



State of Oklahoma
Office of Management and Enterprise Services
Central Purchasing Division

Solicitation

1. Solicitation #: 2650000286

2. Solicitation Issue Date: 4/15/2014

3. Brief Description of Requirement:

Reading Leaders / Educational Consultants / Inservice Providers

RFP NOTICE: Please note that on an RFP no pricing shall be released at the time of opening. Should a public opening be requested the only information to be released will be a list of bidders without pricing.

4. Response Due Date¹: 5/6/2014

Time: 3:00 PM CST/CDT

5. Issued By and RETURN SEALED BID TO:

Personal or Common Carrier Delivery or U.S. Postal Delivery:

Office of Management and Enterprise Services
Central Purchasing Division
Will Rogers Building
2401 N. Lincoln Blvd, Suite 116,
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

6. Solicitation Type (check one below):

- ☐ Invitation to Bid
☒ Request for Proposal
☐ Request for Quote

7. Requesting Agency: Oklahoma State Department of Education

8. Contracting Officer:

Name: Jacob M. Charries

Phone: (405) 522-1040

Email: Jacob.Charries@omes.ok.gov

¹ Amendments to solicitation may change the Response Due Date (read CP GENERAL PROVISIONS, section 3, "Solicitation Amendments")
OMES-FORM-CP-070 (02/2013)



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Responding Bidder Information

"Certification for Competitive Bid and Contract" **MUST** be submitted along with the response to the Solicitation.

1. **RE: Solicitation #** 2650000286

2. **Bidder General Information:**

FEI / SSN : _____

VEN ID: _____

Company Name: _____

3. **Bidder Contact Information:**

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Title: _____

Phone #: _____ FAX#: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

4. **Oklahoma Sales Tax Permit²:**

☐ YES – Permit #: _____

☐ NO – Exempt pursuant to Oklahoma Laws or Rules

5. **Registration with the Oklahoma Secretary of State:**

☐ YES - Filing Number: _____

☐ NO - Prior to the contract award, the successful bidder will be required to register with the Secretary of State or must attach a signed statement that provides specific details supporting the exemption the supplier is claiming (www.sos.ok.gov or 405-521-3911).

6. **Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage:**

Bidder is required to provide with the bid a certificate of insurance showing proof of compliance with the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Act.

☐ YES – include a certificate of insurance with the bid

☐ NO - attach a signed statement that provides specific details supporting the exemption you are claiming from the Workers' Compensation Act (Note: Pursuant to Attorney General Opinion #07-8, the exemption from 85 O.S. 2011, § 311 applies only to employers who are natural persons, such as sole proprietors, and does not apply to employers who are entities created by law, including but not limited to corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies.)³

Authorized Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

² For frequently asked questions concerning Oklahoma Sales Tax Permit, see <http://www.tax.ok.gov/faq/faqbusssales.html>

³ For frequently asked questions concerning workers' compensation insurance, see <http://www.ok.gov/oid/faqs.html#c221>



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Certification for Competitive
Bid and/or Contract
(Non-Collusion Certification)

NOTE: A certification shall be included with any competitive bid and/or contract exceeding \$5,000.00 submitted to the State for goods or services.

Solicitation or Purchase Order #: 2650000286

Supplier Legal Name: _____

SECTION I [74 O.S. § 85.22]:

A. For purposes of competitive bid,

1. I am the duly authorized agent of the above named bidder submitting the competitive bid herewith, for the purpose of certifying the facts pertaining to the existence of collusion among bidders and between bidders and state officials or employees, as well as facts pertaining to the giving or offering of things of value to government personnel in return for special consideration in the letting of any contract pursuant to said bid;
2. I am fully aware of the facts and circumstances surrounding the making of the bid to which this statement is attached and have been personally and directly involved in the proceedings leading to the submission of such bid; and
3. Neither the bidder nor anyone subject to the bidder's direction or control has been a party:
 - a. to any collusion among bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding,
 - b. to any collusion with any state official or employee as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective contract, or as to any other terms of such prospective contract, nor
 - c. in any discussions between bidders and any state official concerning exchange of money or other thing of value for special consideration in the letting of a contract.

B. I certify, if awarded the contract, whether competitively bid or not, neither the contractor nor anyone subject to the contractor's direction or control has paid, given or donated or agreed to pay, give or donate to any officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma any money or other thing of value, either directly or indirectly, in procuring this contract herein.

SECTION II [74 O.S. § 85.42]:

For the purpose of a contract for services, the supplier also certifies that no person who has been involved in any manner in the development of this contract while employed by the State of Oklahoma shall be employed by the supplier to fulfill any of the services provided for under said contract.

The undersigned, duly authorized agent for the above named supplier, by signing below acknowledges this certification statement is executed for the purposes of:

☐ the competitive bid attached herewith and contract, if awarded to said supplier;

OR

☐ the contract attached herewith, which was not competitively bid and awarded by the agency pursuant to applicable Oklahoma statutes.

