

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD (PESB)
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND QUOTATIONS (RFQQ)

RFQQ NO. 2020-02

PROJECT TITLE: Consultation and Guidance to Support the work of the House Bill 1139
Professional Educator Collaborative

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: 3:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) August 12, 2019.

ESTIMATED CONTRACT PERIOD: September 12, 2019, through June 30, 2021. Amendments extending the period of performance, if any, shall be at the sole discretion of PESB.

CONSULTANT ELIGIBILITY: This solicitation is open to those Consultants that satisfy the minimum qualifications stated herein and that are available for work in Washington State.

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FAXED PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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This RFQQ is available at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website located at [OSPI's website](#) and at the Department of Enterprise Services, [Washington Electronic Business Solution \(WEBS\) Procurement website](#). All RFQQ amendments or Consultant questions and OSPI answers will be posted to these sites. All interested Consultants must be registered with WEBS under the following commodity codes in order to receive notifications: 918-38: Education and Training Consulting Services, and 924-05 Educational Advisory services.

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Section A. INTRODUCTION

1. DEFINITIONS

Definitions for the purposes of this RFQQ include:

Amendment – A unilateral change to the Solicitation that is issued by OSPI at its sole discretion and posted on WEBS and OSPI’s website.

Apparent Successful Bidder (ASB) – A Bidder submitting a response to this Solicitation that is evaluated and is identified and announced by OSPI as providing the best value to the Agency. Upon execution of a Contract, the ASB is referred to as the successful Bidder or the Contractor.

Bid – An offer, proposal, or quote for goods or services submitted in response to this RFQQ.

Bidder – Individual organization, public or private agency submitting a proposal in order to attain a contract with OSPI. For purposes of this Solicitation, the terms Bidder, Consultant, and Vendor are interchangeable.

Competitive Solicitation – A documented formal process providing an equal and open opportunity to Bidders or Consultants culminating in a selection based on predetermined criteria.

Complaint – A process that may be followed by a Consultant prior to the deadline for bid submission to alert OSPI of certain types of asserted deficiencies in the Solicitation.

Consultant – Individual submitting a proposal in order to attain a contract with OSPI. For purposes of this Solicitation, the terms Bidder, Consultant, and Vendor are interchangeable.

Contractor – Individual or company whose proposal has been accepted by OSPI and is awarded a fully executed, written contract.

Debriefing – A short meeting an unsuccessful Bidder may request with the Coordinator following the announcement of the Apparent Successful Bidder for the purpose of receiving information regarding the review and evaluation of that Bidder’s Response.

Contractor/Vendor – Individual or company whose proposal has been accepted by PESB and is awarded a fully executed, written contract.

Eligible Consultant/Proposer – A Consultant/Proposer that is a nonprofit, nonpartisan institute that conducts independent, high quality research to improve education policy and practice and that works with policymakers, researchers, educators, and others to advance evidence-based policies that support equitable learning for each child.

OSPI – The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is the agency of the State of Washington that is issuing this RFQQ on behalf of the PESB.

PESB – The Professional Educator Standards Board whose mission is educator quality, recognizing that the highest possible standards for all educators are essential to ensuring attainment of high standards for all students.

Professional Educator Collaborative (The Collaborative) – A group of stakeholders whose purpose, membership, and work are described in Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1139 (E2SHB 1139) Section 402.

Proposal – A formal offer submitted in response to this solicitation.

Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) – Formal procurement document in which services needed are identified, and firms are invited to provide their qualifications to provide the services and their quote to provide the services.

Proprietary Information – Information such as patents, technological information or other related information that the Bidder or Consultant does not want released or shared with the public.

Protest – A process that may be followed by a Bidder after the announcement of the Apparent Successful Bidder to alert OSPI to certain types of alleged errors in the evaluation of the Solicitation.

Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) – Formal procurement document in which services needed are identified, and Consultants are invited to provide their qualifications and quotation to provide the services.

RCW – The Revised Code of Washington.

Responsible Bidder – An individual, organization, public or private agency, or other entity that has demonstrated the capability to meet all the requirements of the Solicitation and meets the elements of responsibility. (See [RCW 39.26.160 \(2\)](#))

Responsive Bidder – An individual, organization, public or private agency, or other entity who has submitted a Bid that fully conforms in all material respects to the Solicitation and all its requirements, in both form and substance.

RFQQ Coordinator – An individual or designee who is employed by OSPI and who is responsible for conducting this Solicitation.

Solicitation– A formal process providing an equal and open opportunity for bidders culminating in a selection based upon predetermined criteria.

Subcontractor – An individual or other entity contracted by a Consultant to perform part of the services or to provide goods under the Contract resulting from this Solicitation. Subcontractors, if allowed, are subject to the advance approval of OSPI.

Vendor – Individual organization, public or private agency submitting a proposal in order to attain a contract with OSPI. For purposes of this Solicitation, the terms Bidder, Consultant, and Vendor are interchangeable.

WEBS – Washington’s Electronic Business Solution, the Consultant notification system found at [Washington Electronic Business Solution \(WEBS\) Procurement website](#) and maintained by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.

2. PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND QUOTATIONS

The Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) is initiating this Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to solicit proposals from Consultants interested in participating on a project to provide consultation and guidance to inform the work of the PESB and the Professional Educator Collaborative (see definitions) in implementing Section 402 of Engrossed Second Substitute [House Bill 1139 \(E2SHB 1139\)](#).

3. BACKGROUND

The Professional Educator Standards Board establishes policies and requirements for the preparation and certification of education professionals, ensuring that they 1) are competent in the professional knowledge and practice for which they are certified, 2) have a foundation of skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to help students with diverse needs, abilities, cultural experiences, and learning styles meet or exceed the state learning goals, and 3) are committed to research-based practice and career-long professional development.

Engrossed Second Substitute [House Bill 1139 Section 402](#) establishes a Professional Educator Collaborative to make recommendations on how to improve and strengthen state policies, programs, and pathways that lead to highly effective educators at each level of the public school system. The PESB will provide staffing support for the Collaborative.

4. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK

A. Scope of Work

In order to inform its work and the work of the Collaborative, the PESB intends to contract with an Eligible Contractor/Proposer that will provide consultation and guidance on all of the following:

- Developing meeting agendas and materials.
 - Including national research and comparison on specific topics addressed by the collaborative.
- Meeting facilitation.
- Documenting collaborative discussions and recommendations.
- Locating and summarizing useful policy and research documents.
- Drafting required reports.

