



Contracting Opportunity

FY27 Lead Gifted and Talented Facilitator

PURPOSE

The Idaho Department of Education seeks letters of interest for a Lead Gifted and Talented Facilitator to provide statewide leadership, coordination, and oversight of Gifted and Talented programming, as detailed below.

The contact for this contracting opportunity is:

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BACKGROUND

The Idaho Department of Education is responsible for ensuring statewide implementation, compliance, and continuous improvement of Gifted and Talented programming. This includes supporting local education agencies in meeting legislative requirements, implementing high-quality programming, and developing required three-year plans. The Lead Gifted and Talented Facilitator plays a critical role in overseeing and coordinating regional facilitators, ensuring consistency across regions, and supporting statewide alignment with the Idaho Best Practices for Gifted and Talented Programs. This role provides leadership, communication, and program oversight to strengthen outcomes for gifted and talented students across Idaho.

TIMELINE

Letter of Interest and Resume or CV are due by: Friday, April 17th by 5:00 p.m. MST

SPECIFICATIONS OR SCOPE OF WORK

The Lead Gifted and Talented Facilitator will provide statewide leadership and coordination of Gifted and Talented programming, including managing and supporting regional Gifted and Talented facilitators to ensure consistent implementation across regions. Responsibilities



include ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements; overseeing the development, implementation, and review of required three-year district plans; collecting and analyzing program data; and supporting continuous improvement efforts. The contractor will facilitate collaboration among regional facilitators and district supervisors, coordinate and support statewide professional development, and serve as the primary liaison between the Idaho Department of Education, regional facilitators, and LEAs. Additional responsibilities include providing technical assistance, supporting communication with stakeholders, and assisting with statewide initiatives, content development, and program evaluation.

AWARD BASIS AND TERM

Contract is not to exceed \$85,350 (ranging from \$50,000 to \$85,350), commensurate with education and the contractor's experience. This contract is fully burdened, and no benefits package is included. Contractor will be required to supply evidence of Commercial General Liability and Professional Liability insurance and may be required to supply additional insurance depending upon the Scope of Work.

REQUIRED SUBMITTAL ITEMS

1. Letter of Interest
2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Potential Contractors must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Extensive experience in Gifted and Talented education, program leadership, or related instructional leadership roles
- Demonstrated knowledge of Idaho Gifted and Talented requirements, including statewide systems and three-year planning processes
- Experience leading or coordinating across multiple districts or regions
- Ability to manage and support facilitators or teams in a statewide structure
- Strong background in professional development design and delivery
- Experience with data collection, analysis, and program evaluation
- Strong communication, leadership, and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently while coordinating closely with statewide initiatives and IDE staff



RESPONSE

Submit all Required Submittal Items to sthunstrom@sde.idaho.gov prior to the deadline established above.