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## **Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Evaluation Services Nita M. Lowery 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant**

Educational Service District 105 is Requesting Qualification from Evaluation Vendors to provide program evaluation services for a proposed Nita M. Lowery 21st CCLC program authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) of 2015. If awarded, the grant's purpose, objectives and outcomes are described below in section II. The selected vendor must have experience in evaluating school-based grants in diverse communities. Vendors should have experience in student/school data collection, analyzing data and producing evaluation reports meeting U.S. Department of Education requirements. Further desired qualifications, experience and requirements are described in section III.

**Due Date:** Submit qualifications before **5:00 PM PST, Monday, June 6, 2022.**

### **I. Educational Service District 105 (ESD 105)**

Educational Service District 105 supports the learning success of more than 66,000 students who attend the [25 public school districts and more than 20 state-approved private and tribal schools](#) we serve in South Central Washington. As a service agency, our purpose is to meet the expressed needs of local school districts by coordinating and conducting cooperative programs that benefit the educational needs of the young people in the four counties we serve.

Through our cost-effective uses of leveraging resources and creating cooperatives, ESD 105 brings this region about \$56 in services to schools for every \$1 in state core funding our agency receives.

As one of nine ESDs in the state of Washington, ESD 105 carries out liaison activities between local school districts, the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the State Board of Education. ESD 105 has approximately 130 employees, and our agency is governed by a seven-member board of directors.

ESD 105 implements and manages several programs and cooperatives that help schools save money while providing access to services they may not be able to offer on their own. Programs are developed based on the needs of our school districts. Our effective resource leveraging capabilities allow us to pool public and private support to secure new resources for our region.

### **II. Nita M. Lowery, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Overview**

The proposed grant is for up to five years beginning in August 2022 and running through the summer of 2027. ESD's proposal would serve three elementary schools in the Yakima School District; Garfield, Hoover and Roosevelt. ESD 105 would be the grantee and managing organization for the Yakima Consortia. These three Yakima schools serving a large number of Hispanic students in a high poverty diverse community. The Consortia's goal is to improve

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student outcomes by enhancing academic progress while supporting the student's social-emotional needs. We propose to achieve this by supporting all schools with **Training, Coaching, Technical Assistance and Evaluation** in implementing an evidence-based academic and SEL curricula with fidelity.

The objectives and outcomes for the grant are as follows:

**Objective #1:** To improve the reading proficiency of all program participants.

**Objective #2:** To improve the mathematical proficiency of all program participants.

**Objective #3:** To improve the mental health, well-being of all students.

**Objective #4:** To promote active and meaningful family engagement educational opportunities

### **III. Qualifications Submittal Requirements**

Interested evaluation vendors must submit a proposal that includes the following information in this order:

1. **Experience:** Describe your experience in evaluating school-based student/parent focused programs/grants. Include when, who, where and organization.
2. **Organizational Capacity:** Describe your capacity to provide these services to include years of operation, main office location and two references who can verify your experience.
3. **Qualifications:** Describe the qualification of individual(s) that will be assigned to this project. Indicate if you have any diversity expertise understanding the barriers faced by the target populations.
4. **Knowledge:** Describe your knowledge of designing data collection systems in your current or prior evaluation work.
5. **Developing Reports:** Describe your experience in writing local, state or federal required evaluation and Annual Performance Reports.
6. **Organization/Business:** Indicate if and where you are registered and licensed to conduct business in the state of Washington or in other states.

**Due Date:** Submit qualifications before **5:00 PM PST, Friday, May 26, 2023.**

**Submit Qualifications to:** Mike Closner via email: [mike.closner@esd105.org](mailto:mike.closner@esd105.org)

**Selection of Evaluation Vendor will be conducted by: Tuesday, May 30 2023.**