

Questions Issued: 10.24.07
Responses Issued: 10.25.07

For Component A:

1. Regarding Component A, have all data elements been identified to meet requirements of RFP and the project outcomes?

No; some have been identified through our Phase 1 and 2 research, but we expect responders to identify others. Please refer to p. 7 of the RFP, Research Milestone 5.

2. Are all entities, including pre-school, educational school districts, higher education, and workforce prepared to send data elements to data collector?

The RFP respondent is expected to detail its data access strategies and methods for obtaining data elements in the proposal. Please refer to section 2.5 of the RFI and to sections 2.2 and 5.3 of the RFP.

3. Have all entities agreed to participate in study? Who will assist in notification and solicitation of participation by educational entities for data collection?

E3 works closely with regional educational entities. Should the data access strategy detailed in the proposal as per sections 2.2 and 5.3 of the RFP require individual sign off from participating educational entities, E3's assistance will be subject to negotiation with Contractor.

4. The RFP states that E3 expects the project to be completed within 12 months of award date and the Central Texas Education Systems Map and Associated Reports is due 8 months from data acquisition. How long is projected for data acquisition from the award date?

E³ Alliance projects up to a 90 day period for data acquisition from the award data. However, as stated in the RFP, all specific milestones are subject to recommended input and timeline justification from responders and the chosen research team. Interim milestones for all project activities will be required.

5. With regard to FERPA compliance, are districts providing non-identifiable data to data collector?

Individual student level records are required for much of the analysis. The RFP respondent is expected to detail its data access strategies in compliance with FERPA in the proposal. Please refer to section 2.5 of the RFI and to sections 2.2 and 5.3 of the RFP.

6. If data collector provides a format for submission of data, will that data be available from all participants and will those participants be able to provide that data in that format, such as a CSV encrypted file?

Contractor and E³ Alliance will negotiate format with data sources.

7. Regarding intellectual property ownership, who will own the database and what will be the disposition of data at the completion of the project?

FERPA standards apply to all data sets. E³ Alliance retains intellectual property rights to all work products. Please refer to Attachment C, Article 11.

8. Who will provide and maintain releases for confidential information for project?

Provisions for releases for confidential information should be addressed in respondent's description of data access abilities and strategies as referred to in sections 2.2 and 5.3 of the RFP.

9. Are there incentives for school districts and other educational institution participation?

There are no incentives provided to school districts or other educational institutions other than the benefits derived from participation in this project.

Overall:

10. If any delays occur in project A, will the due dates for Projects B and C be adjusted accordingly? Likewise for Project C if there is a delay in project B?

Please refer to timelines detailed in Section 4.5 of the RFP.