Supplier Authorized Signature

Certified This Date

Printed Name

Title

Phone Number

Email

Fax Number

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A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A.1. Definitions

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- A.1.1. "Acquisition" means items, products, materials, supplies, services, and equipment a state agency acquires by purchase, lease purchase, lease with option to purchase, or rental pursuant to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act;
- A.1.2. "Bid" means an offer in the form of a bid, proposal, or quote a bidder submits in response to a solicitation;
- A.1.3. "Bidder" means an individual or business entity that submits a bid in response to a solicitation;
- A.1.4. "Solicitation" means a request or invitation by the State Purchasing Director or a state agency for a supplier to submit a priced offer to sell acquisitions to the state. A solicitation may be an invitation to bid, request for proposal, or a request for quotation; and
- A.1.5. "Supplier" or "vendor" means an individual or business entity that sells or desires to sell acquisitions to state agencies.

A.2. Bid Submission

- A.2.1. Submitted bids shall be in strict conformity with the instructions to bidders and shall be submitted with a completed Responding Bidder Information, OMES-FORM-CP-076, and any other forms required by the solicitation.
- A.2.2. Bids shall be submitted to the Central Purchasing Division in a single envelope, package, or container and shall be sealed, unless otherwise detailed in the solicitation. The name and address of the bidder shall be inserted in the upper left corner of the single envelope, package, or container. SOLICITATION NUMBER AND SOLICITATION RESPONSE DUE DATE AND TIME MUST APPEAR ON THE FACE OF THE SINGLE ENVELOPE, PACKAGE, OR CONTAINER.
- A.2.3. The required certification statement, "Certification for Competitive Bid and/or Contract (Non-Collusion Certification)", OMES-FORM-CP-004, must be made out in the name of the bidder and must be properly executed by an authorized person, with full knowledge and acceptance of all its provisions.
- A.2.4. All bids shall be legible and completed in ink or with electronic printer or other similar office equipment. Any corrections to bids shall be identified and initialed in ink by the bidder. Penciled bids and penciled corrections shall NOT be accepted and will be rejected as non-responsive. In addition to a hard copy submittal, the bidder will also be required to submit an electronic copy. Electronic responses must be submitted in the identical format contained in the solicitation (for example Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, but not Adobe PDF). In the event the hard copy of the price worksheets and electronic copy of the price worksheets do not agree, the electronic copy will prevail.
- A.2.5. All bids submitted shall be subject to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, Central Purchasing Rules, and other statutory regulations as applicable, these General Provisions, any Special Provisions, solicitation specifications, required certification statement, and all other terms and conditions listed or attached herein—all of which are made part of this solicitation.

A.3. Solicitation Amendments

- A.3.1. If an "Amendment of Solicitation", OMES-FORM-CP-011, is issued, the bidder shall acknowledge receipt of any/all amendment(s) to solicitations by signing and returning the solicitation amendment(s). Amendment acknowledgement(s) may be submitted with the bid or may be forwarded separately. If forwarded separately, amendment acknowledgement(s) must contain the solicitation number and response due date and time on the front of the envelope. The Central Purchasing Division must receive the amendment acknowledgement(s) by the response due date and time specified for receipt of bids for the bid to be deemed responsive. Failure to acknowledge solicitation amendments may be grounds for rejection.
- A.3.2. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in the solicitation. All amendments to the solicitation shall be made in writing by the Central Purchasing Division.
- A.3.3. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the OMES/Central Purchasing Division website frequently for any possible amendments that may be issued. The Central Purchasing Division is not responsible for a bidder's failure to download any amendment documents required to complete a solicitation.

A.4. Bid Change

If the bidder needs to change a bid prior to the solicitation response due date, a new bid shall be submitted to the Central Purchasing Division with the following statement "This bid supersedes the bid previously submitted" in a single envelope, package, or container and shall be sealed, unless otherwise detailed in the solicitation. The name and address of the bidder shall be inserted in the upper left corner of the single envelope, package, or container. SOLICITATION NUMBER AND SOLICITATION RESPONSE DUE DATE AND TIME MUST APPEAR ON THE FACE OF THE SINGLE ENVELOPE, PACKAGE, OR CONTAINER.

A.5. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

By submitting a response to this solicitation:

- A.5.1. The prospective primary participant and any subcontractor certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that they and their principals or participants:
 - A.5.1.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal, State or local department or agency;
 - A.5.1.2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or pled guilty or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) contract; or for violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - A.5.1.3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A.5.1.2. of this certification; and
 - A.5.1.4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public (Federal, State, or local) contracts terminated for cause or default.
- A.5.2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to its solicitation response.

A.6. Bid Opening

Sealed bids shall be opened by the Central Purchasing Division at the Will Rogers Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd. First Floor, Suite 116, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105 at the time and date specified in the solicitation as Response Due Date and Time.

A.7. Open Bid / Open Record

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Public Open Records Act, a public bid opening does not make the bid(s) immediately accessible to the public. The procurement or contracting agency shall keep the bid(s) confidential, and provide prompt and reasonable access to the records only after a contract is awarded or the solicitation is cancelled. This practice protects the integrity of the competitive bid process and prevents excessive disruption to the procurement process. The interest of achieving the best value for the State of Oklahoma outweighs the interest of vendors immediately knowing the contents of competitor's bids. [51 O.S. § 24A.5(5)]

Additionally, financial or proprietary information submitted by a bidder may be designated by the Purchasing Director as confidential and the procurement entity may reject all requests to disclose information designated as confidential pursuant to 62 O.S. (2012) § 34.11.1(H)(2) and 74 O.S. (2011) § 85.10. Bidders claiming any portion of their bid as proprietary or confidential must specifically identify what documents or portions of documents they consider confidential and identify applicable law supporting their claim of confidentiality. The State Purchasing Director shall make the final decision as to whether the documentation or information is confidential pursuant to 74 O.S. § 85.10. Otherwise, documents and information a bidder submits as part of or in connection with a bid are public records and subject to disclosure after contract award or the solicitation is cancelled.