B. Deliverables

The contract's statement of work will include the following deliverables for the Contractor to provide, with details to be determined depending on the Contractor/Proposer selected:

- Participation and presentation at Collaborative meetings (meetings are currently planned to be four and a half (4.5) hours long). The current estimated meeting schedule (subject to change) is:
 - 9/26/19 in Spokane, WA (Educational Service District 101 office)
 - 11/14/19 in Vancouver, WA (Heathman Lodge)
 - 1/16/20 in Olympia, WA (Hilton Garden Inn)
 - 3/19/20 in SeaTac, WA (To be determined)
 - 5/21/20 in Richland, WA (Hampton Inn)
 - 9/24/20 in Spokane, WA (To be determined)

- January 2021 in Olympia, WA (To be determined)
 - May 2021 in SeaTac, WA (To be determined)
- At least eight (8) working days prior to each meeting:
 - Two (2-) hour consultation online or via telephone with PESB, inclusive of meeting themes specified by PESB.
- At least ten (10) working days prior to each meeting except the first:
 - A two (2) to three (3) page written pre-meeting memoranda containing recommendations to inform the meeting and the pre-meeting consultation regarding national trends and information regarding specific meeting themes and concepts.
- Within five (5) working days after each meeting:
 - A two- (2-) hour post-meeting consultation online or via telephone with PESB.
 - A two (2) to five (5) page written post-meeting review debriefing and summarizing each meeting and containing recommendations and guidance to inform PESB and Collaborative work. Recommendations and guidance will be supported by research, data analysis, and evaluation, as directed by PESB.
- Reports that PESB and the Collaborative may use, borrow from, or modify to meet the reporting requirements outlined in E2SHB 1139 Section 402:
 - By June 30, 2020 – a preliminary report that meets the reporting requirements outlined in E2SHB 1139 Section 402(7)(a). Specifically, the report must make recommendations on the educator certificate types, tiers, and renewal issues described in E2SHB 1139 Section 402 (2). The report must also describe the activities of the Collaborative to date, and include any preliminary recommendations agreed to by the Collaborative on other issues described in E2SHB 1139 Section 402 (2).
 - By June 30, 2021 – a cumulative report that meets the reporting requirements outlined in E2SHB 1139 Section 402(7)(b). Specifically, the report must describe the activities of the collaborative since the preliminary report, and make recommendations on each issue described in E2SHB 1139 Section 402 (2), including the fiscal implications of each recommendation at the state and local level. The report must also describe the expected efficiencies achieved by implementing the recommended comprehensive and coordinated system.

5. CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum Qualifications:

- Licensed to do business in the State of Washington. If not licensed, provide a written intent to become licensed in Washington within thirty (30) calendar days of being selected as the Apparent Successful Contractor.
- As required by E2SHB 1139 Section 402 (5), must be a nonprofit, nonpartisan institute that does all of the following:
 - Conducts independent, high quality research to improve education policy and practice.
 - Works with policymakers, researchers, educators, and others to advance evidence-based policies that support equitable learning for each child.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Experience with all of the following in the context of improving education policy and practice:
 - Developing meeting agendas and materials.
 - Facilitating meetings.
 - Documenting collaborative discussions and recommendations.
 - Locating and summarizing useful policy and research documents.
 - Drafting reports.
- Knowledge of education policy and practice improvement.

6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance of any contract resulting from this RFQQ is tentatively scheduled to begin on or about September 12, 2019, and end on or about June 30, 2021. The option to extend any contract resulting from this procurement shall be at the sole discretion of PESB.

As such, PESB reserves the right to amend to extend the contract for one additional contract quarter year through June 30, 2022. Decision to amend shall be based on sustained satisfactory performance as decided by the Superintendent's designee, successful completion of project objectives, and availability of funding.

Additional services that are appropriate to the scope of this RFQQ, as determined by PESB, may be added to the resulting contract by a written amendment mutually agreed to and executed by both parties.

7. FUNDING

PESB has budgeted an amount not to exceed Seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) for this project, of which \$40,000 is for fiscal year 2020 and \$32,000 is for fiscal year 2021. Proposals in excess of this amount will be rejected as non-responsive and will not be evaluated.

Any contract awarded as a result of this procurement is contingent upon the availability of explicit funding from the legislature to contract for this work. The terms and amount for the second year of this contract (FY 2021) may be changed to allow for up to seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$78,000) in additional funding for additional work, contingent on explicit allocation from the legislature for such work. The Consultant shall provide their most favorable and competitive cost estimate to perform the work.

8. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

PESB complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Consultants may contact the RFQQ Coordinator to receive this Request for Proposals in Braille or on tape.

Section B. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CONSULTANTS

1. RFQQ COORDINATOR

The RFQQ Coordinator is the sole point of contact in OSPI (on behalf of PESB) for this procurement. All communication between the Consultant and PESB upon receipt of this RFQQ shall be with the Coordinator, as follows:

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2. ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

| Item | Action | Date |
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| 1. | OSPI Issues RFQQ (on behalf of PESB) | July 19, 2019 |
| 2. | Letter of Intent due | August 6, 2019 |
| 3. | Question and Answer period | July 19-August 2, 2019 |
| 4. | Last date for questions regarding RFQQ | August 2, 2019 |
| 5. | Complaints Due | August 5, 2019 |
| 6. | OSPI posts final Question and Answer Addendum or Amendment, if necessary (on behalf of PESB) | August 7, 2019 |
| 7. | Proposals due | August 12, 2019 |
| 8. | Evaluation of written proposals | August 13-21, 2019 |
| 9. | OSPI announces "Apparent Successful Contractor" and sends notification to unsuccessful proposers (on behalf of PESB) | August 22, 2019 |
| 10. | Debriefing conferences (if requested) | As requested, per Debriefing Instructions |
| 11. | Contract negotiation begins | August 22, 2019 |
| 12. | Anticipated contract start date | September 12, 2019 |

PESB reserves the right to revise the above schedule.

3. LETTER OF INTENT

Consultants intending on submitting a proposal must notify the RFQQ Coordinator via Letter of Intent to propose no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 6, 2019. This letter may be provided by email only.

4. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

The complaint process is available to Consultants interested in this RFQQ. The complaint process allows Consultants to focus on the solicitation requirements and evaluation process and raise issues with these processes early enough in the process to allow an agency to correct a problem before proposals are submitted and time expended on evaluations.

A Consultant may submit a complaint based on any of the following:

- The solicitation unnecessarily restricts competition;
- The solicitation evaluation or scoring process is unfair or flawed; or
- The solicitation requirements are inadequate or insufficient to prepare a response.

Consultants may submit complaints up to five (5) business days prior to the proposal due date noted in the Estimated Schedule of Procurement Activities. However, Consultants are encouraged to submit complaints as soon as possible so PESB can rectify the issue(s) early in the process. Complaints must be submitted to the RFQQ Coordinator. In order to be considered a valid complaint, the complaint must meet the following requirements:

- Must be in writing.
- Should clearly articulate the basis for the complaint.
- Should include a proposed remedy.

Complaints not received by the deadline noted in the Estimated Schedule of Procurement Activities will not be reviewed by PESB.

The OSPI Contracts Administrator or an employee delegated by the Contracts Administrator, in coordination with the PESB, will review valid complaints and respond to the submitter in writing. OSPI/PESB will consider all complaints but is not required to adopt a complaint, in part or in full. OSPI's response to the complaint is final and not subject to administrative appeal. The response, and any changes to the RFQQ will be posted to WEBS prior to the proposal due date. Any complaint addressed during the complaint process cannot be raised during the protest process.

5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be submitted via email only. Proposals may not be transmitted via facsimile.

Consultants shall submit proposals as an attachment to an email to the Coordinator listed above in Section B.1. **Proposals must arrive by 3:00 p.m. in Olympia, WA on August 12, 2019.** (Please note RFQQ No. 2020-02 in the email subject line.) Attachments to the email shall be Microsoft Word format or in Portable Document Format (PDF). Zipped files may be received by OSPI and can be used for submission of proposals. PESB does not assume responsibility for any problems with the electronic delivery of Applicant materials.

Those applications not received by the deadline will not be reviewed. Late proposals will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified from further consideration. Proposals must

respond to the procurement requirements. Do not respond by referring to material presented elsewhere. The proposal must be complete and must stand on its own merits.

