensive high school science EOCA for Grade 11 (Refer to Bid Solicitation {RFP} Section 1.2, *Background*), in the 2017/2018 academic year. Additionally, Vendors {Bidders} should reference the revised price Schedule/Sheet titled, "T3029 Revised Price Schedule 06/23/17," as Years One (1) through Seven (7) have been modified, and all price lines specific to individual Biology, Chemistry, and Physics EOCA have been deleted.
4	52	Section 3.5.2 Performance Level Descriptors (PLD)	**RFP Section 3.5.2 describes three iterations of the PLDs. The vendor appears to be responsible for taking the lead for iterations 2 and 3. Is it expected that the vendor will lead a meeting of content experts to modify the PLDs, both for iteration 2 and iteration 3? Or will the vendor, in conjunction with the NJDOE, provide recommendations for modifications to the PLDs for iterations 2 and 3, rather than conduct a formal meeting?** Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) will be created by NJDOE educators, and the Vendor {Contractor} shall provide guidance and expertise helpful to and in conjunction with providing the State with recommendations and proposed modifications. The Vendor {Contractor} shall be expected to refine the process. The Vendor {Contractor} will not be responsible for leading meetings to modify the PLDs for iteration two (2) and three (3). Additionally, please reference the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 Revised SAP RFP 06/23/17".
5	57	Section 3.6.1.3(b6) Administrative System For Managing Online Tests	**Do you mean by "Ability for select authorized users to view individual student test information such as actual answers received, date and time of test, duration of test, form # assigned" you want to see the % of answers completed during the test or the actual answers of the test?**

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			The State does not require access to the actual answers received; however, it does require the percentage of answers completed during the test. Yes, access to the date and time of test are also required pursuant to the listed Bid Solicitation {RFP} Section. Please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17"
6	**76**	**Section 3.7.2.5 Reader Training/Qualifications For CR Items**	**A. This section states that readers shall score writing tasks in 3 of 6 qualifying packets, with each qualifying packet containing 20 to 25 scored CR items. Can you please clarify that this requirement refers to Science CR items and not writing items?** The requirement refers to the science Constructed Response (CR) items and the writing items. However the State is open to the idea of automated scoring. Additionally, please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17" for a modification to Bid Solicitation {RFP} Section 3.1.2(b), Assessment Standards. **B. Please confirm the packets refer to training or qualifying sets of responses rather than items (i.e. each packet contains 20-25 scored responses)?** Yes, confirmed, the packets refer to training or qualifying sets of responses.
7	**78**	**Section 3.8.1 Planning Meetings & Price Schedule**	**Line item #1 on the Price Schedule indicates an estimated quantity of four (4) planning meetings for each grade level. However; page 78, section 3.8.1 seems to indicate that the vendor shall conduct four (4) planning meetings in total (all grades). Please clarify whether planning meetings should be priced in the universal column or in each grade-level column.** Quarterly meetings shall be held per grade levels: Grades 4/5, 8, and comprehensive high school EOCA. As the Blanket P.O. {Contract} matures, the number of planning meetings may potentially be reduced per year, at the discretion of and with prior approval from, the SCM. Additionally, please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17".
8	**120**	**Section 4.4.3.1.1.3(b) Preliminary Documents and Printed Materials**	**Can you elaborate on how a bidder can present the State its draft assessment forms for the online platform?** The Vendor {Bidder} shall describe its platform according to Section 3.6.1.4 of the Bid Solicitation {RFP} and provide a url (and any required login information) to a draft assessment built in the platform proposed for administration. Additionally, please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17".
9	**132**	**Section 5.15 Retainage**	**Can the State confirm that the final release of the retainage (described in the last sentence) would be done annually (for each year of the contract), not at the end of the full 10-year contract term?** Upon the SCM's certification of satisfactory performance, the NJDOE will release the retained amount bi-annually. Please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17". Additionally, please be advised that the base term of the Blanket P.O. {Contract} is for a period of seven (7) years with the option to extend for an additional three (3) years, with no single extension exceeding one (1) year.
10	**133**	**Section 5.17.1 Insurance – Professional Liability Insurance**	**Would New Jersey consider the following exception to page 133, Section 5.17.1:** **A. (1) Striking the word "any" preceding the word "liability" in the first sentence of Paragraph d because bidder's policy has certain exclusions, conditions, and limitations.**

