

Addendum #2

Grade 3-5 Virtual Learning Partner

Issue Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Bids Due: Wednesday, December 9, 2020

- Does the scope of work include curriculum for subject areas beyond math and ELA?

No

- Will the district accept a math curriculum aligned to Common Core State Standards?

Yes

- The Bid Document states the below text. Is the date December 31, 2020 correct?

No. The actual date is December 30, 2020.

- In regards to the requirement '*ELA content should be connected to grade level appropriate texts. These texts should be provided with access for all students*', do texts need to be in digital format? If not, would the District accept a proposal that includes physical copies of core texts? This would be an additional cost.

If both digital and print options are available, please submit pricing for both.

- Would the district accept a proposal for a program that includes math and science but not ELA?

The district may consider a vendor that provides resources/products for just one subject area.

- Considering current limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will the District accept digital proposal submissions via email with electronic signatures?

By state law, we cannot accept digital submissions. Electronic signatures on physical submissions are allowed.

- Would Providence Public School District accept electronic, emailed submission rather than in-person delivery, hard copy submissions given the current Covid-19 pandemic?

By state law, we cannot accept digital submissions.

- Does Providence have a budget range in mind for the project?

The district has not explicitly set a budget for this project, but up to \$700,000 may be available for this work.

- The RFP states the project timeline would be “in effect from the date of award through December 31, 2020”? Are you able to clarify the timeline for the intended scope of work?

The work must be completed and the products must be in Providence Public Schools’ possession by December 30, 2020 (not December 31, 2020).

- "The partner should be a leading thinker in delivering rigorous instruction virtually in the elementary grades." Does virtual instruction include both synchronous learning (where students are engaged with educators and peers) as well as asynchronous (independent) learning?

Yes

- Does this project relate to the Virtual Learning Academy? If so, could you explain a bit more?

Yes. More information on the Virtual Learning Academy can be found [here](#).

- Is it correct to assume this project is in response to virtual learning needs created by Covid 19 and social distancing?

Yes

- Is the vendor helping teachers to develop new ELA and math curriculum for grades 3-5?

The vendor will help us to develop enhanced delivery models for our existing core curriculum.

- Is the vendor helping teachers create lesson plans and integrate tech-enabled instructional strategies that support the existing grade 3-5 curriculum and work well in the virtual learning environment?

Yes

- Are the needs/deliverables for science and movement different than the needs/deliverables for math and ELA? If so, could you explain a bit?

Science and movement deliverables will be focused on plug and play materials and experiences, compared to math and ELA.

- Are the 40-50 teachers actively teaching for a full school day?

Yes

- Scope of work indicates "up to four hours per week per teacher"? Is the intent for teachers to be actively engaged in professional learning, outside of active instruction with students, for 4 hours per week?

Yes within certain parameters.

- Are there certain days of the week/times it would be ideal for teachers to be engaged in synchronous professional learning?

Yes, will vary by grade level but will largely fall during standard school days.

- Are all services to be delivered by December 2020?

Yes

- Will Providence consider a vendor for just one subject area – for example math?

Yes, the district may consider a vendor that provides resources/products for just one subject area.

- Will Providence consider a partnership that involves a subcontractor arrangement or partnership?

Providence Public School District does not have a preference in this regard. The contract will be between Providence Public School District and the prime contractor only.