Questions and Answers regarding the SA-16 "Scaffolding for Students with Disabilities in NYS's P-12 ELA and Math Curriculum"

Updates to RFP

The contract end date has been changed from August 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015 to correspond to the deliverable time schedule. (pages 4 and 23)

The number of weekly meetings set forth in Section 1.2.1 (7) of the Bid Form Cost Proposal has been reduced from 52 to 44. (page 75)

The requirements for consortium applicants have been clarified. (page 4)

The requirement that the Project Director must be employed by the contractor during the contract period has been added. (page 9 and 73)

Q&A

1. What is the anticipated maximum amount of funding to be awarded?

This RFP is a competitive procurement in which a bidder's score is weighted 70% toward its technical proposal and 30% on its cost proposal. The RFP provides details about the deliverables required to be performed under the contract to be issued from this RFP. These deliverables provide the framework for quantifying a bidder's cost proposal. NYSED will not be providing budget figures for this RFP. For scoring criteria, please see the Evaluation Criteria and Method of Award section of the RFP.

2. If several IHEs and a BOCES wish to collaborate on one submission, would they each be considered contractors and not subcontractors for budgeting purposes?

A consortium of IHE's is listed as an eligible applicant in the RFP. NYSED requires that there be a lead applicant on behalf of other consortium member IHE's and that all the participating IHEs and the services to be provided by each IHE are identified in the proposal. Consortium members will not be counted against the subcontracting limit. The lead applicant will be considered the "vendor" or the "contractor" for purposes of the RFP and the resulting contract and will be responsible for the performance of the deliverables detailed in the RFP. The Project Director must be employed by the contractor during the contract period.

A BOCES may act as a subcontractor; however, subcontracting will be limited to 30% of the total contract budget.

3. In budgeting for the mandatory meetings, the cost of a trip to NYC is much more expensive than Albany for our application. Will the meeting location be determined by vicinity of the location to the contractors or by some other NYSED criteria?

NYSED has offices in NYC and Albany. Meetings may be in either place, depending on NYSED staff involved. Location of the vendor will not be a factor in location of the meetings. Although all meetings may not be located in New York City, for budgeting purposes assume all meetings are located in NYC.

4. A team of colleagues from IHEs and a BOCES want to submit one proposal. Is this possible and have us all be contractors and not subcontractors?

See answer to #2