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			The State accepts your proposed modification to this section. **B. (2) Replacing the word "incident" with the word "claim" in the second sentence of Paragraph d because bidder's commercial liability policy is written on a per claim basis.** The State accepts your proposed modification to this section. **C. (3) Striking the words "and in such policy forms as shall be approved by the State" because bidder cannot allow the State the authority to approve our insurance forms.** ***"D. Professional Liability Insurance: The Vendor {Contractor} shall carry Errors and Omissions, Professional Liability Insurance, and/or Professional Liability Malpractice Insurance sufficient to protect the Vendor {Contractor} from ~~any~~ liability arising out the professional obligations performed pursuant to the requirements of this Blanket P.O. {Contract}. The insurance shall be in the amount of not less than $1,000,000 each ~~incident~~claim/$2,000,000 aggregate ~~and in such policy forms as shall be approved by the State~~. If the Vendor {Contractor} has claims-made coverage and subsequently changes carriers during the term of this Blanket P.O. {Contract}, it shall obtain from its new Errors and Omissions, Professional Liability Insurance, and/or Professional Malpractice Insurance carrier an endorsement for retroactive coverage."*** The State accepts your proposed modification to this section. Please reference the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 Revised SAP RFP 06/23/17" for modifications A-C.
11	**142**	**Section 7.3 Insurance Certificates**	**Would New Jersey consider the following exception to page 142, Section 7.3:** **A. (1) Replacing the word "naming" with the word "including" in first sentence of this paragraph because the bidder uses a blanket additional insured endorsement and cannot ?name? the state specifically although they would be included as an additional insured on the policy.** The State accepts your proposed modification. Please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17". **B. (2) Bidder has added "as required in Section 4.2 of the SSTC"? to clarify which policies on which the State would be included as an additional insured.** **"The Vendor {Contractor} shall provide the State with current certificates of insurance for all coverages required by the terms of this Blanket P.O. {Contract}, ~~naming~~ including the State as an Additional Insured as required in Section 4.2 of the SSTC. See Section 4.2 of the SSTC accompanying this Bid Solicitation {RFP}.** The State accepts your proposed modification. Please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17".
12	**149**	**Section 9.0 Standard Terms and Conditions(4.2)**	**Would New Jersey consider the following exception to page 149, Section 9.0 Part 4.2:** **A. (1) Striking "and the certificates shall reflect that the insurance policies shall not be cancelled for any reason except after 60 days written notice to the State" because bidder's insurance certificates do not reflect such notice provisions.** Please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17". **B. (2) Replacing language "provided within 30 days of the expiration" with "provided as soon as reasonably practicable following the renewal" as bidder insurer does not generally provide certificates of insurance 30 days prior to policy renewal.** Please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17".

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			C. (3) Replacing each occurrence of "Comprehensive" General liability with "Commercial" General Liability to accurately reflect the name of our coverage. The State does not accept the proposed modification; however, a "commercial" policy would meet the State' **D. (4) Replacing the word "naming" with the word "including" in first sentence of this paragraph because the bidder uses a blanket additional insured endorsement and cannot "name" the state specifically although they would be included as an additional insured on the policy.** Please refer to the revised Bid Solicitation {RFP} titled "T3029 SAP Revised RFP 06/23/17".
13	**N/A**	**Price Schedule**	**What is the nature of contract awarded? Is this a fixed firm price contract or a fixed unit price contract?** Please refer to the Price Schedule/Sheet, this Blanket P.O. {Contract} is all-inclusive firm fixed pricing.