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### **Science Materials Resource Center Pre-Bid Meeting Conference Room C, Collette Center January 11, 2018 2 pm**

1. Why are some of the Next Generation science standards and performance standards in the Appendix C and not all of them?
  - a. The standards listed in the RFP Appendix C are the specific middle school standards broken down by grade band specifically by topic and grade level ex. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The NGSS simply lists the middle school standards in a grade cluster, Delaware has separated these standards into specific grades. There is some intended overlap, but for the most part certain standards are targeted in specific grade levels.
  - b. The updated Appendix C will be posted on the website to include the three standards that were overlooked.
2. Do the responses need to be addressed at each grade level, as they are presented in the RFP?
  - a. Yes, the curriculum needs to be laid out in the same format as in Appendix C of the RFP. Delaware is looking for curricular products that match or can be adapted to match the standards as outlined in Appendix C of the RFP.
3. When looking at the PD, are you looking at Vendor PD provided beyond the initial implementation or has PD transitioned to being presented by DDOE staff for the long-term?
  - a. The Delaware Science Coalition is open to looking at different options as the PD model has not yet been defined yet.
4. Do you have a vision of what specific sources of materials you are looking to use? Are you asking us to provide you with pre-existing programs, modify the existing programs or are you asking us to build a brand new program to tailor to Delaware's needs?
  - a. The Delaware Science Coalition desires to secure standards aligned resources, and to have them in place as soon as possible, preferably in place as early as September 2018.
5. Is the Delaware Science Coalition looking for vendors to propose a professional development model that connects curriculum and professional development?
  - a. The training should be 3-dimensional in nature and tied to the curriculum. See the power point for further details.
6. Are you looking for us to propose a model that will allow you to train the teacher leaders and provide flexibility to tailor the PD to individual campus's and districts needs throughout the state?
  - a. Yes
7. If a vendor gets approved can the vendor work with the DE Science Coalition to tailor the materials to the states needs or does the RFP finalize the specifics once contracted?
  - a. In year one we will have a matrix of all vendors who are awarded the opportunity to do business with the Science Coalition. Each year, vendors would sign a letter opting to stay on the vendor list or be removed from the list. Whatever is written for and included for in the RFP is the scope of what we will be able to contract for (in excess of \$50,000.00).
8. Would any customized curriculum, resources would have to be ready for next year? What you bid has to be available, correct?



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- a. The goal still is to start implementing NGSS aligned curriculum in the fall of 2018 (the upcoming school year).
- b. The Delaware Science Coalition is open to selecting multiple vendors to achieve the deadline of making curriculum and instructional resources available to our schools for this upcoming fall.
9. What kind of flexibility do vendors have to move standards between grade levels?
  - a. There is no flexibility. The standards have already been determined and align with Delaware's state testing system.
10. What is the time line for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade assessments being developed?
  - a. The grade 8 state assessment will be fully operational in the spring of 2019 and will assess student knowledge of only those standards designated for grade 8.
11. How many students will be included in the total rollout to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels?
  - a. Each grade level has approximately 10,000 students. The scope of this project would therefore be about 30,000 students. There are also about 125 teachers at each grade level 6-8.
12. In regards to the system of the warehouse, are you looking for the kits, PD, and curriculum to come from one vendor or multiple vendors?
  - a. Ultimately the decision to work with a vendor or multiple vendors is made by the ~~DE~~ Delaware Science Coalition, the local decision makers.
13. On the application submission does the 25 page limit include the DE certificate?
  - a. The budget and attachments would not be included in the 25 page limit.
14. Does the proposal have to be in the exact format as the RFP examples?
  - a. Yes, it is requested to be prepared to look like the example to enable vendor comparison. You can add comments to support your charts and documentation.
15. Does the 8.5 x 11 inch budget sheet need to fit on that size or can it be on legal sized paper like the example is?
  - a. No, the budget sheet can fit on legal.
16. How do we submit documents?
  - a. The documents can be submitted as separate files. The Delaware Department of Education would requires the budget sheet in an Excel file so that we can manipulate it. This budget sheet and attachments are not included in the 25 page count.
17. Where can we locate the documents for submission?
  - a. [bids.delaware.gov](http://bids.delaware.gov)
    - i. We will also post the presentation, sign-in sheet and questions/responses there.