

New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System
NH Alternate Learning Progressions Assessment (NH ALPs)
Notice of Intent to Issue a Request for Proposals
February 2012

New Hampshire intends to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a single contractor to assist in the ongoing development and administration of the New Hampshire Alternate Learning Progressions Assessment (NH-ALPS) at grades 2-8, and 10-11. NH-ALPS is the academic assessment based on alternate achievement standards (AA/AAS) for students with the most cognitive disabilities. Video-based performance assessments are administered annually to approximately 1500 students across the 9 grades.

The NH-ALPS, first administered in school year 2010-2011, are custom video-based assessments administered to meet federal NCLB assessment requirements and related regulations. The tests are designed to produce data that represent individual student performance located along vertically articulated learning progressions, information useful to teachers in planning future instruction, as well as district- and school-wide data on the effectiveness of local programs in achieving the goal of proficiency in the academic areas of reading, writing, mathematics and science for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. New Hampshire is a member of the NECAP consortium of states for purposes of general assessment implementation. The NECAP states, however, do not currently share *alternate assessments based on alternate achievement standards*. Alternate assessments based on alternate achievement standards (AA/AAS) are developed separately within each of the NECAP states and serve as one component of the comprehensive, integrated local and statewide assessment system for each state. The NH Alternate Learning Progressions Assessment is the AA/AAS for the state of New Hampshire.

Proposed Timing of the RFP Process

- The RFP will be issued March 1, 2012.
- Responses will be due on Friday March 30, 2012 by the close of business.
- Proposal evaluation and selection of a recommended contractor will occur by mid-April 2012.
- Contract negotiation and approval will begin immediately after a recommended contractor is identified.
- Project work will begin in Summer, 2012.

Anticipated Contract Period

The anticipated contract period for the alternate assessments described in the RFP will begin in Summer 2012 and continue through December 2017.

The initial contract will be awarded for one year, with options to renew the contract for 4 additional years dependent on successful performance.

All contracts awarded through this RFP are subject to continued availability of funds as well as state and federal assessment requirements.

Additional information about the NH-ALPS page at the NH Department of Education:

http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/alt_assess/index.htm, and also at:

<http://www.measuredprogress.org/NH-Alt>

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