A.8. Late Bids

Bids received by the Central Purchasing Division after the response due date and time shall be deemed non-responsive and shall NOT be considered for any resultant award.

A.9. Legal Contract

- A.9.1. Submitted bids are rendered as a legal offer and any bid, when accepted by the Central Purchasing Division, shall constitute a contract.
- A.9.2. The Contract resulting from this solicitation may consist of the following documents in order of preference:
 - A.9.2.1. Purchase order, as amended by Change Order (if applicable);
 - A.9.2.2. Solicitation, as amended (if applicable); and
 - A.9.2.3. Successful bid (including required certifications), to the extent the bid does not conflict with the requirements of the solicitation or applicable law.

A.9.3. Any contract(s) awarded pursuant to the solicitation shall be legibly written or typed.

A.10. Pricing

A.10.1. Bids shall remain firm for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the solicitation closing date.

A.10.2. Bidders guarantee unit prices to be correct.

A.10.3. In accordance with 74 O.S. §85.40, ALL travel expenses to be incurred by the supplier in performance of the Contract shall be included in the total bid price/contract amount.

A.11. Manufacturers' Name and Approved Equivalents

Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, manufacturers' names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for information and not intended to limit competition. Bidder may offer any brand for which they are an authorized representative, and which meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). However, if bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the bid form the manufacturer's name and number. Bidder shall submit sketches, descriptive literature, and/or complete specifications with their bid. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. The bidder shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. Bids that do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection.

A.12. Clarification of Solicitation

A.12.1. Clarification pertaining to the contents of this solicitation shall be directed in writing to the Central Purchasing Contracting Officer specified in the solicitation.

A.12.2. If a bidder fails to notify the State of an error, ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the SOLICITATION, known to the bidder, or that reasonably should have been known by the bidder, the bidder shall submit a bid at its own risk; and if awarded the contract, the bidder shall not be entitled to additional compensation, relief, or time, by reason of the error or its later correction. If a bidder takes exception to any requirement or specification contained in the SOLICITATION, these exceptions must be clearly and prominently stated in their response.

A.12.3. Bidders who believe proposal requirements or specifications are unnecessarily restrictive or limit competition may submit a written request for administrative review to the State prior to the closing date.

A.13. Rejection of Bid

The State reserves the right to reject any bids that do not comply with the requirements and specifications of the solicitation. A bid may be rejected when the bidder imposes terms or conditions that would modify requirements of the solicitation or limit the bidder's liability to the State. Other possible reasons for rejection of bids are listed in OAC 580:16-7-32.

A.14. Award of Contract

A.14.1. The State Purchasing Director may award the Contract to more than one bidder by awarding the Contract(s) by item or groups of items, or may award the Contract on an ALL OR NONE basis, whichever is deemed by the State Purchasing Director to be in the best interest of the State of Oklahoma.

A.14.2. Contract awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder(s) unless the solicitation specifies that best value criteria is being used.

A.14.3. In order to receive an award or payments from the State of Oklahoma, suppliers must be registered. The vendor registration process can be completed electronically through the OMES website at the following link: <https://www.ok.gov/dcs/vendors/index.php>.

A.15. Contract Modification

A.15.1. The Contract is issued under the authority of the State Purchasing Director who signs the Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a written Contract Modification, signed by the State Purchasing Director.

A.15.2. Any change to the Contract, including but not limited to the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the Central Purchasing Division in writing, or made unilaterally by the supplier, is a breach of the Contract. Unless otherwise specified by applicable law or rules, such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Modifications, shall be void and without effect, and the supplier shall not be entitled to any claim under this Contract based on those changes. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in the resultant Contract.

A.16. Delivery, Inspection and Acceptance

A.16.1. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation or awarding documents, all deliveries shall be F.O.B. Destination. The bidder(s) awarded the Contract shall prepay all packaging, handling, shipping and delivery charges and firm

prices quoted in the bid shall include all such charges. All products and/or services to be delivered pursuant to the Contract shall be subject to final inspection and acceptance by the State at destination. "Destination" shall mean delivered to the receiving dock or other point specified in the purchase order. The State assumes no responsibility for goods until accepted by the State at the receiving point in good condition. Title and risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the supplier until accepted by the receiving agency. The supplier(s) awarded the Contract shall be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting any and all damage claims accruing prior to acceptance.

- A.16.2. Supplier(s) awarded the Contract shall be required to deliver products and services as bid on or before the required date. Deviations, substitutions or changes in products and services shall not be made unless expressly authorized in writing by the Central Purchasing Division.

A.17. Invoicing and Payment

- A.17.1. Pursuant to 74 O.S. §85.44(B), invoices will be paid in arrears after products have been delivered or services provided.

- A.17.2. Interest on late payments made by the State of Oklahoma is governed by 62 O.S. §34.71 and 62 O.S. §34.72.

A.18. Tax Exemption

State agency acquisitions are exempt from sales taxes and federal excise taxes. Bidders shall not include these taxes in price quotes.

