

CONTRACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Idaho Science Coach

Term: August 1, 2023, through to June 15, 2024

Organization: Idaho State Department of Education

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Classification: Full or Part Time Contract Position

Position Description: Under the guidance of the Superintendent, the Director of Content and Curriculum, and the Science/STEM/ISAS Coordinator, the Idaho Science Coach will help implement the strategic goals of the Superintendent and the objectives of the Content and Curriculum team. Coaches report directly and regularly to the Coordinator, and will partner with teachers, schools, district leadership and other organizations as directed by SDE to improve implementation of the Idaho State Content Standards in Science in Idaho schools.

Scope of Work: The Director of Content and Curriculum desires that the Idaho Science Coaches perform, and the Coaches agree to perform, in addition to any other work as may be directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the following:

I. Administrative Support

- a. Provides regional contacts and information to the Science/STEM/ISAS Coordinator
- b. Provides consistent, timely, and relevant information to the regional teachers, administration, and coaches through regular communication via email, phone contact, or regional meetings.



- c. Communicate with school and district administrators and teacher leaders to determine school and district needs.
- d. Collaborate with other regional coaches and the SDE for strategic planning and developing common resources.
- e. As directed by the coordinator, facilitate collaboration between teachers/schools/districts and community partners.
- f. Assist districts when asked to help with curriculum adoptions and recommendations of materials.
- g. Attend regular meetings of with the Idaho Science Coaches and the Coordinator

II. Provide Professional Development and Coaching

- a. Plan, develop and implement appropriate professional development activities for districts and teachers in collaboration with the SDE project coordinator.
- b. Conduct and facilitate classroom observations for teachers to identify and communicate strengths and areas for growth.
- c. Collect relevant regional program data to evaluate efficacy and report this to the Coordinator
- d. Provide SDE with materials developed under contract to be distributed to Idaho teachers.

Travel is required for this position estimated at 50% of time, throughout Idaho. Most travel will be within your local area.

In this position, the coach will be working up to an estimated 40 hours per week.

If not working a full-time contract, must have flexibility to be in classrooms working with teachers during the regular school day.

Minimum Qualifications

- a. Current teaching certificate
- b. Knowledge of the Idaho State Content Standards in Science
- c. Knowledge of current evidence-based K-12 curriculum, instruction, & assessment practices
- d. Strong speaking, listening, presentation, writing, and computer skills
- e. Experience delivering PD to teachers/peers/district staff
- f. Positive and professional attitude
- g. K-12 public education experience
- h. Demonstrated ability to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds

Preferred Qualifications

- a. Current **Idaho** teaching certificate
- b. Training in connecting literacy to science content

- c. K-12 Idaho public school administrator and/or instructional coach experience.
- d. Proficient with Microsoft Office Products
- e. Master's Degree

Compensation: The compensation for the above deliverables for a full-time coach will be \$65 per hour invoiced monthly, commensurate with education and experience. The contractor will bear all costs, fees, and expenses associated with the execution of the work.

This is a contract position, the coach will not be an employee of the SDE, and as such does not provide any employment benefits. The coach will need to provide and show proof of Automobile liability, General Liability, and Professional Liability Insurance. A current Criminal Background Check must be provided.

**To apply, submit the following documents to
Andrea Baerwald, abaerwald@sde.idaho.gov**

1. Resume
2. Cover letter that addresses all qualifications and scope of work.
3. Lesson(s) and/or units you have planned and taught with a narrative about how they met the Idaho Science Standards and shows your understanding of the 3 dimensions of the science standards as well as how to anchor around a phenomenon. This can be written or in video form to show examples of your work with the Idaho Science Standards.
4. Phone number and email address for three professional references.
5. Please indicate if you are interested in a full or part-time contract. If part-time indicate the number of hours available to work.