



Contracting Opportunity

FY27 Regional Gifted and Talented Facilitators

PURPOSE

The Idaho Department of Education seeks letters of interest for Regional Gifted and Talented (GT) Facilitators to provide regional support, coordination, and technical assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) in implementing Idaho's Gifted and Talented programs, as detailed below.

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BACKGROUND

The Idaho Department of Education is responsible for supporting statewide implementation of Gifted and Talented programming, including compliance with legislative requirements and alignment to the Idaho Best Practices for Gifted and Talented Programs. Regional facilitators play a critical role in ensuring that local educational agencies develop and implement required three-year plans, access high-quality professional development, and receive ongoing technical assistance. These positions support consistency, communication, and continuous improvement across regions while strengthening outcomes for gifted and talented students statewide.

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

Regional Gifted and Talented Facilitators will provide direct support to districts within their assigned regions by assisting with the development and implementation of required three-year Gifted and Talented plans, supporting compliance with state and federal requirements, and



promoting the use of the Idaho Best Practices for Gifted and Talented Programs. Facilitators will coordinate and participate in regional meetings, deliver and support professional development, maintain communication with local educational agencies, the Lead Gifted and Talented Facilitator, and the Idaho Department of Education, and collect and report data related to program effectiveness, needs, and best practices. Responsibilities also include maintaining a current database of regional stakeholders, fostering collaboration across districts, and supporting continuous improvement of GT programming within their regions.

AWARD BASIS AND TERM

Contract range has been approved from \$4,000 to \$8,000 commensurate with education and the contractor's experience. This contract is fully burdened, and no benefits package is included. Contractors 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. Contracts are anticipated to be awarded for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

REQUIRED SUBMITTAL ITEMS

1. Letter of Interest
2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Potential Contractors must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience in Gifted and Talented education, curriculum, or related instructional leadership
- Knowledge of Idaho Gifted and Talented requirements, including three-year planning processes
- Experience working with K–12 educators, administrators, and/or local educational agencies
- Ability to facilitate professional development and regional collaboration
- Strong communication, organization, and data reporting skills
- Ability to work independently while coordinating with statewide initiatives



RESPONSE

Submit all required submittal items to sthunstrom@sde.idaho.gov prior to the deadline established above.