

September 6, 2012

Nebraska State Board of Education

2.1.2-- Request for Proposal: Statewide Assessment

Request For Proposal [RFP] for a system for state assessments. The Request for Proposal seeks a five-year commitment with one-year contracts negotiated each year of the five years. This contract replaces the current contracts for NeSA-Reading, Math, Science; Alternate R/M/S; Check for Learning (\$5 million) and Writing (\$895,000)

Assessments:

- **Reading, Math, Science, Writing**
- **Alternate Assessment Reading, Math, Science**
- **Check for Learning**

System Components:

- **Online assessments**
- **Paper/pencil assessments- scanable answer sheets**
- **Test development**
- **Test item storage (item bank)**
- **Training**
- **Scoring**
- **Psychometric analysis and support**
- **Technical reports**
- **Data reports**
- **Reports for districts and parents**
- **Calculations for accountability**
- **Customer service**

Proposed Timeline

Write RFP – September and October

Post RFP - November

Read and evaluate proposals – January and February

Take recommendation to the Board – March

Negotiate contract – March and April

Take signed contract to Board in May

Contract effective – July 1, 2013

Additions/Options/Issues

- Tablet technology
- Auditory options
- Translation
- Common Core standards
- State standards review in content areas
 - Item Development
 - Alignment studies
 - Standard Setting
- Performance test items
- Technology Refresh
- Data Forensics
- Data Analysis
- Prompt Writing