A.19. Audit and Records Clause

- A.19.1. As used in this clause, "records" includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data, or in any other form. In accepting any Contract with the State, the successful bidder(s) agree any pertinent State or Federal agency will have the right to examine and audit all records relevant to execution and performance of the resultant Contract.

- A.19.2. The successful bidder(s) awarded the Contract(s) is required to retain records relative to the Contract for the duration of the Contract and for a period of seven (7) years following completion and/or termination of the Contract. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving such records is started before the end of the seven (7) year period, the records are required to be maintained for two (2) years from the date that all issues arising out of the action are resolved, or until the end of the seven (7) year retention period, whichever is later.

A.20. Non-Appropriation Clause

The terms of any Contract resulting from the solicitation and any Purchase Order issued for multiple years under the Contract are contingent upon sufficient appropriations being made by the Legislature or other appropriate government entity. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary in the solicitation, purchase order, or any other Contract document, the procuring agency may terminate its obligations under the Contract if sufficient appropriations are not made by the Legislature or other appropriate governing entity to pay amounts due for multiple year agreements. The Requesting (procuring) Agency's decisions as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the supplier and shall be final and binding.

A.21. Choice of Law

Any claims, disputes, or litigation relating to the solicitation, or the execution, interpretation, performance, or enforcement of the Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

A.22. Choice of Venue

Venue for any action, claim, dispute or litigation relating in any way to the Contract shall be in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

A.23. Termination for Cause

- A.23.1. The supplier may terminate the Contract for default or other just cause with a 30-day written request and upon written approval from the Central Purchasing Division. The State may terminate the Contract for default or any other just cause upon a 30-day written notification to the supplier.
- A.23.2. The State may terminate the Contract immediately, without a 30-day written notice to the supplier, when violations are found to be an impediment to the function of an agency and detrimental to its cause, when conditions preclude the 30-day notice, or when the State Purchasing Director determines that an administrative error occurred prior to Contract performance.
- A.23.3. If the Contract is terminated, the State shall be liable only for payment for products and/or services delivered and accepted.

A.24. Termination for Convenience

- A.24.1. The State may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, for convenience if the State Purchasing Director determines that termination is in the State's best interest. The State Purchasing Director shall terminate the Contract by delivering to the supplier a Notice of Termination for Convenience specifying the terms and effective date of Contract termination. The Contract termination date shall be a minimum of 60 days from the date the Notice of Termination for Convenience is issued by the State Purchasing Director.
- A.24.2. If the Contract is terminated, the State shall be liable only for products and/or services delivered and accepted, and for costs and expenses (exclusive of profit) reasonably incurred prior to the date upon which the Notice of Termination for Convenience was received by the supplier.

A.25. Insurance

The successful bidder(s) awarded the Contract shall obtain and retain insurance, including workers' compensation, automobile insurance, medical malpractice, and general liability, as applicable, or as required by State or Federal law, prior to commencement of any work in connection with the Contract. The supplier awarded the Contract shall timely renew the policies to be carried pursuant to this section throughout the term of the Contract and shall provide the Central Purchasing Division and the procuring agency with evidence of such insurance and renewals.

A.26. Employment Relationship

The Contract does not create an employment relationship. Individuals performing services required by this Contract are not employees of the State of Oklahoma or the procuring agency. The supplier's employees shall not be considered employees of the State of Oklahoma nor of the procuring agency for any purpose, and accordingly shall not be eligible for rights or benefits accruing to state employees.

A.27. Compliance with the Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act of 2007

By submitting a bid for services, the bidder certifies that they, and any proposed subcontractors, are in compliance with 25 O.S. §1313 and participate in the Status Verification System. The Status Verification System is defined in 25 O.S. §1312 and includes but is not limited to the free Employment Verification Program (E-Verify) through the Department of Homeland Security and available at www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.

A.28. Compliance with Applicable Laws

The products and services supplied under the Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, and the supplier shall maintain all applicable licenses and permit requirements.

A.29. Special Provisions

Special Provisions set forth in SECTION B apply with the same force and effect as these General Provisions. However, conflicts or inconsistencies shall be resolved in favor of the Special Provisions.

B. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

B.1. Contract Period

B.1.1. Initial contract period will run from July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

B.1.1.1. Contract has option to renew for five (5) additional one year periods at the same terms and conditions.

B.2. Extension of Contract.

B.2.1. The State may extend the term of this contract for up to 90 day intervals if mutually agreed upon by both parties in writing.

B.3. **The contractor shall not commence work, commit funds, incur costs, or in any way act to obligate the State until so notified in writing of the approval of the contract. The authorized State representative is the only individual who can transmit that approval to the contractor.**

B.4. **The supplier must be able to provide all services listed in this RFP without subcontracting to any alternate organization.**

B.5. **All contractor changes after award, including changes of the actual employees performing services on this contract, are subject to approval by the State.**

B.6. **Contractor's employees or agents, if any, who perform services for the State under this agreement shall also be bound by the provisions of this agreement. At the request of the State, contractor shall provide adequate evidence that such persons are their employees or agents. In accordance with the Section on "Employment Relationship", the State shall not be responsible for contractor's employees for any employee compensation insurance, paid vacation, or any other employee benefit.**

B.7. **All travel under this contract shall be reimbursed subject to the terms and amounts as set forth in the Oklahoma State Travel Reimbursement Act.**

B.8. STUDENT DATA ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

B.8.1. When and where applicable, Vendor's ability to provide services under this Agreement requires OSDE to share student data containing confidential personally identifiable information ("PII") from education records maintained by OSDE with Vendor. Vendor agrees to comply with all state and federal laws relating to student data and privacy, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, (20 U.S.C § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) ("FERPA") and the Oklahoma Student Data Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability Act of 2013, (70 O.S. § 3-168).