Failure to respond to any portion of the procurement document may result in rejection of the proposal as non-responsive. All proposals and any accompanying documentation become the property of PESB and will not be returned.

6. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION/PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Your entire response to this RFQQ is a public record and will be disclosed consistent with the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW.

A. CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

For the purposes of this RFQQ, do not include confidential or proprietary information unless specifically requested by OSPI.

If OSPI requests confidential or proprietary information, you must clearly print the word "Confidential" on the lower right-hand corner of each page containing the confidential or proprietary information.

B. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

If a public records request seeks your proposal and the proposal contains pages clearly marked "Confidential", OSPI will take the following steps:

- i. We will notify you. We will identify the requestor and the date that OSPI will disclose the requested records.
- ii. We will give you an opportunity to seek a court order to stop OSPI from disclosing the records.
- iii. We will not evaluate or defend your claim of confidentiality. We will not withhold or redact your documents without a court order.

If you have any questions, refer to the [OSPI Public Records Office](#).

7. ADDENDUMS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE RFQQ

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFQQ, addenda will be published on the OSPI website, at <http://www.k12.wa.us/RFP/>. For this purpose, the published Consultant questions and agency answers, and any other pertinent information, shall be considered an addendum to the RFQQ and also placed on the agency website. Additionally, all addenda referred to above will be released on WEBS under the commodity code(s) listed on the cover page of this RFQQ, for all Consultants who are registered. It will be the responsibility of interested Consultants to check the website periodically for RFQQ addenda and updates.

8. SMALL BUSINESS, MINORITY & WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWBE), AND VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the legislative findings and policies set forth in chapter [39.19 RCW](#), the State of Washington encourages participation in all of its contracts by firms certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE). Participation may be either on a direct

basis in response to this RFQQ or on a subcontractor basis. For more information on certification, contact the [Washington Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises](#).

43.60A.200 encourages the participation of Veteran and Service Member Owned Businesses certified by the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs RCW [43.60A.195](#). For more information on certification, contact [Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs](#).

Additionally, per Department of Enterprise policy, agencies are encouraged to buy from in-state small business, including microbusinesses and minibusinesses.

However, no preference will be included in the evaluation of proposals, no minimum level of MWBE participation shall be required as a condition for receiving an award, and proposals will not be rejected or considered non-responsive on that basis. Any affirmative action requirements set forth in federal regulations or statutes included or referenced in the contract documents will apply.

Self-Certification should be submitted with the Contractor Intake Form (Exhibit D).

9. ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

Proposals must provide sixty (60) days for acceptance by PESB from the due date for receipt of proposals.

10. RESPONSIVENESS

All proposals will be reviewed by the RFQQ Coordinator to determine compliance with administrative and minimum requirements and instructions specified in this RFQQ. OSPI, on behalf of PESB, may reject a Proposal as nonresponsive at any time for any of the following reasons:

- Incomplete Proposal
- Failure to meet the minimum Bidder qualifications or to comply with any requirement set forth in this RFQQ, including Attachments
- Submission of incorrect, misleading or false information
- History of prior unsatisfactory contractual performance

The RFQQ Coordinator may contact any Bidder for clarification of the proposal. If a proposal is deemed non-responsive, it shall be removed from further consideration. Bidders whose proposals are found to be non-responsive shall be disqualified from further evaluation and shall be notified in writing. Within three business days following such notification, Bidder may request a Debriefing Conference that shall be limited to the reasons Bidder was found to be non-responsive. Refer to Debriefing of Unsuccessful Proposers procedure in Section D.

If a proposal meets all administrative and Bidder qualification requirements and submittal instructions, OSPI shall continue with the written evaluation and, if applicable, the oral evaluation.

PESB reserves the right at its sole discretion to waive minor administrative irregularities.

11. MOST FAVORABLE TERMS

PESB reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the proposal submitted. Therefore, the proposal should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms which the Consultant can propose. There will be no best and final offer procedure. PESB does reserve the right to contact a Consultant for clarification of its proposal.

The Consultant should be prepared to accept this RFQQ for incorporation into a contract resulting from this RFQQ. Contract negotiations may incorporate some or all of the Consultant's proposal. It is understood that the proposal will become a part of the official procurement file on this matter without obligation to PESB.

12. CONTRACT AND GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Apparent Successful Contractor will be expected to enter into a contract which is substantially the same as the sample contract and its General Terms and Conditions. In no event is a Consultant to submit its own standard contract terms and conditions in response to this solicitation. The Consultant may submit exceptions as allowed in the Certifications and Assurances section. PESB will review requested exceptions and accept or reject the same at its sole discretion.

Should contract negotiations fail to be completed within two (2) weeks after initiation, the State may immediately cease contract negotiations, declare the Vendor with the second highest score as the new Apparent Successful Contractor, and enter into contract negotiations with that Vendor. This process will continue until the Contracts are signed or no qualified Vendors remain.

13. COSTS TO PROPOSE

PESB will not be liable for any costs incurred by the Consultant in preparation of a proposal submitted in response to this RFQQ, in conduct of a presentation, or any other activities related to responding to this RFQQ.

14. NO OBLIGATION TO CONTRACT

This RFQQ does not obligate the State of Washington or PESB to contract for services specified herein. PESB also reserves the right to cancel or to reissue the RFQQ in whole or in part, prior to execution of a contract without penalty.

15. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

PESB reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any and all proposals received without penalty and not to issue a contract as a result of this RFQQ.

16. COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

The Contracts Administrator or Director of Financial Resources are the only individuals who may legally commit PESB to the expenditures of funds for a contract resulting from this RFQQ. No cost chargeable to the proposed contract may be incurred before receipt of a fully executed contract.

17. STATEWIDE VENDOR PAYMENT REGISTRATION

Consultants awarded contracts as a result of this RFQQ will be required to register as a Statewide Vendor (SWV). The SWV file is a central vendor file maintained by the Office of Financial Management for use by Washington State agencies in processing vendor payments. This allows you, as a vendor, to receive payments from all participating state agencies by direct deposit, the State's preferred method of payment. Effective April 30, 2011, all contractors are required to register as a Statewide Vendor. Participation in direct deposit is optional. For online registration, visit the [Department of Enterprise Services' website](#).

18. INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Apparent Successful Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements identified in the General Terms and Conditions.

The Contractor shall, at its own expense, obtain and keep in force insurance coverage which shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of the contract. The Contractor shall furnish evidence in the form of a Certificate of Insurance that insurance shall be provided, and a copy shall be forwarded to PESB within fifteen (15) days of the contract effective date.

Section C. PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Proposals must be formatted to print on eight and one-half by eleven (8 ½ x 11) inch paper size with individual sections clearly identified. The Letter of Submittal, excluding the signed Certifications and Assurances and Contractor Intake Form, shall be a maximum of one (1) page. The three (3) major sections of the proposal are to be submitted in the order noted below:

1. Letter of Submittal including signed:
 - a. Certifications and Assurances
 - b. Contractor Intake Form
2. Management Proposal
3. Cost Proposal

Proposals must provide information in the same order as presented in this document with the same headings. This will not only be helpful to the evaluators of the proposal, but should assist the Consultant in preparing a thorough response.

Items in this section marked “mandatory” must be included as part of the proposal for the proposal to be considered responsive; however, these items are not scored. Items marked “scored” are those that are awarded points as part of the evaluation conducted by the evaluation team.

