

Addendum #1

Social Studies Curriculum K-12

Issue Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Bids Due: Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 1:00PM

1. Does this solicitation include Advanced Placement Social Studies courses?

Yes, this does include Advanced Placement courses.

2. We wanted to know if we could write only for the middle school grades? We don't have an elementary or high school curriculum, but feel our work is well aligned for what Providence is looking for with our Middle School work.

Yes, you may write only for the middle school grades.

3. Is this for curriculum (Scope, sequence, topics, etc.) and essential complements? (We are the latter and can be incorporated into a district's curriculum).

We are looking for core curriculum, not complementary or supplementary resources at this time.

4. Will you be reviewing on-level course materials only? Or will AP course materials be considered as well?

AP will be considered as well.

5. Would you consider a Social Studies Curriculum that covers only grades 6-12?

Yes, we would consider a curriculum that only covers grades 6-12.

6. "Specific overview of content offered in K-12 subject areas. More specifically, the expectation is that this curriculum partner includes the Rhode Island standards for SY 23-24, anticipated revision in 2023": Are the new 2023/23 Rhode Island Standards available for us to correlate our programs to or can we provide the correlations once the standards are publicly announced?

There is nothing we can provide at this time. A draft has not yet been released for public comment. There can be considerable change to draft standards as they currently stand.

7. Are print and digital samples needed? Where should physical samples be sent/directed to?

Physical samples are not required. Should you wish to send them, you can send them to the attention of Molly Hannon at 797 Westminister Street together with your bid package.

8. Page 15, **Section VIII – Evaluation of Proposals**. The rubric for evaluation includes an Executive Summary worth 0-30 points. However, I am not able to locate the requirement of an Executive Summary in the Proposal Requirements on Page 14. Please advise if we are to include an Executive Summary. If so, where shall it go in the Proposal and is there a page limit?

Yes, please include an Executive Summary. Please limit this to 2 pages.

9. Page 15, **Section VIII – Evaluation of Proposals**. The evaluation information indicates the Cost will be evaluated after the technical responses. Should we submit a Cost Proposal separately?

No, you do not need to submit separately. The cost proposal can be submitted together with your technical response.

10. **Page 14, Section V – Proposal Requirements**. In Section 2 of the Proposal Requirements, 'Action Civics' is called out twice in the required bullets. Knowing you have released another RFP for Action Civics, I was wondering if these were in error within this RFP for K-12 Social Studies. If this was intentional, can you clarify what you are looking for in respect to Action Civics and a K-12 solution?

We would like to infuse, as much as possible, the theme of Civics throughout our courses K-12. So in K-12, we mean the concept of Civics, not the actual "Action Civics" project that the new legislation requires.

11. General Question. Currently you are using one of our products in a high school course. For this same course, we have a brand new program that aligns very well. Would you like us to respond to this RFP with the current product you are using and our newest program? yes

Please respond with any resources you believe are responsive and that you will be offering and supporting during the contract term outlined in the solicitation.

12. General Question. The RFP does not note your 11th grade Economics course. Would you like respondents to propose solutions for this course?

Yes, please propose solutions for Economics. Economics is offered as an elective in Providence Public Schools.

13. Wanted to **confirm** that this link are the current GSE's for Rhode Island:

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/portals/0/uploads/documents/instruction-and-assessment-world-class-standards/social-studies/ri-ss-gses-k-12-final-version.pdf>

Yes, these are the current GSE's. Please note, however, that these are currently being updated by the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE).

14. Looking through the RFP and on page 11, the section below says there's a revision expected in 2023, but we've been unable to find any updated standards aside from the link above. If there's new ones, could you put the link to it in the Q&A addendum?

There is nothing we can provide at this time. A draft has not yet been released for public comment. There can be considerable change to draft standards as they currently stand.

15. If our materials are available in both digital PDF form and hard copy, does Providence want the physical books shipped to them for the review or would a file with all those consumables on the included thumb drive suffice?

Physical samples are not required. Should you wish to send them, you can send them to the attention of Molly Hannon at 797 Westminster Street together with your bid package.