B.8.2. Agreement must include the Purpose of the Agreement; must specifically include all data points to be released by OSDE and what the Vendor will do with the student data.

B.8.3. Student data released to Vendor will be limited to data points specifically listed in this Agreement. If Vendor determines that there is a legitimate need to receive or access additional student data/information and that such information is necessary to perform required duties/responsibilities, Vendor shall submit a written request to OSDE detailing the information needed and state the purpose of the disclosure. If OSDE determines that access is necessary and appropriate, this Agreement may be modified in accordance with request. No information shall be provided until the Agreement is modified to reflect additional/subsequent data disclosures.

B.8.4. Vendor will safeguard the confidentiality and integrity of all data received pursuant to this Agreement, place limitations on its use, and maintain compliance with all applicable privacy laws. Vendor shall establish appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to ensure the security and confidentiality of all student data.

B.8.5. Student information from education records cannot be published in a way that would allow individual students or their parents to be identified. Any reports or published information that is a

result of or derived from confidential student data containing PII provided by OSDE shall not allow individuals to be directly or indirectly identified and shall contain no student level data. Vendor may use student information from education records to perform contractual duties as required by this Agreement, but any published results must be presented in a manner which protects the privacy and confidentiality of individuals involved. The OSDE shall be provided the opportunity to review all results prior to publication.

- B.8.6.** Vendor shall require all staff to comply with the data security and confidentiality provisions set forth herein. Only those employees that are directly involved in performing tasks outlined herein and who have a legitimate interest in providing services according to the terms of this Agreement shall be entitled to access student data. Vendor shall take steps to maintain the confidentiality of student information from education records. [The Agreement must specifically state the offices or employees within the Vendor who will have access to the student data disclosed by OSDE.]
- B.8.7.** This Agreement does not constitute a release of student-level data for the requestor's discretionary use. Access to (or disclosure of) confidential student information contained from education records pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall not constitute an assignment of ownership of the information provided. OSDE retains all ownership rights to the data transferred pursuant to this Agreement, and Vendor shall not obtain any right, title, or interest in any of the data furnished by OSDE.
- B.8.8.** OSDE data may only be used to carry out responsibilities throughout the duration of the projects/task/assignments specified herein. OSDE data may only be used to perform the duties specified in this Agreement. Any unauthorized use of the data files beyond the terms specified in the Agreement is not permitted. Vendor shall not use the data for purposes other than the projects/task/assignments identified herein. [May contain brief description of how Vendor will access the information.]
- B.8.9.** Vendor shall immediately notify the OSDE if there is any unauthorized access or breach to the information provided by the OSDE and take reasonable steps to mitigate any breach. In the event a breach occurs, Vendor will take reasonable steps and implement corrective procedures to ensure that further breaches do not occur.
- B.8.10.** OSDE shall be notified immediately if Vendor receives a request for the student data containing PII provided by the SDE. If Vendor becomes legally compelled to disclose any confidential PII (whether by judicial or administrative order, applicable law, rule or regulation, or otherwise, then Vendor shall use all reasonable efforts to provide OSDE with prior notice before disclosure so that OSDE may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy to prevent the disclosure. If a protective order or other remedy is not obtained prior to when any legally compelled disclosure is required, Vendor shall only disclose that portion of the confidential PII that it is legally required to disclose.
- B.8.11.** Vendor may determine that it is necessary to employ a contractor or subcontractor to fulfill contractual obligations under the Contracts. Vendor shall ensure, by written agreement, that any contractor or subcontractor employed by Vendor remains in compliance with (FERPA), 20 USC § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99, and the Oklahoma Student Data Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability Act of 2013, 70 O.S. § 3-168. OSDE shall enter into a Data Sharing Agreement with any contractor or subcontractor employed by Vendor prior to the release of any student data or personally identifiable information.
- B.8.12.** The OSDE will immediately terminate this agreement and this agreement shall not be renewed due to the breach of any of the terms and conditions of the data security and confidentiality provisions set forth herein by Vendor and OSDE may revoke any other existing RFP's or contract with Vendor. (OAC 580:16-3-23 and OAC 580:16-9-9)
- B.8.13.** The OSDE may seek monetary, restitutive and punitive damages against Vendor for a breach of any of the terms and conditions of the data security and confidentiality provisions set forth herein as allowed by law.
- B.8.14.** Upon notification of a breach in the terms and conditions of the data security and confidentiality provisions set forth herein, the OSDE will not release any additional confidential personally identifiable information ("PII") from education records maintained by OSDE to the Vendor.

B.8.15. Upon completion of the services detailed in this agreement or upon termination of this agreement, Vendor shall immediately destroy all PII that was disclosed by the OSDE and provided to Vendor for the purposes detailed in this agreement. Within ten (10) days of destruction, Vendor shall provide written notification to the OSDE of the date and method of destruction of these records.

