

NATIONAL CENTER AND STATE COLLABORATIVE

Amendment No. 1 to RFP #2013-03-01 Dated May 24, 2013

A. Purpose

This document amends RFP #2013-03-01 released by the National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) project. This amendment addresses an important update to the terms and requirements of the original RFP specifically related to Section 3.2.9, Open Source Solution, as described below. NCSC has also established new response dates and deliverable dates as indicated.

NCSC welcomes new respondents to submit proposals or offerors who previously submitted proposals to revise (if desired) and resubmit their proposals. A Vendor that does not want to revise its previously submitted proposal must advise NCSC of that fact. *In all cases, a Vendor submitting a new proposal or a revised proposal, or a Vendor that does not want to revise its proposal, must in writing acknowledge receipt of and agree to the terms of this Amendment No. 1.*

B. Project Overview

NCSC seeks proposals from vendors for a comprehensive technology system (“System”) to support the summative assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The System will serve as the primary mechanism for delivery of a summative assessment for students requiring diverse accommodations, and will warehouse information, deliver resources, facilitate scoring, and produce reports. The detailed specifications for the System are described in RFP #2013-0301 available at: <http://www.ncscpartners.org/procurement> and in a document that outlines the System architecture and proposed features and functions available at: <http://www.ncscpartners.org/news/ncsc-produces-architecture-and-technology-system-requirements-for-the-assessment-platform>.

With this amendment, the RFP is expanding the range of potential solutions so that a Vendor may provide a newly developed System or an open source/open licensed System that will be owned by NCSC, or a proprietary System licensed to NCSC, or a combination of these approaches. Specifically, proposals in fulfillment of the RFP’s requirements may offer a System that is (1) newly developed in its entirety, (2) newly developed, but contains elements that are pre-built/off-the-shelf to the vendor or a third party licensor, (3) completely pre-built/off-the-shelf to the vendor or a third party licensor, (4) completely pre-built/off-the-shelf to the vendor or a third party licensor, but includes newly developed customized modules, or (5) any combination of the above scenarios.

1. Revised Section 3.2.9, Ownership and Licensing of System

RFP Section 3.2.9 as originally issued is deleted in its entirety, is renamed as noted below, and is replaced with the following text:

Section 3.2.9, Ownership and Licensing of System

The Vendor may provide a newly developed or an open source/open licensed System that will be owned by NCSC, or a proprietary System licensed to NCSC, or a combination of a newly developed, open source/open licensed and/or proprietary System.

The NCSC GSEG team is committed to making decisions about the technology system that are in the best interest of NCSC GSEG in the context of sustainability, interoperability, innovation, and low cost of ownership/use. For systems that comprise or incorporate pre-existing technology solutions (whether open source/open licensed or proprietary), a Vendor must describe how such pre-existing technology solutions will be documented in fully transparent ways to make clear the process for system integration, how such pre-existing technology solutions will be licensed to NCSC, and how such pre-existing technology solutions will be supported.

By way of example only, the Vendor may propose a solution that provides software, documentation and data licenses that gives NCSC and its current and future member states with an unrestricted and perpetual license to use, display distribute and modify all aspects of the System, including any ancillary and supporting components necessary to implement the System. With this approach, the Vendor could release ownership rights to the System, and the System would be provided with source code to allow for its revision and distribution in both source code and compiled form.

Alternatively, and also by way of example only, the Vendor may propose a solution in which a fully/partially pre-built, customized System is licensed to the NCSC, where the Vendor retains ownership and rights. If such an approach were proposed, the Vendor would need to specify which components will be licensed and which will be released to NCSC, and would also need to state in its cost proposal the fixed price for licensing and supporting the System to the project for the period of the grant.

Proposal Requirements.

The Vendor's proposed solution for a comprehensive technology system must address the following requirements:

1. Identify the components of the System for which ownership will pass to NCSC (subject to open source/open licenses, which must also be identified);
2. Identify the components of the System for which ownership will be retained by the Vendor or its licensors;
3. Identify what restrictions (if any) will apply to NCSC's use, display, modify, distribute the System resulting from its constituent open source/open licenses and/or proprietary licensing;
4. Identify which components of the System will be provided to NCSC in source code format;
5. Identify which components of the System will not be provided to NCSC in source code format;
6. Identify the continuing costs of ownership for the System, not including maintenance and upgrades, but including continuing license fees and other costs associated with the use of the System for no less than five years following the grant by NCSC or any current or future member states;

7. Identify the cost of supporting the System, including routine maintenance, technical support and upgrades, for no less than five years following the grant by NCSC or any current or future member states; and
8. Describe how states who desire to implement the System via a third party following the grant will be supported.

In addition, the Vendor must state in its proposal its agreement to the following terms:

9. To the extent that the Vendor's proposed System includes continuing costs (such as, but not limited to, license fees or royalties), the Vendor must agree that its proposed pricing will be honored for no less than five years following the grant for any member states that may decide to continue use of the System; and
10. The Vendor must agree to provide all relevant information, documentation, and specifications for the System, so that states that wish to implement a "NCSC Compliant" technology system by a third party following the grant will be equipped to do so.

Expected Deliverables and Work Products:

- Plan for the development, licensing, cost of ownership and maintenance of the System (D)

Vendor Response

The Vendor's proposal must describe the development, ownership and licensing rights of its proposed System, addressing, at a minimum, the Proposal Requirements set forth above.

2. Revised Section 3.4, Deliverable Summary

RFP Section 3.4, Item 5, Plan for Open Source, referencing RFP Section 3.2.9 as originally issued is deleted in its entirety, is renamed as noted below, and is replaced with the following text:

5	Plan for development, licensing, cost of ownership and maintenance 3.2.9	Plan for the development, licensing, cost of ownership and maintenance of the System
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3. Timeline

Addendum released May 24, 2013

Deadline for Vendor Questions: June 7, 2013

Reponses to Vendor Questions: June 11, 2013

Proposals Due: June 19, 2013 3:00 EDT

All deliverable dates in the original RFP as reflected in table 2.2 remain in effect except for milestone one “Approved Project Plan” which now has a deliverable date of July 26, 2013.