1. LETTER OF SUBMITTAL (MANDATORY)

The Letter of Submittal, the attached Certifications and Assurances, and attached Contractor Intake Form must be signed and dated by a person authorized to legally bind the Consultant to a contractual relationship, (e.g., the President or Executive Director if a corporation, the managing partner if a partnership, or the proprietor if a sole proprietorship).

Along with introductory remarks, please attach to the Letter of Submittal the following information about the Consultant and any proposed subcontractors:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of each principal officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, etc.);
2. Location of the facility from which the Consultant would operate; and
3. A detailed list of all materials and enclosures included in the Proposal;

2. MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

A. Project Management (SCORED)

1. **Project Team Structure/Internal Controls** – Provide a description of the proposed project team structure and internal controls to be used during the course of the project, including any subcontractors. Provide an organizational chart of your firm indicating lines of authority for personnel involved in performance of this potential contract and relationships of this staff to other programs or functions of the firm. This chart must also show lines of authority to the next senior level of management. Include who within the firm will have prime responsibility and final authority for the work.
2. **Staff Qualifications/Experience** – Identify staff, including subcontractors, who will be assigned to the potential contract, indicating the responsibilities and qualifications of such personnel, and include the amount of time each will be assigned to the project.

Provide resumes' for the named staff, which include information on the individual's particular skills related to this project, education, experience, significant accomplishments and any other pertinent information. The Consultant must commit that staff identified in its proposal will actually perform the assigned work. Any staff substitution must have the prior approval of PESB.

B. Experience of the Consultant (SCORED)

1. Include other relevant experience that indicates the qualifications of the Consultant, and any subcontractors, for the performance of the potential contract.
2. Include a list of contracts the Consultant has had during the last five years that relate to the Consultant's ability to perform the services needed under this RFQQ. List contract reference numbers, contract period of performance, contact persons, telephone numbers, and fax numbers/e-mail addresses.

C. References (SCORED)

List names, addresses, telephone numbers, and fax numbers/email addresses of three (3) business references for whom work has been accomplished and briefly describe the type of service provided for them. By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, the vendor and team members grant permission to PESB to contact these references and others, who from PESB's perspective, may have pertinent information. PESB may or may not, at PESB's discretion, contact these references or others. Do not include current PESB staff as references.

D. Past Performance

Provide information regarding past performance by indicating if the Consultant has received notification of contract breach in the past five (5) years. This does not lead to automatic disqualification. However, PESB reserves the right to disqualify Consultant proposals based on the Consultant's historical performance.

3. COST PROPOSAL

The evaluation process is designed to award this procurement not necessarily to the Consultant of least cost, but rather to the Consultant whose proposal best meets the requirements of this RFQQ. However, Consultants are encouraged to submit proposals that are consistent with state government efforts to conserve state resources.

Identification, Reasonableness, and Necessity of Costs (SCORED) – Identify all costs including expenses to be charged for performing the services necessary to accomplish the objectives of the contract. The Consultant is to submit a fully detailed budget including staff costs, administrative costs, travel costs, and any other expenses necessary to accomplish the tasks and to produce the deliverables under the contract. The budget must be supported by a budget narrative sufficiently detailed to allow evaluators to determine whether costs are reasonable and necessary. Consultants are required to collect and pay Washington State sales tax, if applicable.

Costs for subcontractors are to be broken out separately. Please note if any subcontractors are certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises.

Section D. EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD

1. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Responsive proposals will be evaluated strictly in accordance with the requirements stated in this RFQQ and any addenda issued. The evaluation of proposals shall be accomplished by an evaluation team, to be designated by PESB, which will determine the ranking of the proposals.

PESB, at its sole discretion, may elect to select the top-scoring firms as finalists for an oral presentation.

2. EVALUATION WEIGHTING AND SCORING

The following points will be assigned to the proposals for evaluation purposes:

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| Management Proposal – 60% | | 60 points |
| Project Team Structure/Internal Controls | 15 points (maximum) | |
| Staff Qualifications/Experience | 15 points (maximum) | |
| Experience of the Consultant | 30 points (maximum) | |
| Cost Proposal – 40% | | 40 points |
| Subtotal | | 100 points |
| References (may be required for top-scoring proposer(s) only) | | 10 points |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR PROPOSAL | | 110 points |

References may be contacted for the top-scoring proposer(s) only and will then be scored and added to the total score.

3. NOTIFICATION TO PROPOSERS

Proposals that have not been selected for further negotiation or award will be notified via email by the RFQQ Coordinator.

4. DEBRIEFING OF UNSUCCESSFUL PROPOSERS

Upon request, an individual debriefing conference will be scheduled with an unsuccessful Proposer. The request for a debriefing conference must be received by the RFQQ Coordinator within three (3) business days after the Notification of Unsuccessful Consultant letter or e-mail is sent to the Consultant. The debriefing must be held within three (3) business days of the request, unless otherwise agreed upon by the RFQQ Coordinator and Proposer.

Discussion will be limited to a critique of the requesting Consultant's proposal. Comparisons between proposals or evaluations of the other proposals will not be allowed. Debriefing conferences may be conducted in person or on the telephone and will be scheduled for a maximum of 1.5 hours.

5. PROTEST PROCEDURE

This protest procedure is available to Consultants who submitted a response to this RFQQ document and who have participated in a debriefing conference. Upon completion of the debriefing conference, the Consultant is allowed three (3) business days to file a protest of the acquisition with the RFQQ Coordinator. Protests may be submitted by fax or email, but should be followed by a hard copy document.

Consultants protesting this procurement shall follow the procedures described below. Protests that do not follow these procedures shall not be considered. This protest procedure constitutes the sole administrative remedy available to Consultants under this procurement.

All protests must be in writing and signed by the protesting party or an authorized Agent. The protest must state the grounds for the protest including specific facts and complete statements of the action(s) being protested. The protesting party may submit with the protest any documents or information deemed relevant. A description of the relief or corrective action being requested should also be included. All protests shall be addressed to the RFQQ Coordinator.

Only protests stipulating an issue of fact concerning the following subjects shall be considered:

- A matter of bias, discrimination or conflict of interest on the part of the evaluator/evaluation team;
- Errors in computing the score; and/or
- Non-compliance with procedures described in the procurement document or PESB policy.

Protests not based on procedural matters will not be considered. Protests will be rejected as without merit if they address issues such as: 1) an evaluator's professional judgment on the quality of a proposal, or 2) PESB's assessment of its own and/or other agencies needs or requirements.

Upon receipt of a protest, a protest review will be held by PESB. OSPI Contracts Administrator or an employee delegated by the Contracts Administrator who was not involved in the procurement will consider the record and all available facts and issue a decision within five business days of receipt of the protest. If additional time is required, the protesting party will be notified of the delay.

In the event a protest may affect the interest of another Consultant that submitted a proposal, such Consultant will be given an opportunity to submit its views and any relevant information on the protest to the RFQQ Coordinator.

The final determination of the protest shall:

- Find the protest lacking in merit and uphold PESB's action; or
- Find only technical or harmless errors in PESB's acquisition process and determine PESB to be in substantial compliance and reject the protest; or
- Find merit in the protest and provide PESB options which may include:
 - Correct the errors and re-evaluate all proposals, and/or
 - Reissue the RFQQ document and begin a new process, or
 - Make other findings and determine other courses of action as appropriate.