B.9. FUNDING:

B.9.1. Due to possible future reductions in State and/or Federal appropriations, the Department cannot guarantee the continued availability of funding for this contract. In the event funds to finance this contract become unavailable, either in full or in part, due to such reductions in appropriations, the Department may terminate or reduce the contract in consideration and upon notice in writing to the Vendor. The Department shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds. In the event of non-appropriation or discontinuance of funding for this contract, the Vendor will be paid for products and/or services provided up to the effective date of termination.

B.10. The prospective bidder certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

B.11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

B.11.1. Any dispute concerning the question of fact in connection with the work, not disposed of by the contract between the parties hereto, shall be referred to the STATE agency that initially awarded this contract (e.g., Office of Management and Enterprise Services). The decision of the administrator of said agency, or his/her duly authorized representatives, shall be final and conclusive on the parties to this contract.

B.12. GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS

B.12.1. The CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor's if any, shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any court or administrative bodies or tribunals in any nature affecting the performance of this Contract, including worker's compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations. When required, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish the STATE with satisfactory proof of its compliance therewith.

B.13. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

B.13.1. The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person specifically to solicit or secure this Contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty the STATE shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability, or at its discretion, to deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

B.14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

B.14.1. In connection with the execution of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin. The CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment; upgrading; demotion or transfer; recruitment or advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to insert a similar revision in all subcontracts, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

B.15. TITLE VI - CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

B.15.1. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Regulations of Department of Transportation issued thereunder (CFR Title 49, Subtitle A, Part 21), and the assurance by the CONTRACTOR pursuant thereto.

B.16. During the performance of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest, agrees as follows:

B.16.1. Compliance with Regulations: The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "U.S. DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

B.16.2. Nondiscrimination The CONTRACTOR, with regards to the work performed by it during this Contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited in Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

B.16.3. Solicitations for Subcontracts: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the CONTRACTOR for work to be performed under a subcontract, if such subcontracting is approved by the STATE, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the CONTRACTOR of the CONTRACTOR'S obligations under this Contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin.

B.16.4. Information and Reports: The CONTRACTOR shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the STATE to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information is required or a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the CONTRACTOR shall so certify to the STATE, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

B.16.5. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract, the STATE shall impose such contract sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

B.16.5.1. Withholding of payments to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract until the CONTRACTOR complies, and/or,

B.16.5.2. Cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

B.17. Incorporation of Provisions

B.17.1. The CONTRACTOR shall include the provisions of THE ABOVE Paragraphs of this section in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The CONTRACTOR shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the STATE may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that, in the event the CONTRACTOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the CONTRACTOR may request the STATE to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the STATE.

B.18. BINDING EFFECT

B.18.1. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the STATE and the CONTRACTOR and shall be binding upon their successors and assigns subject to the limitations of Oklahoma law.

B.19. HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

B.19.1. The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and save harmless the STATE, their respective officers, employees and agents from all claims, suits, or actions of every kind and character made upon or brought against the STATE, their respective officers, employees and agents, for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties by or from acts of said CONTRACTOR or its servants, agents and subcontractors, in doing the work and rendered the services Contracted for, or by or consequence of any negligence in operations or any improper material or equipment used, or by or on account of any act or omission of said CONTRACTOR or his or its servants, agents and subcontractors. This hold harmless and indemnity obligation shall include attorney's fees, court costs and all other expenses incurred in the investigation and defense of any claim or suit.

B.20. Limitation of Liability

B.20.1. The Supplier acknowledges that, under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, the Supplier may not contractually limit their potential liability. To the extent any limitation of liability contained in any resulting contract is construed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be a limitation of liability in violation of Oklahoma law, such limitation of liability shall be void.

B.21. PRIOR UNDERSTANDINGS

B.21.1. This contract incorporates and reduces to writing all prior understandings, promises, agreements, commitments, covenants, or conditions, and constitutes the full and complete understanding and contractual relationship of the parties.

B.22. AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

B.22.1. No changes, revisions, amendments or alterations in the manner, scope, or type of work or compensation to be paid by the STATE shall be effective unless reduced to writing and executed by the parties with the same formalities as are observed in the execution of this contract.

B.23. RECORDS

B.23.1. The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred under this contract, and shall make all such materials available to the STATE or any of its duly authorized representatives and the State Auditor and Inspector at any reasonable time during the term of work on the contract, and for three (3) years from date of final payment to the CONTRACTOR by STATE for work performed hereunder.

B.24. HEADINGS

B.24.1. Article headings used in the contract are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed a part of this contract for any purpose.

B.25. ASSIGNMENT

B.25.1. The CONTRACTOR shall NOT sublet, sell, transfer, assign, or otherwise dispose of the contract or contracts or any portion thereof, or of his right, title, or interest therein, without written consent of the STATE. In case such consent is given, the CONTRACTOR will be permitted to sublet a portion thereof, but shall perform with his own organization, work amounting to not less than 50% of the total contract cost. Request for permission to sublet, assign or otherwise dispose of any portion of the contract shall be in writing and accompanied by a statement showing that the organization which will be performing the work is particularly experienced and equipped for such work. No sub-contracts, or transfer of contract, shall in any case release the CONTRACTOR of his liability under the contract and bonds.

