



March 22, 2019

To: All Potential Respondents  
From: Nancy Wheelock, Purchasing Agent  
Subject: RFP1119131054 - Pre-ETS for Students with Disabilities

### Addendum One

**Please amend the subject RFP to include answers to the following timely received questions:**

- Q1. Does the respondent need to be able to deliver services state wide, or is there a specific region that this RFP is targeted to serve?**
- A1. The services do not need to be delivered statewide. There is not a specific region identified as a target area.
- Q2. What size of population does this RFP intend to serve? i.e. can the respondent have access to data on the pipeline of participants who will access these services to help inform costing?**
- A2. The population size this RFP intends to serve is dependent on the respondent's capacity. The state of Iowa is a non-categorical state and the Department of Education is not able to identify exact numbers of students who are blind or have vision loss. In 2017, IDB had identified that there were approximately 158 individuals in Iowa who would meet the definition of a student who is blind.
- Q3. Is there a requirement of service provider to participant ratio that is expected? 1:1 service or small group?**
- A3. There is no requirement.
- Q4. What collaboration between the Department of the Blind and the Service Provider is available from an onboarding/upskilling perspective?**
- A4. The Iowa Department for the Blind will collaborate with providers to meet the needs of participants in programs. This may be done in a variety of ways, including providing information, training, and assistance with determining accommodations and assistive technology needs to allow the student to participate in programming.
- Q5. What transportation costs are covered by Dept. of the Blind, Department of Education or IVRS?**
- A5. IDB will assist with transportation costs in supporting students to attend the program as needed. Transportation costs shall be rolled into the overall cost of providing the program which means Respondent may not submit individual travel receipts for reimbursement.

**Q6. Is there a way to find out the local need of students with vision impairments either in Iowa counties or the number of students with vision impairments in local school districts?**

A6. The state of Iowa is a non-categorical state and the Department of Education is not able to identify exact numbers of students who are blind or have vision loss. Local Area Education Agencies have information related to number of students receiving services based on vision loss.

**Q7. What school districts are covered by this RFP?**

A7. This RFP does not specify school districts.

**Q8. Do we have a current count of who currently has open files in these/this district?**

A8. In 2017, IDB had identified 158 individuals in Iowa who met the definition of a student with vision loss. As the state of Iowa is non-categorical, an exact count is not possible.

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