If OSPI determines that the protest is without merit, PESB will enter into a contract with the Apparent Successful Contractor. If the protest is determined to have merit, one of the alternatives noted in the preceding paragraph will be taken.

Section E. RFQQ EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A Certifications and Assurances
- Exhibit B Sample Contract
- Exhibit C General Terms and Conditions
- Exhibit D Contractor Intake Form

EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES

Bidder must sign and include the full text of this Exhibit A with their proposal.

Bidder makes the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the proposal to which it is attached, understanding that the truthfulness of the facts affirmed here and the continuing compliance with these requirements are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the related contract(s):

1. Bidder declares that all answers and statements made in the proposal are true and correct.
2. The prices and/or cost data have been determined independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with others for the purpose of restricting competition. However, Bidder may freely join with other persons or organizations for the purpose of presenting a single proposal.
3. The attached proposal is a firm offer for a period of sixty (60) days following receipt, and it may be accepted by PESB without further negotiation (except where obviously required by lack of certainty in key terms) at any time within the sixty- (60-) day period.
4. In preparing this proposal, Bidder has not been assisted by any current or former employee of the state of Washington whose duties relate (or did relate) to this proposal or prospective contract, and who was assisting in other than his or her official, public capacity. (Any exceptions to these assurances are described in full detail on a separate page and attached to this document.)
5. Bidder understands that PESB will not reimburse Bidder for any costs incurred in the preparation of this proposal. All proposals become the property of the State, and Bidder claims no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples, unless so stated in this proposal.
6. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices and/or cost data which have been submitted have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by Bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Bidder or to any competitor.
7. Bidder agrees that submission of the attached proposal constitutes acceptance of the solicitation contents and the attached sample contract and general terms and conditions. If there are any exceptions to these terms, Bidder has described those exceptions in detail on a page attached to this document.
8. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
9. Bidder grants PESB the right to contact references and others, who may have pertinent information regarding the Bidder's prior experience and ability to perform the services contemplated in this procurement.
10. Bidder acknowledges that if awarded a contract with PESB/OSPI, Bidder is required to comply with all applicable state and federal civil rights and other laws. Failure to comply may result

in Contract termination. Bidder agrees to submit additional information about its nondiscrimination policies, at any time, if requested by PESB/OSPI.

11. Bidder certifies that Bidder has not, within the three-year period immediately preceding the date of release of this competitive solicitation, been determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment to have willfully violated state minimum wage laws (RCW 49.38.082; Chapters 49.46 RCW, 49.48 RCW, or 49.52 RCW).
12. Bidder has not been debarred or otherwise restricted from participating in any public contracts.
13. Bidder certifies that Bidder has not willfully violated Washington State's wage payment laws within the last three years.
14. Bidder acknowledges its obligation to notify PESB of any changes in the certifications and assurances above.

I certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

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| Signature of Bidder | Date | Place Signed (City, State) |
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| Print Name | Title | Organization Name |
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EXHIBIT B
SAMPLE CONTRACT

Contract No. _____

between

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS STANDARDS BOARD,
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

(hereinafter referred to as PESB)
Old Capitol Building, P.O. Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

and

[CONTRACTOR NAME]

(hereinafter referred to as Contractor)

[Contractor Address]

Federal Identification # -

and

Unified Business Identifier # - -

In consideration of the promises and conditions contained herein, PESB and Contractor do mutually agree as follows:

I. DUTIES OF THE CONTRACTOR

A. The general objective(s) of this contract is/are as follows:

[A brief description of the agreed upon services will be included here.]

B. In order to accomplish the general objective(s) of this contract, Contractor shall perform the following specific duties, and those outlined in PESB's Request for Qualifications and Quotations, and the Contractor's proposal, to the satisfaction of the PESB's designee, [name of designee]:

[A description of the work to be performed by Contractor in detail, including a breakdown of the quantifiable steps or components of what the Contractor is to do will be included here.]

C. The Contractor shall produce the following written reports or other written documents (deliverables) by the dates indicated below:

[Deliverables may be listed here.]

All written reports required under this contract must be delivered to the PESB's designee in accordance with the schedule above.

II. CONDITIONS OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERFORMANCE AND SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE

No costs shall be incurred under this Contract until fully executed and subsequent to the termination date.

The schedule of performance of Contractor's duties is as follows:

[start date], or date of execution, whichever is later, through [end date].

III. DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND PESB

- A. In consideration of Contractor's satisfactory performance of the duties set forth herein, PESB shall compensate Contractor at a rate not to exceed a total of \$. Payment for satisfactory performance shall not exceed this amount unless the parties mutually agree to a higher amount prior to the commencement of any work, which will cause the maximum payment to be increased.

[Optional clause] Travel and per diem expenses for [#] person(s) in the amounts and for the purposes otherwise established for state employees at the time of incurrence by the rules and regulatory policies of the [Office of Financial Management \(OFM\)](#) not to exceed [write out full dollar amount] dollars (\$). Contractor's "official duty station" (i.e., the origin of reimbursable travel and/or per diem) shall be [official duty station].

[Optional clause] Funds for the payment of this contract are provided by federal program(s) [program title], Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #(s) [CFDA#].

- B. Payment shall be made to the Contractor as follows:

Periodically in the form of progress payments in the amounts and for the stages of partial performance set forth below:

[Schedule of payments may be included here.] *or*

Periodically based on invoices submitted by the Contractor for actual costs incurred to date based on receipts or other documentation.

Invoice(s) will be paid only after approval by the PESB's designee and Agency Financial Services, OSPI. The invoice shall include an original signature, the contract number, and document to the Superintendent's designee's satisfaction a description of the work performed and payment requested. Within approximately thirty (30) working days of the PESB's designee receiving and approving the invoice, payment will be mailed or electronically transferred to the Contractor by Agency Financial Services, OSPI.

- C. Final payment shall be made after acceptance by the PESB's Contract Manager or Designee if received by the PESB within ninety (90) days after the contract expiration date, unless negotiated with the Contract Manager or Designee and the Fiscal Budget Analyst.

Maximum consideration for this entire contract shall not exceed \$.

IV. RENEWAL (OPTIONAL CLAUSE)

Superintendent has the right to renew this contract in whole or in part for the year(s) [renewal year(s)] by giving notice on or before [date] to the Contractor. If Superintendent provides such notice to the Contractor, the Contractor shall be obligated to enter into a contract with the same fiscal obligations as the previous contract year, provided that Superintendent and Contractor shall negotiate any revision of additional services or goals beyond those encompassed in the previous contract.

V. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The following Contract Manager for each of the parties shall be the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this contract.

| Contractor | PESB |
|------------------------|--|
| [Name] | [Name] |
| [Title] | [Title] |
| [Address] | Old Capitol Building, P.O. Box 47200 Olympia, WA 98504-7200 |
| Phone: () - | Phone: () - |
| Fax: () - | Fax: () - |
| Email: [Email Address] | Email: [Email Address] |

VI. INCORPORATION OF ATTACHMENTS AND ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Each of the attachments listed below is by this reference hereby incorporated into this contract. In the event of an inconsistency in this contract, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- Applicable Federal and state of Washington statutes and regulations
- Special Terms and Conditions as contained in this basic contract instrument
- Attachment A – Contract for Personal Services, General Terms and Conditions
- Attachment B – Request for Qualifications and Quotations with any formal RFQQ amendments that change scope of work, etc.
- Attachment C – Contractor’s Proposal
- Any other provision, term or material incorporated herein by reference or otherwise incorporated.