B.26. SEVERABILITY

B.26.1. If any provision, clause, or paragraph of this contract or any document incorporated by reference shall be determined invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the other provisions, clauses, or paragraphs of this contract which are not affected by the determination. The provisions, clauses, or paragraphs and any documents incorporated by reference are declared severable.

B.27. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

- B.27.1.** The CONTRACTOR shall pay all just claims due for the payment of all employees and mechanics for labor that shall be performed, for the payment of all material and equipment rental which is actually used or rented in the performance of the contract.

B.28. BREACH OF CONTRACT

- B.28.1.** Failure to perform any and all of the terms and conditions of this contract shall be deemed a substantial breach thereof and give the STATE cause to cancel this contract on seven (7) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR. The STATE then reserves the right to re-award the contract to the next lowest responsible available bidder -OR- should this contract be awarded to multiple vendors, the STATE may utilize those vendors. In the event of cancellation of this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to damages and agrees not to sue the STATE for damages thereof. After notice of cancellation, the CONTRACTOR agrees to perform the terms and conditions of this contract up to and including date of cancellation, as though no cancellation had been made and notwithstanding other legal remedies which may be available to the STATE because of the cancellation, agrees to indemnify the STATE for its costs in procuring the services of a new CONTRACTOR.

B.29. Minor Deficiencies or Informalities

- B.29.1.** "Minor deficiency" or "minor informality" means an immaterial defect in a bid or variation in a bid from the exact requirements of a solicitation that may be corrected or waived without prejudice to other bidders. A minor deficiency or informality does not affect the price, quantity, quality, delivery or conformance to specifications and is negligible in comparison to the total cost or scope of the acquisition.
- B.29.2.** The State Purchasing Director may waive minor deficiencies or informalities in a bid if the State Purchasing Director determines the deficiencies or informalities do not prejudice the rights of other bidders, or are not a cause for bid rejection.

B.30. Disclosures Regarding Lobbyist

- B.30.1.** A vendor may not reimburse itself within its state contract pricing for its costs and expenses of lobbyists.
- B.30.2.** Any vendor using the services of a lobbyist to assist in obtaining a contract shall
- B.30.2.1.** Disclose all costs, fees, compensation, reimbursements, and other remunerations paid or to be paid to the lobbyist related to the contract
 - B.30.2.2.** Not bill or otherwise charge the State for such and
 - B.30.2.3.** Certify that no such costs were billed to the State.
- B.30.3.** The name and address of each lobbyist or agent of the vendor, contractor, subcontractor who communicated with a State employee about a proposal or potential proposal must be disclosed with proposal response.

C. SOLICITATION SPECIFICATIONS

- C.1.** Oklahoma is working to help every child be proficient in math, reading, and other subject areas. Recent studies indicate that Subgroups (Special Education Students, African American Students, English Language Learners) in Oklahoma have specific needs that must be addressed. In order to best serve these subgroups, OSDE is looking for: Leaders/Educational Consultants/Inservice Providers that have worked with these specific subgroups with proven academic success.
- C.2.** The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is looking for Reading Leaders to provide support for OSDE and Oklahoma School District Leaders. The Reading Leader duties shall include, but not be limited to:
- C.2.1.** Provide consultation and in-services with district leaders and teachers, provide input, and determine next steps to best support the districts.
 - C.2.2.** Speak at (Literacy) conferences in Oklahoma on an as needed basis, if available.
 - C.2.3.** Advise districts with the research on effective interventions for the different levels of readers and subgroups.
 - C.2.4.** Advise SDE staff on latest research, interventions and assessments.
 - C.2.5.** Advise districts on multi-year plans and progressive placement for students.

- C.2.6.** Travel with OSDE Staff to the different school districts if available.
- C.2.7.** Assist SDE in the development of webinars. The content of the webinars must support latest research and best practices.
- C.3. Advise OSDE in implementation of Oklahoma Academic Standards, Subgroups, Higher Ed, and Early Childhood.**
- C.4. Discuss with deans of colleges of education the latest reading research for teachers of reading and foundations courses.**
- C.5. Work with universities of higher education to determine the strengths and weaknesses we should be aware of as we form collaboratives.**
- C.6. Advise the Literacy iRead Team as they develop a five-year state literacy plan for birth to Grade 12.**
- C.7. Assist in goals for ELL students and goals to move students out of SPED identification into regular classrooms.**
- C.8. Advise to maximize Title I and the reading resources to work with RSA and OTISS.**
- C.9. Assist in the review and implementation of the most current and most effective reading interventions for use in Title I settings.**
- C.10. Other tasks as assigned include the following:**
 - C.10.1.** Speak at the VISION 20/20 conference. Dates for conference ARE July 16 & 17th, 2014. Exact dates and times will be confirmed after award of contract.
 - C.10.2.** Be available for consultation on an as needed basis.
 - C.10.3.** Provide consultation to the OSDE Team of reading staff. OSDE Team consists of members of the Office of Instruction, Special Ed, School Improvement, and Title 1 and 3.

