

Request for Qualifications for Regional School Study Questions and Answers

1: Question: Is the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES), either alone or in collaboration with another entity, precluded from responding to the TRSSC as a potential contractor for the regional school study project? (September 11, 2018)

Answer: NVCOG delegated the consultant selection process to the TRSSC, which chose to conduct a public procurement process. However, ACES is an original member of the grant recipient team under the Office of Policy and Management's contract with NVCOG and as such, the TRSSC and NVCOG are free to negotiate a scope of services and fee with ACES at any time without a public procurement process.

Since a public procurement process has already been initiated, any and all parties are free to submit qualifications and proposals. This includes, without exception, any Regional Education Service Center (RESC), including ACES, and any consultant team assembled that may include ACES, either as the primary or sub-consultant.

2: Question: Will RFQ responses be accepted via email? (September 13, 2018)

Answer: All proposals must be received by 3:00 pm on Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Derby Public Schools Central Office located at 35 Fifth Street, Derby, CT 06418.

Proposals will also be accepted via the following email address: mconway@derbyps.org provided it is received and timestamped by that date and time. NVCOG and the TRSSC are not responsible for any submissions that are not received by the deadline for any reason including but not limited to: computer or software error or malfunction, bandwidth limitation, mailbox capacity limitations, antivirus/antimalware rejection or late delivery by mail or package services.

3: Question: When will consultants be invited to interviews (September 17, 2018)

Answer: Consultants will be notified via email on Tuesday, September 18.

4: When are submissions for an expanded description of the approach to develop the project and a separate fee proposal due from consultants to be interviewed? (September 17, 2018)

Answer: Submissions are due by 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 20.

5. How does 'project approach and fee proposal' (as defined in the Response to the RFQ and Selection Process) differ from the 'detailed proposed scope and cost description' (as defined in the Scope of Services section)? (September 17, 2018)

Answer: There is no difference between these two references. The second section simply reiterates in detail what the earlier section describes in general.