



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS # 33145-08616  
AMENDMENT # 1  
FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION EXAMS  
FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

**DATE: December 30, 2016**

**RFP # 33145-08616 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

- This RFP Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFP dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.**

| <b>EVENT</b>   | <b>TIME<br/>(central time<br/>zone)</b> | <b>DATE</b>              |
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| 1. RFP Issued  |   | December 1, 2016         |
| 2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline   | 2:00 p.m.                               | December 6, 2016         |
| 3. Pre-response Conference   | 8:00 a.m.                               | December 7, 2016         |
| 4. Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline  | 2:00 p.m.                               | December 8, 2016         |
| 5. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline   | 2:00 p.m.                               | December 19, 2016        |
| 6. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"  |   | <b>December 30, 2016</b> |
| 7. Response Deadline   | 2:00 p.m.                               | February 3, 2017         |
| 8. State Schedules Respondent Oral Presentation  |   | February 6, 2017         |
| 9. Respondent Oral Presentation  |   | February 13 -17, 2017    |
| 10. State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations   |   | March 3, 2017            |
| 11. State Opening & Scoring of Cost Proposals  | 2:00 p.m.                               | March 6, 2017            |
| 12. Negotiations (Optional)  |   | March 8-10, 2017         |
| 13. State Notice of Intent to Award Released <u>and</u> RFP Files Opened for Public Inspection | 2:00 p.m.                               | March 13, 2017           |
| 14. End of Open File Period  |   | March 28, 2017           |
| 15. State sends contract to Contractor for signature   |   | March 29, 2017           |
| 16. Contractor Signature Deadline  | 2:00 p.m.                               | March 30, 2017           |

**2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFP.**

Any restatement of RFP text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFP document.

| QUESTION / COMMENT   | STATE RESPONSE   |
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| <p>1 A time allotment is referenced on pg 46 (9). Can we assume this is referring to class time and can an average class session time be provided?</p> | <p>Yes, this is referring to class time. Schedules in Tennessee differ according to how districts select. Class times range from 50 minutes to 100 minutes.</p>  |
| <p>2 Is there a target number of items to target for test items, parallel practice test items, and items for teachers to use?</p>                      | <p>In the past we have used 345 questions as a good bank from which to pull test questions as well as teacher resources and practice tests; but this number is not set in stone and there is no set requirement as long as there are ample questions to provide both test questions and resources/practice tests.</p>  |
| <p>3 Could clarification be provided regarding the item types desired, such as multiple-choice, interactive, etc.</p>                                  | <p>Item types can be multiple choice and/or interactive, but they will need to be created and converted to be able to work in an online platform.</p>  |
| <p>4 Is the plan to utilize national standards, adapt national standards, utilize state standards via POS, or develop standards from scratch?</p>      | <p>All items are to be developed from <b>Tennessee state standards</b> in the CTE courses listed. These are exams to be designed to able to determine student performance on Tennessee CTE courses.</p> <p>You can access these here for the Agriculture courses <a href="http://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-agriculture-food-natural-resources">http://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-agriculture-food-natural-resources</a></p> <p>And here for the Advanced Manufacturing courses: <a href="http://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-advanced-manufacturing">http://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-advanced-manufacturing</a></p>   |
| <p>5 After initial development and deployment is there a revision plan (3 – 5 years out)?</p>  | <p>No, the idea would be that State staff are trained and would be better able to handle any revisions internally should standards change.</p>   |
| <p>6 Are the standards that the tests are being developed from being directed from the POS or industry or a combination?</p>                           | <p>All items are to be developed from <b>Tennessee state standards</b> in the CTE courses listed. These are exams to be designed to able to determine student performance on Tennessee CTE courses.</p> <p>Tennessee course standards in CTE are designed with input from secondary, postsecondary, and industry representatives.</p> <p>You can access these here for the Agriculture courses <a href="http://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-agriculture-food-natural-resources">http://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-agriculture-food-natural-resources</a></p> <p>And here for the Advanced Manufacturing courses: <a href="http://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-advanced-manufacturing">http://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-advanced-manufacturing</a></p> |

**3. RFP Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFP not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.