D. EVALUATION

D.1. Best Value Criteria

- D.1.1.** The State intends to award to one Supplier as a result of this Request for Proposal (RFP). Said contract will be awarded to the responsible Supplier whose response, conforming to the RFP, is deemed best value.
- D.1.2.** The State of Oklahoma is not bound to accept the lowest priced proposal if not in the best interest of the State. Selection shall be made of one Supplier deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals on the basis of the evaluation factors included in the Request for Proposal, including price. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor
- D.1.3.** Upon receipt of all responses, each response will be evaluated to determine which Suppliers meet all minimum requirements as set forth in Section C. Mandatory Supplier Qualifications. Those proposals which met the minimum requirements will enter the technical phase of evaluation. Proposals which do not meet the minimum requirements will be deemed non-responsive at this point and will receive no further consideration.
- D.1.4.** Subsequently, the OMES-Central Purchasing shall check references of the highest ranked Supplier before issuing a contract.

D.2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- D.2.1.** This RFP will be evaluated on the following:
 - D.2.1.1.** Cost
 - D.2.1.2.** Experience
 - D.2.1.3.** Program requirements specified in Section C of this RFP

D.3. Negotiations

- D.3.1.** In accordance with Title 74 §85.5, the State of Oklahoma reserves the right to negotiate with one, selected, all or none of the vendors responding to this solicitation to obtain the best value for the State. Negotiations could entail discussions on products, services, pricing, contract terminology or any other issue that may mitigate the State's risks. The State shall consider all issues negotiable and not artificially constrained by internal corporate policies. Negotiation may be with one or more vendors, for any and all items in the vendor's offer.

- D.3.2.** Firms that contend that they lack flexibility because of their corporate policy on a particular negotiation item shall face a significant disadvantage and may not be considered. If such negotiations are conducted, the following conditions shall apply:
- D.3.2.1.** Negotiations may be conducted in person, in writing, or by telephone.
 - D.3.2.2.** Negotiations shall only be conducted with potentially acceptable offers. The State reserves the right to limit negotiations to those offers that received the highest rankings during the initial evaluation phase.
 - D.3.2.3.** Terms, conditions, prices, methodology, or other features of the offeror's offer may be subject to negotiations and subsequent revision. As part of the negotiations, the offeror may be required to submit supporting financial, pricing, and other data in order to allow a detailed evaluation of the feasibility, reasonableness, and acceptability of the offer.
 - D.3.2.4.** The requirements of the Request for Proposal shall not be negotiable and shall remain unchanged unless the State determines that a change in such requirements is in the best interest of the State Of Oklahoma.

E. INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPLIER

E.1. Introduction

Prospective Bidders are urged to read this solicitation carefully. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk. Provisions, terms, and conditions may be stated or phrased differently than in previous solicitations. Irrespective of past interpretations, practices or customs, proposals will be evaluated and any resultant contract(s) will be administered in strict accordance with the plain meaning of the contents hereof. The Bidder is cautioned that the requirements of this solicitation can be altered only by written amendment approved by the state and that verbal communications from whatever source are of no effect. In no event shall the Bidder's failure to read and understand any term or condition in this solicitation constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

E.1.1. MANDATORY AND NON-MANDATORY TERMS

- E.1.1.1.** Whenever the terms "shall", "must", "will", or "is required" are used in this RFP, the specification being referred to is a mandatory specification of this RFP. Failure to meet any mandatory specification may cause rejection of the Bidder's Proposal.
- E.1.1.2.** Whenever the terms "can", "may", or "should" are used in this RFP, the specification being referred to is a desirable item and failure to provide any item so termed will not be cause for rejection.

E.2. Submissions/Copies

- E.2.1.** Contractor is to submit TWO (2) complete copies of their response on TWO (2) separate CDs or DVDs (one copy on each Disc) which includes the completed proposal, including the scanned images of the OMES signed forms. Disc must be an unprotected document. Original hard copies are not required or preferred. This overrides hard copy submittal requirements of A.2.4. **Please ensure that your Discs are marked clearly with the RFP Number.**
 - E.2.1.1.** PDF is an acceptable format for solicitation responses
- E.2.2.** Each proposal shall be prepared simply and economically, providing straight forward and concise delineation of the Supplier's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP.
- E.2.3.** Supplier must submit an explanation to OSDE describe how they will meet/fulfill the requirements of this RFP.
- E.2.4.** Supplier must also provide at least two (2) copies of agendas of previous presentations
- E.2.5.** Supplier must submit completed Bio. And also tell what work has been done to turnaround school districts.
- E.2.6.** Supplier must have a minimum of ten (10) years of experience in this type of work.

E.3. Questions

- E.3.1.** All questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing and are to be emailed to no later than 3:00pm CST Thursday, April 24, 2014. Questions are to be emailed to Jacob.Charries@omes.ok.gov. Questions received after this date will not be answered. An Amendment will be posted after this deadline listing all questions received and their answers.

F. CHECKLIST

None

G. OTHER

None

H. PRICE AND COST

- H.1. Suppliers must submit a complete detail budget sheet for all years of this contract outlining all costs associated with this service, beginning with the first year of the contract period with an option for an additional five (5) option years.**
- H.2. Please list any other anticipated costs that will be associated with this service.**
- H.3. Payments against this contract shall be firm fixed at the quoted price, and OSDE shall not pay nor be liable for any other additional costs.**
- H.4. Suppliers must submit a detailed budget for all pricing for this proposal.**
- H.5. Payments for all services listed herein shall be made in arrears within 30 days of the end of each month of the contract for payment of all contracted expenses. OSDE cannot make any advanced payments or advanced deposits.**