EXHIBIT C

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Access to Data.** In compliance with Chapter 39.26 RCW, the Contractor shall provide access to data generated under this Contract to the PESB, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, and the State Auditor at no additional cost. This includes access to all information that supports the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Contractor's reports, including computer models and methodology for those models.
- 2. Alterations and Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended only by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.
- 3. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Public Law 101-336, also referred to as the "ADA" 28 CFR Part 35.** The Contractor must comply with the ADA, which provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.
- 4. Assignment.** Neither this Contract, nor any claim arising under this Contract, shall be transferred or assigned by the Contractor without prior written consent of the PESB.
- 5. Assurances.** The PESB and the Contractor agree that all activity pursuant to this Contract will be in accordance with all applicable current federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
- 6. Attorney's Fees.** In the event of litigation or other action brought to enforce contract terms, each party agrees to bear its own attorney's fees and costs.
- 7. Audit Requirements.** If the Contractor is a Subrecipient of federal awards as defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) CFR, Part 200, Subpart F, and expends seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) or more in federal awards (does not apply to contracts for goods and services) from all federal sources in any fiscal year beginning on or after December 26, 2014, the Contractor shall procure at their expense a single or program-specific audit for that year. The Contractor shall incorporate OMB CFR, Part 200, Subpart F audit requirements into all contracts between the Contractor and its Subcontractors who are Subrecipients of federal awards. The Contractor shall comply with any future amendments to OMB and any successor or replacement Circular or regulation.
- 8. Budget Revisions.** Any monetary amount budgeted by the terms of this Contract for various activities and line item objects of expenditure may be revised without prior written approval of PESB, so long as the revision is no more than ten percent (10%) of the original line item amount and the increase in an amount is offset by a decrease in one or more other amounts equal to or greater than the increase. All other budget revisions exceeding ten percent (10%) shall only be made with the prior written approval of the PESB.
- 9. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility.** The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions by any federal department or agency. The Contractor further certifies that they will ensure that potential subcontractors or any of their principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or voluntarily

excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. "Covered transactions" include procurement contracts for goods that are expected to equal or exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Contractor may do so by obtaining a certification statement from the potential subcontractor or subrecipient or by checking online at the System for Award Management (SAM), Excluded Parties List. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Superintendent/PESB if, during the term of this contract, Contractor becomes debarred. The Superintendent may immediately terminate this Contract by providing Contractor written notice if Contractor becomes debarred during the term of this Contract.

The Contractor also certifies that neither it nor its principals are debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment from participation in transactions by any state department or agency. The Contractor further certifies that they will ensure that potential subcontractors or any of their principals are not debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment from participation in covered transactions by any state department or agency.

10. Certification Regarding Lobbying. The Contractor certifies that Federal-appropriated funds will not be used to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a member of Congress in obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352. Contractor must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Contractor shall require its subcontractors to certify compliance with this provision.

11. Certification Regarding Wage Violations. The Contractor certifies that within three (3) years prior to the date of execution of this Contract, Contractor has not been determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction to have willfully violated, as defined in RCW 49.48.082, any provision of RCW chapters 49.46, 49.48, or 49.52.

The Contractor further certifies that it will remain in compliance with these requirements during the term of this Contract. Contractor will immediately notify the Superintendent of any finding of a willful violation entered by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction entered during the term of this Contract.

12. Change in Status. In the event of substantive change in the legal status, organizational structure, or fiscal reporting responsibility of the Contractor, Contractor agrees to notify PESB of the change. Contractor shall provide notice as soon as practicable, but no later than thirty (30) days after such a change takes effect.

13. Confidentiality. The Contractor acknowledges that all of the data, material and information which originates from this Contract, and any student assessment data, material and information which will come into its possession in connection with performance under this Contract, consists of confidential data owned by PESB or confidential personally identifiable data subject to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or other privacy laws, and that disclosure to or use by third parties would be damaging. The Contractor, therefore, agrees to hold all such material and information in strictest confidence, not to make use thereof other than for the performance of this Contract, to release it only to authorized employees and agents requiring such information and not release or disclose it to any other

party. The Contractor agrees to release such information or material only to employees and agents who have signed a written agreement expressly prohibiting disclosure.

14. Copyright Provisions. Unless otherwise provided, all Materials produced under this Contract shall be considered "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act and copyright shall be owned by the PESB. The PESB shall be considered the author of such Materials. If Materials are not considered "works for hire", Contractor hereby irrevocably assigns all right, title, and interest in Materials, including all intellectual property rights, to the PESB effective from the moment of creation of such Materials.

Materials means all items in any format and includes, but is not limited to, data, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions. Copyright ownership includes the right to patent, register and the ability to transfer these rights.

Contractor understands that, except where otherwise agreed to in writing or approved by the PESB or designee, all original works of authorship produced under this Contract shall carry a [Creative Commons Attribution License](#), version 4.0 or later.

All Materials the Contractor has adapted from others' existing openly licensed resources must be licensed with the least restrictive open license possible that is not in conflict with existing licenses.

For Materials that are delivered under the Contract, but that incorporate pre-existing materials not produced under the Contract, Contractor will license the materials to allow others to translate, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, publicly perform, and publicly display. If the Contractor would like to limit these pre-existing portions of the work to [non-commercial use](#), the [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike](#) license, version 4.0 or later, is acceptable for these specific sections.

The Contractor warrants and represents that Contractor has all rights and permissions, including intellectual property rights, moral rights and rights of publicity, necessary to apply such a license.

The Contractor shall exert all reasonable effort to advise the PESB, at the time of delivery of data furnished under this Contract, of all known or potential invasions of privacy contained therein and of any portion of such document which was not produced in the performance of this Contract. The PESB shall receive prompt written notice of each notice or claim of infringement received by the Contractor with respect to any data delivered under this Contract. The PESB shall have the right to modify or remove any restrictive markings placed upon the data by the Contractor.

15. Covenant Against Contingent Fees. The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established agent maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. The PESB shall have the right, in the event of breach of this clause by the Contractor, to annul this Contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration or recover by other means the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fees.

16. Disputes. In the event that a dispute arises under this Contract, it shall be determined by a Dispute Board in the following manner: (1) PESB shall appoint a member to the Dispute Board; (2) the Contractor shall appoint a member to the Dispute Board; (3) PESB and the Contractor shall jointly appoint a member to the Dispute Board; (4) the Dispute Board shall evaluate the dispute and make a determination of the dispute; and, the determination of the Dispute Board shall be final and binding on the parties hereto.

As alternatives to the above Dispute Board process: (1) if the dispute is between two or more state agencies, any one of the agencies may request intervention by the Governor, as provided by 43.17.330 RCW, in which event the Governor's process shall control; and, (2) if the dispute is between a non-state agency and another state agency or non-state agency party to this Contract, all the disputing parties may mutually agree to mediation prior to submitting the dispute to a Dispute Board in the event the dispute is not resolved pursuant to mediation within an agreed-upon time period.

17. Duplicate Payment. The Superintendent shall not pay the Contractor, if the Contractor has charged or will charge the state of Washington or any other party under any other contract or agreement, for the same services or expenses.

