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TO: ALL STATE AGENCIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, MUNICIPALITIES, VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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SUBJECT: **AWARD NOTICE**
CONTRACT NO. GSA19063-OPPORTUNITY
Independent Evaluation of Student Success Block Grant and Opportunity Funds

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1. OVERVIEW

The Educational Investment Impact Evaluation is an independent evaluation of the effectiveness of Opportunity Fund and Student Success Block Grant programs on improving performance outcomes for students supported through these investments and to identify best practices of districts and charter schools that most successfully utilized those funds. The intent of this project is to share, sustain, and replicate best practices and to inform future resource allocation decisions.

The Opportunity Fund (OF) is a three-year investment of \$25 million per year (\$75 million total) to enhance services to English learner (EL) and low-income (LI) students. Funds are allocated partially (\$20 million per year) based on EL and LI enrollment via a per-pupil allocation and partially (\$5 million) by school where the school meets certain criteria regarding grade configurations and EL/LI enrollment. School districts and charter schools submit a plan to the Department of Education for approval, each of which identifies specific expenditures and anticipated outcomes. School districts (other than vocational-technical) can supplement the Opportunity Fund with a matching local tax levy.

The Student Success Block Grant (SSBG) is an ongoing annual investment of \$8.8 million (FY2020 figure) above the formula-based State allocations to districts and charter schools. Of this amount, almost \$4.5 million supports students in grades K-3 classified as "basic" under Delaware's needs-based special education funding category system, almost \$4 million to provide reading interventionists to schools in certain grade configurations meeting a threshold of EL and/or LI enrollment, and \$340,000 to support school-based health centers in two elementary schools. The allocation for wellness centers is anticipated to grow by two centers per year. School districts (other than vocational-technical) can supplement SSBG funds with a matching local tax levy in certain circumstances.

2. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA)

Under Title 29 Section 6935, the State of Delaware is authorized to enter into negotiations with various manufacturers or distributors and award contracts which will enable agencies and local governments to purchase materiel at prices approved by the General Services Administration of the United States government or its successor.

3. MANDATORY USE CONTRACT

REF: Title 29, Chapter 6911(d) Delaware Code. Every state department and agency within the Executive Branch and Judicial Branch of the state government shall procure all material, equipment and nonprofessional services through the statewide contracts administered by Government Support Services, Office of Management and Budget. Delaware State University, Delaware Technical and Community College, the operations funded by Public School Districts, Delaware Transit Corporation, the Legislative Branch and the Board of Pension Trustees and their consultants are specifically exempted from the requirements of this subsection.

4. CONTRACT PERIOD

Each contractor's contract shall be valid from October 4, 2019 through February 5, 2023. At the sole discretion of Government Support Services, this Agreement may further be extended into any existing GSA period of to include any extensions as agreed to by and between GSA and the Awarded Contractor. The state reserves the right to extend this contract on a month to month basis for a period of up to three (3) months after the term of the full contract has been completed.

5. VENDORS

RAND Corporation
1776 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Lynn Karoly
Phone: 215-805-8278
Email: karoly@rand.org

FSF ID: 0000178677

6. SHIPPING TERMS

F.O.B. destination; freight pre-paid.

7. PRICING

Contact the contract manager for pricing information.

8. BILLING

The successful vendor is required to "Bill as Shipped" to the respective ordering agency(s). Ordering agencies shall provide at a minimum the contract number, ship to and bill to address, contract name and phone number.

9. PAYMENT

The agencies or school districts involved will authorize and process for payment each invoice within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt. The contractor or vendor must accept full payment by procurement (credit) card and/or conventional check and/or other electronic means at the State's option, without imposing any additional fees, costs or conditions.

10. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION

All items delivered during the life of the contract shall be of the same type and manufacture as specified unless specific approval is given by Government Support Services to do otherwise. Substitutions may require the submission of written specifications and product evaluation prior to any approvals being granted.

11. ORDERING PROCEDURE

Successful contractors are required to have either a local telephone number within the (302) area code, a toll free (800) number, or agree to accept collect calls. Each agency is responsible for placing their orders and may be accomplished by written purchase order, telephone, fax or computer on-line systems. The contractor or vendor must accept full payment by procurement (credit) card and/or conventional check and/or other electronic means at the State's option, without imposing any additional fees, costs or conditions.

12. PURCHASE ORDERS

Agencies that are part of the First State Financial (FSF) system are required to identify the contract number GSA19063-OPPORTUNITY on all Purchase Orders (P.O.) and shall complete the same when entering P.O. information in the state's financial reporting system.

13. REQUIREMENTS

For a complete list of contract specifications please refer to the original bid solicitation document(s). Any contract specific documentation will be accessible through the hyperlink(s) provided on this contract's details page.

14. HOLD HARMLESS

The contractor agrees that it shall indemnify and hold the State of Delaware and all its agencies harmless from and against any and all claims for injury, loss of life, or damage to or loss of use of property caused or alleged to be caused, by acts or omissions of the contractor, its employees, and invitees on or about the premises and which arise out of the contractor's performance, or failure to perform as specified in the Agreement.

15. NON-PERFORMANCE

In the event the contractor does not fulfill its obligations under the terms and conditions of this contract, the ordering agency may purchase equivalent product on the open market. Any difference in cost between the contract prices herein and the price of open market product shall be the responsibility of the contractor. Under no circumstances shall monies be due the contractor in the event open market products can be obtained below contract cost. Any monies charged to the contractor may be deducted from an open invoice.

16. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither the contractor nor the ordering agency shall be held liable for non-performance under the terms and conditions of this contract due, but not limited to, government restriction, strike, flood, fire, or unforeseen catastrophe beyond either party's control. Each party shall notify the other in writing of any situation that may prevent performance under the terms and conditions of this contract.

17. AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Agency shall:

- a) Examine and review in detail all letters, reports, drawings and other documents presented by the Contractor to the Agency and render to the Contractor in writing, findings and decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of Contractor.
- b) Give prompt written notice to the Contractor whenever the Agency observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the Contractor's services.
- c) When an ordering agency first experiences a relatively minor problem or difficulty with a vendor, the agency will contact the vendor directly and attempt to informally resolve the problem. This includes failure to perform by the date specified and any unacceptable difference(s) between the purchase order and the merchandise received. Ordering agencies should stress to vendors that

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they should expedite correction of the differences because failure to reply may result in an unfavorable rating in the execution of the awarded contract.

- d) The state has several remedies available to resolve non-performance issues with the contractor. The Agency should refer to the Contract Terms and Conditions to view these remedies. When a default occurs, the Agency should first review the contract to confirm that the issue is a part of the contract. If the issue is not covered by the contract, the state cannot expect the contractor to perform outside the agreement. If the issue is a part of the contract, the Agency or GSS - Contracting must then contact the contractor, discuss the reasons surrounding the default and establish a date when the contractor will resolve the non-performance issue.
- e) If there is a performance deficiency, a Corrective Action Report (CAR) may be used. Complete this form to report concerns with vendors or commodities. Be sure to furnish as much detail as possible. <http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/divisionwide/forms.shtml>.