



# MARIN COUNTY

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### Questions and Clarifications

#### RFP: English Language Arts/English Language Development Instructional Materials Follow Up Adoption Guidance

August 11, 2025

- Q1: Does this include the review and evaluation of current approved programs against the new guidance?
- If yes, how many programs will need an evaluation?
  - Will Marin COE, CDE, SBE provide samples of materials/access to online platforms for that review?

**RESPONSE:** This guidance is to be used for the follow up adoption pursuant to Education Code Section 60227. There are no changes to the instructional material programs adopted by the State Board of Education in November 2015.

- Q2: How many people and who (what roles) will be on the committee from Marin COE, CDE, SBE to participate in the collaborative planning process?

**RESPONSE:** Leadership staff from Marin COE, CDE and SBE will collaborate with the grantee on developing the guidance to support the follow-up adoption of instructional materials.

- Q3: Will there be a pre-bid meeting scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>?

**RESPONSE:** In accordance with the RFP Timeline, a pre-bid meeting will not be conducted.

- Q4: Will the guidance developed by the respondent be used by the Marin COE or by the California Department of Education?

**RESPONSE:** Pursuant to Section 89 of AB121, Chapter 8 of the Statutes of 2025, the guidance is to be used by the Instructional Quality Commission and the State Board of Education for the adoption and implementation of English Language Arts/English Language Development instructional materials programs.

Q5: Is the expectation that the maximum award for this solicitation will be \$250,000?

**RESPONSE:** As stated in the RFP Section III, Background and Legislative Goals, pursuant to relevant statutory requirements set forth in Section 89 of AB121, Chapter 8 of the Statutes of 2025, the following appropriation has been made:

“(a) For the 2025-26 fiscal year, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250,000) is hereby appropriated...”

Accordingly, the maximum available funding for this RFP is \$250,000 for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Q6: Who will implement this guidance (e.g., district staff, school staff, etc.)?

**RESPONSE:** This guidance may be used by staff who implement English Language Arts/English Language Development instructional materials programs.

Q7: In Section C (Description of Respondent Organization), the respondent needs to provide the location of the office where project team members will oversee the work. Are organizations without an office location in Marin County eligible to perform this work?

**RESPONSE:** Organizations without an office location in Marin County are eligible to perform this work.

Q8: How many contracts does Marin COE anticipate funding through this RFP?

**RESPONSE:** As stated in the RFP Section III, Background and Legislative Goals, pursuant to relevant statutory requirements set forth in Section 89 of AB121, Chapter 8 of the Statutes of 2025:

“(a) ...subject to the approval of the executive director of the State Board of Education, to partner with one or more research organizations, institutions of higher education, or other nonprofit organization with expertise in evidenced-based literacy instruction...”

This language specifies that one or more contracts may be issued through this RFP.