



**THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**AGENDA**

The Department of Education's (DOE) Committee on Contracts has been asked for approval to enter into contract negotiations with the following organizations for the services described below. Other organizations interested in providing these services to the DOE are invited to indicate their ability to do so by writing to Harvey A. Gordon at 65 Court Street, Room 1201F, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Responses should be received no later than 9:00 AM, Friday August 4, 2006.

**ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Preamble to Items for Consideration Numbered 1-7**

*Starting in the 2006-07 school year, the DOE will provide schools with a comprehensive package of diagnostic and periodic assessments, expert assistance to schools in using and designing diagnostic assessments, and training in data-driven differentiated education for all children. These supports will be identified and provided through one or more fully competitive Request for Proposal(s) to be issued by the DOE to all potential providers of these services in late 2006 or early 2007. The DOE intends to use the current school year to pilot a variety of options in different schools for a short period of time. The seven proposals that follow are designed to enable the DOE, on a pilot basis, to experiment with a variety of possibilities and to assist in planning more competitive procurements going forward.*

**1. Institute for Learning**

***Service(s):** For the reasons described in the Preamble above, the Office of Accountability is requesting a non-competitive award for a one-year requirements contract with the Institute for Learning (IFL). IFL, under the leadership of Dr. Lauren Resnick, is proposing to offer schools their Instructional Quality Assessment toolkit and accompanying training which would allow instructors to evaluate how instruction provides opportunities to study rigorous content and engage in high levels of learning.*

*The term of this agreement will be for 1 year from August 5, 2006 through August 4, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$177,000.*

**TERM: 8/5/06-8/4/07**

**Contract Cost: Estimated \$177,000**

**2. UniServices**

***Service(s):** For the reasons described in the Preamble above, the Office of Accountability is requesting a non-competitive award for a one-year requirements contract with Auckland UniServices Limited (UniServices) to deliver their formative assessment solution. This will provide teachers with supported training and a test creation process that allows instructors to create assessments with levels of difficulty and other variables optimized to their instructional model.*

*The term of this agreement will be for 1 year from August 5, 2006 through August 4, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$250,000.00.*

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**Contract Cost: Estimated \$250,000**



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**3. America’s Choice**

*Service(s): For the reasons described in the Preamble above, the Office of Accountability is requesting a non-competitive award for a one-year requirements contract with America’s Choice to assist schools in designing their own assessments and customizing default option assessments. America’s Choice will also design and implement a study to establish the equivalent rigor of each school’s system in relation to the default offering.*

*The term of this agreement will be for 1 year from August 5, 2006 through August 4, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$154,000.*

**TERM: 8/5/06-8/4/07**

**Contract Cost: \$154,000**

**4. Northwest Evaluation Association**

*Service(s): For the reasons described in the Preamble above, the Office of Accountability is requesting a non-competitive award for a one-year requirements contract with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to provide schools NWEA’s Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment solution. MAP evaluates functional level testing and reports growth measurement. NWEA will also provide professional development around data usage to the schools it serves.*

*The term of this agreement will be for 1 year from August 5, 2006 through August 4, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$400,000.*

**TERM: 8/5/06 -8/4/07**

**Contract Cost: Estimated \$400,000**

**5. ETS/Assessment Training Institute**

*Service(s): For the reasons described in the Preamble above, the Office of Accountability is requesting a non-competitive award for a one-year requirements contract with ETS/Assessment Training Institute (ATI). ETS/ATI is proposing to conduct training and workshops for school-based teams. The trainings and workshops will focus on building assessment systems linked to everyday student learning.*

*The term of this agreement will be for 1 year from August 5, 2006 through August 4, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$121,000.*

**TERM: 8/5/06-8/4/07**

**Contract Cost: Estimated \$121,000**

**6. TERC/Using Data Project**

*Services: For the reasons described in the Preamble above, the Office of Accountability is requesting a non-competitive award for a one-year requirements contract with TERC/Using Data Project to train data facilitators in schools and regional offices. The service will include training and technical assistance on the Using Data process to prepare instructors and administrators for the role of data facilitators.*

*The term of this agreement will be for 1 year from August 5, 2006 through August 4, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$198,000.00.*

**TERM: 8/5/06-8/4/07**

**Contract Cost: Estimated \$198,000**



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## 7. The Princeton Review

***Service(s):*** For the reasons described in the Preamble above, the Office of Accountability is requesting approval to enter in to an agreement with The Princeton Review for a one-year pilot program in high schools city wide to provide periodic assessments. The Princeton Review has experience in providing assessments of student abilities, both online and in print form, along with rapid scoring to allow high schools to focus on using data to improve instruction.

*The term of this agreement will be for 1 year from August 5, 2006 through August 4, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$1,738,565.*

**TERM: 8/5/2006-8/4/2007**

**Contract Cost: Estimated \$1,738,565**