18. Entire Agreement. This Contract contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

19. Ethical Conduct. Neither the Contractor nor any employee or agent of the Contractor shall participate in the performance of any duty or service in whole or part under this contract in violation of, or in a manner that violates any provision of the Ethics in Public Service law at Chapter 42.52 RCW, RCW 42.17.130 and 41.06.250 prohibiting the use of public resources for political purposes.

20. Governing Law and Venue. This Contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in Superior Court for Thurston County.

21. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Superintendent/PESB and all officials, agents, and employees of Superintendent/PESB, from and against all claims for injuries or death arising out of or resulting from the performance of this Contract. "Claim" as used in this Contract, means any financial loss, claim, suit, action, damage, or expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, attributable for bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting therefrom. Additionally, "claims" shall include but not be limited to, assertions that the use or transfer of any software, book, document, report, film, tape or sound reproduction or material of any kind, delivered hereunder, constitutes an infringement of any copyright, patent, trademark, trade name, or otherwise results in an unfair trade practice or in unlawful restraint of competition. Contractor's obligation to indemnify, defend and hold Superintendent/PESB harmless includes any claim by Contractor's agents, employees, representatives, or any subcontractor or its employees.

Contractor expressly agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless PESB for any claim out of or incident to Contractor's or subcontractor's performance or failure to perform the Contract. Contractor's obligation to indemnify, defend, or hold harmless PESB shall not be eliminated

or reduced by any actual or alleged concurrent negligence by PESB or its agents, employees, or officials.

Contractor waives its immunity under Title 51 RCW to the extent it is required to indemnify, defend and hold harmless PESB and its agents, employees, or officials.

22. Independent Capacity of the Contractor. The parties intend that an independent Contractor relationship will be created by this Contract. The Contractor and his/her employees or agents performing under this Contract are not employees or agents of PESB. The Contractor will not hold himself/herself out as nor claim to be an officer or employee of PESB or of the state of Washington by reason hereof, nor will the Contractor make any claim or right, privilege, or benefit which would accrue to such employee under law. Conduct and control of the work will be solely with the Contractor.

23. Insurance.

a. **Worker's Compensation Coverage.** The Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable worker's compensation, occupational disease, and occupational health and safety laws, statutes, and regulations to the fullest extent applicable. This requirement includes the purchase of industrial insurance coverage for the Contractor's employees, as may now hereafter be required of an "employer" as defined in Title 51 RCW. Such worker's compensation and occupational disease requirements shall include coverage for all employees of the Contractor, and for all employees of any subcontract retained by the Contractor, suffering bodily injury (including death) by accident or disease, which arises out of or in connection with the performance of this Contract. Satisfaction of these requirements shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- 1) Full participation in any required governmental occupational injury and/or disease insurance program, to the extent participation in such a program is mandatory in any jurisdiction;
- 2) Purchase worker's compensation and occupational disease insurance benefits to employees in full compliance with all applicable laws, statutes, and regulations, but only to the extent such coverage is not provided under mandatory governmental program in "a" above, and/or;
- 3) Maintenance of a legally permitted and governmentally approved program of self-insurance for worker's compensation and occupational disease.

Except to the extent prohibited by law, the program of the Contractor's compliance with worker's compensation and occupational disease laws, statutes, and regulations in (1), (2), and (3) above shall provide for a full waiver of rights of subrogation against the PESB, its directors, officers, and employees.

If the Contractor, or any subcontractor retained by the Contractor, fails to effect and maintain a program of compliance with applicable worker's compensation and occupational disease laws, statutes, and regulations and PESB incurs fines or is required by law to provide benefits to such employees, to obtain coverage for such employees, the Contractor will indemnify PESB for such fines, payment of benefits to Contractor or subcontractor employees or their heirs or legal representatives, and/or the cost of effecting coverage on behalf of such employees. Any amount owed PESB

by the Contractor pursuant to the indemnity may be deducted from any payments owed by PESB to the Contractor for the performance of this contract.

- b. **Proof of Insurance.** Certificates and or evidence satisfactory to PESB confirming the existence, terms and conditions of all insurance required above shall be delivered to PESB within five (5) days of the Contractor's receipt of Authorization to Proceed.
- c. **General Insurance Requirements.** Contractor shall, at all times during the term of the Contract and at its cost and expense, buy and maintain insurance of the types and amounts listed above. Failure to buy and maintain the required insurance may result in the termination of the Contract at PESB option. By requiring insurance herein, PESB does not represent that coverage and limits will be adequate to protect Contractor and such coverage and limits shall not limit Contractor's liability under the indemnities and reimbursements granted to the PESB in this Contract.

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under all required insurance policies, or shall furnish proof of insurance and endorsements for each subcontractor. Subcontractor(s) must comply fully with all insurance requirements stated herein. Failure of subcontractor(s) to comply with insurance requirements does not limit Contractor's liability or responsibility.

24. Licensing and Accreditation Standards. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal licensing, accreditation and registration requirements/standards, necessary to the performance of this Contract.

25. Limitation of Authority. Only PESB or the PESB's delegate by writing (delegation to be made prior to action) shall have the express, implied, or apparent authority to alter, amend, modify, or waive any clause or condition of this Contract. Furthermore, any alteration, amendment, modification, or waiver or any clause or condition of this contract is not effective or binding unless made in writing and signed by PESB or the PESB's delegate.

26. Non-Discrimination. The Contractor shall comply with all the federal and state non-discrimination laws, regulations and policies, which are otherwise applicable to the PESB. Accordingly, no person shall, on the ground of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, marital status, families with children, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal, be unlawfully excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any activity performed by the Contractor and its agents under this Contract. The Contractor shall notify the PESB immediately of any allegations, claims, disputes, or challenges made against it under non-discrimination laws, regulations, or policies, or under the Americans with Disabilities Act. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance or refusal to comply with this nondiscrimination provision, this Contract may be rescinded, cancelled or terminated in whole or part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further contracts with the PESB.

27. Overpayments. Contractor shall refund to Superintendent the full amount of any overpayment under this contract within thirty (30) calendar days of written notice. If Contractor fails to make a prompt refund, Superintendent may charge Contractor one percent (1%) per month on the amount due until paid in full.

28. Payments. No payments in advance or in anticipation of services or supplies to be provided under this Contract shall be made by the Superintendent. All payments to the Contractor are conditioned upon (1) Contractor's submission of a properly executed and supported voucher for payment, including such supporting documentation of performance and supporting documentation of costs incurred or paid, or both as is otherwise provided for in the body of this contract under Duties of PESB and Superintendent, and (2) Acceptance and certification by PESB or designee of satisfactory performance by the Contractor.

Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, (1) All approvable vouchers for payment due to the Contractor shall be paid within thirty (30) calendar days of their submission by the Contractor, and (2) All expenses necessary to the Contractor's performance of this contract not specifically mentioned in the contract shall be borne in full by the Contractor.

29. Public Disclosure. Contractor acknowledges that PESB is subject to the Washington State Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW, and that this Contract shall be a public record as defined in RCW 42.56. Any specific information that is claimed by the Contractor to be confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified as such by the Contractor. To the extent consistent with chapter 42.56 RCW, PESB shall maintain the confidentiality of all such information marked confidential or proprietary. If a request is made to view the Contractor's information, PESB will notify the Contractor of the request and the date that such records will be released to the requester unless Contractor obtains a court order enjoining that disclosure. If the Contractor fails to obtain the court order enjoining disclosure, PESB will release the requested information on the date specified.

