



University of the State of New York State Education Department

Notice of Intent to Issue: A Request for Proposals for New York State Student Assessments for Science in Grades 4 and 6-8 and Social Studies in Grades 6-8

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) will be issuing a request for proposals for **State Student Assessments for Science in Grades 4 and 6-8 and Social Studies in Grades 6-8**. NYSED will evaluate proposals on their alignment with the requirements established in the forthcoming Request for Proposals (RFP).

Products Being Solicited

Final product requirements will be established in the coming weeks and NYSED will be soliciting proposals for calibrated item banks that yield operational test forms in Science for grades 4, 6, 7, and 8, as well as in Social Studies for grades 6, 7, and 8. Both the science and social studies testing programs are expected to be operational as early as the 2013-14 school year.

The requested services may include:

- Conducting field testing using stand-alone field tests and/or items embedded within the operational tests,
- Scoring the field tests and creating a calibrated item bank,
- Developing operational test forms, ancillary materials, and scoring materials, and
- Performing associated analyses and research.

Test development will likely start in late spring or early summer 2012 with the creation of field tests for administration in Spring 2013. Eligible applicants include testing companies and/or educational organizations with demonstrated experience in developing secure, high volume, standardized assessments including both multiple-choice and constructed-response items. Organizations will be required to have a demonstrated record of successfully delivering state-wide assessments via technology such as computers and/or mobile devices.

The RFP Process

NYSED expects to issue the RFP late in 2011. Specific submission requirements will be delineated in the RFP itself.

Notice of NYSED's RFP for this procurement opportunity will be made available at:

<http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/rfp/>

At the time of the official RFP posting, NYSED anticipates that providers will have approximately one month to submit proposals. If you would like to receive an email notification when the official RFP has been posted, please email SciSsTestRfp@mail.nysed.gov with the request.

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