

Questions and Answers for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, through Monday, February 19, 2024
DUE February 23, 2024

DATE	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
February 16	Page 11, 3.c. Grants and Incentives: Is it the intention of OEC that grants and incentives be a part of the \$6 million dollar budget that is allocated for this work, or will the grants and incentives come from other funding sources?	Funding for grants and incentives is included as part of the \$6 million dollar budget.
February 16	Page 20, 10. Organizational Networks: Memoranda of Agreement/Understanding for Subcontractors: Are you seeking Memoranda of Agreement only with partners and subcontractors directly involved in this specific proposal, or does this requirement also extend to organizations we have partnered with in the past, regardless of their involvement in the project outlined in this proposal?	Please include any existing Memoranda or Agreement/Understanding “with entities whose expertise complements your capacity in the early education arena” (page 20; #10). This is not specific to any potential partners / subcontractors your entity is seeking for this proposal. This speaks to your entity’s existing networking within the early care arena.
February 19	In order to provide a complete and thoughtful response to all RFP prompts, would the State consider extending the page limit?	No. Page 15: III. Proposal Submission Overview, A. Submission Format: Details all requirements. The Proposal Content Checklist, including the page limit and formatting checklist, is also identified on page 31.
February 19	Many small or young businesses do not have the resources to provide audited statements for 3 years. This requirement could disadvantage otherwise qualified and fiscally stable respondents. Would the State consider allowing respondents to provide non-audited financial statements?	The RFP references a proven track record of complex initiatives, providing business support statewide, managing grant programs. Page 21, Financial Profile, # 3 and page 22, section E Attachments, 4 th bullet: Allow for the inclusion of less than 3 years audited statements for an entity with less than three years history. The full RFP provides details necessary of the organization for successful delivery of services, including the remainder of the Financial Profile (page 21) and Organizational Strength (page 9-10).