30. Publicity. The Contractor agrees to submit to PESB all advertising and publicity matters relating to this Contract which in PESB's judgment, PESB's name can be implied or is specifically mentioned. The Contractor agrees not to publish or use such advertising and publicity matters without the prior written consent of PESB.

31. Records Maintenance. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this contract and performance of the services described herein, including but not limited to accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Contract. Contractor shall retain such records for a period of six (6) years following the date of final payment. At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the contract, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review or audit by PESB, personnel duly authorized by PESB, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement.

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

32. Registration with Department of Revenue. The Contractor shall complete registration with the Department of Revenue and be responsible for payment of all taxes due on payments made under this Contract.

33. Right of Inspection. The Contractor shall provide right of access to its facilities to PESB or any of its officers at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this Contract on behalf of PESB. All inspections

and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner that will not unduly interfere with the Contractor's business or work hereunder.

- 34. Severability.** The provisions of this Contract are intended to be severable. If any term or provision is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Contract.
- 35. Site Security.** While on Superintendent/PESB premises, Contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors shall conform in all respects with physical, fire or other security policies or regulations.
- 36. Subcontracting.** Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor shall enter into subcontracts for any of the work contemplated under this Contract without obtaining prior written approval of PESB. In no event shall the existence of the subcontract operate to release or reduce liability of the Contractor to the PESB for any breach in the performance of the Contractor's duties. This clause does not include contracts of employment between the Contractor and personnel assigned to work under this Contract.
- 37. Taxes.** All payments accrued on account of payroll taxes, unemployment contributions, any other taxes, insurance or other expenses for the Contractor or its staff shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
- 38. Termination for Convenience.** Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, the Superintendent or Superintendent's Designee may, by ten (10) days written notice, beginning on the second day after the mailing, terminate this contract in whole or in part. The notice shall specify the date of termination and shall be conclusively deemed to have been delivered to and received by the Contractor as of midnight the second day of mailing in the absence of proof of actual delivery to and receipt by the Contractor. If this Contract is so terminated, the Superintendent shall be liable only for payment required under the terms of the Contract for services rendered or goods delivered prior to the effective date of termination.
- 39. Termination for Default.** In the event PESB determines the Contractor has failed to comply with the conditions of this Contract in a timely manner, the Superintendent has the right to suspend or terminate this Contract. The Superintendent shall notify the Contractor in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) days, the Contract may be terminated. The Superintendent reserves the right to suspend all or part of the Contract, withhold further payments, or prohibit the Contractor from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged compliance breach and pending corrective action by the Contractor or a decision by the Superintendent to terminate the Contract. In the event of termination, the Contractor shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any cost difference between the original Contract and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time. The termination shall be deemed to be a "Termination for Convenience" if it is determined that the Contractor: (1) was not in default; or (2) failure to perform was outside of his or her control, fault or negligence. The rights and remedies of the Superintendent provided in this Contract are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.
- 40. Termination Due to Funding Limitations or Contract Renegotiation, Suspension.** In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any

way after the effective date of this Contract and prior to normal completion of this Contract, with the notice specified below and without liability for damages:

- a. At Superintendent's discretion, the Superintendent may give written notice of intent to renegotiate the Contract under the revised funding conditions.
- b. At Superintendent's discretion, the Superintendent may give written notice to Contractor to suspend performance when Superintendent determines there is reasonable likelihood that the funding insufficiency may be resolved in a timeframe that would allow Contractor's performance to be resumed.
 - (1) During the period of suspension of performance, each party will inform the other of any conditions that may reasonably affect the potential for resumption of performance.
 - (2) When Superintendent determines that the funding insufficiency is resolved, it will give the Contractor written notice to resume performance, and Contractor shall resume performance.
 - (3) Upon the receipt of notice under b. (2), if Contractor is unable to resume performance of this Contract or if the Contractor's proposed resumption date is not acceptable to Superintendent and an acceptable date cannot be negotiated, Superintendent may terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor. The parties agree that the Contract will be terminated retroactive to the date of the notice of suspension. Superintendent shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the retroactive date of termination.
- c. Superintendent may immediately terminate this Contract by providing written notice to the Contractor. The termination shall be effective on the date specified in the termination notice. Superintendent shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination. No penalty shall accrue to Superintendent in the event the termination option in this section is exercised.
- d. For purposes of this section, "written notice" may include email.

41. Termination Procedure. Upon termination of this Contract PESB, in addition to other rights provided in this contract, may require the Contractor to deliver to PESB any property specifically produced or acquired for the performance of such part of this Agreement as has been terminated. The provisions of the "Treatment of Assets" clause shall apply in such property transfer.

The Superintendent shall pay to the Contractor the agreed upon price, if separately stated, for completed work and services accepted by PESB and the amount agreed upon by the Contractor and PESB for (a) completed work and services for which no separate price is stated, (b) partially completed work and services, (c) other property or services which are accepted by PESB, and (d) the protection and preservation of the property, unless the termination is for default, in which case the PESB shall determine the extent of the liability. Failure to agree with such determination shall be a dispute within the meaning of the "Disputes" clause for this Contract. The Superintendent may withhold from any amounts due to the Contractor such sum as the PESB determines to be necessary to protect the PESB against potential loss or liability.

The rights and remedies of the Superintendent provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law under this contract.

After receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed by the PESB, the Contractor shall:

- a. Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified, in the notice;
- b. Place no further orders or subcontractors for materials, services or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the contract that is not terminated;
- c. Assign to PESB, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by PESB, all rights, title, and interest of the Contractor under the orders and subcontracts in which case PESB has the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts;
- d. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of PESB to the extent PESB may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause;
- e. Transfer title to PESB and deliver, in the manner, at the times and to the extent as directed by the Superintendent, any property which, if the contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to PESB;
- f. Complete performance of such part of the work not terminated by the Superintendent; and
- g. Take such action as may be necessary, or as PESB may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this Agreement which, in is in the possession of the Contractor and in which PESB has or may acquire an interest.

42. Treatment of Assets. Except as otherwise provided for in the Contract, the ownership and title to all real property and all personal property purchased by the Contractor in the course of performing this contract with moneys paid by PESB shall vest in PESB, except for supplies consumed in performing this contract. The Contractor shall (1) maintain a current inventory of all the real and personal property; (2) label all the property "State of Washington, Professional Educators Standards Board"; and, (3) surrender property and title to PESB without charge prior to settlement upon completion, termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

Any property of PESB furnished to the Contractor shall, unless otherwise provided herein, or approved by PESB, be used only for the performance of the contract.

The Contractor shall be responsible for any loss or damage to property of PESB which results from the negligence of the Contractor which results from the failure on the part of the Contractor to maintain and administer that property in accordance with sound management practices.

If any property is lost, destroyed, or damaged, the Contractor shall notify PESB and take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.

All reference to the Contractor under this clause shall include Contractor's employees, agents and subcontractors.

43. Waiver. A failure by either part to exercise its rights under this Agreement shall not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this agreement. Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless stated to be such in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

EXHIBIT D
CONTRACTOR INTAKE FORM

Available as an editable Word document on [OSPI's contract website](#):

<https://www.k12.wa.us/about-ospi/contracting-ospi/competitive-procurements>