



ADDENDUM NO. 1

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RE: RFP 003.21.B5, Adaptive Prekindergarten Software Solution

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TO: PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

This addendum modifies the Original Bidding Documents as noted below. Acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in your Proposal. Failure to do so may subject the Bidder to disqualification.

1. REPLACE Section 4, paragraph 1, Purpose with:

“HCPSS is issuing this RFP to obtain an Adaptive Prekindergarten Software Solution to provide adaptive and responsive instruction of early learning domains, including language arts and mathematics, aligned to HCPSS curriculum and Maryland Early Learning Standards. Proficiency with these concepts supports prekindergarten students with kindergarten readiness skills and compliments high quality, developmentally appropriate first instruction. Diverse learners have diverse strengths and needs. Tools that help teachers analyze students’ needs supports their ability to provide responsive, differentiated instruction.”

2. INSERT Questions & Answers

No.	Question	Answer
1.	Is the vendor responsible for a software solution only, or also for developing the instructional and assessment content that the solution delivers?	The solution should include instructional and assessment content that adapts based on the needs of the student. The assessment could be built in, so that the level of difficulty adjusts. For example, if a student is asked to identify rhyming words but repeatedly selects incorrect answers, a mini tutorial may be introduced with additional opportunities for practice included.
2.	If the vendor is responsible for the software solution only, what is the source of the content that will be delivered by the solution? Does that come from a publisher, or the district, or the teachers themselves (or all 3 of those sources combined)?	The solution should include all online content (games, activities, etc.) and be aligned to early learning standards for prekindergarten students (e.g., counting to 5, identifying numbers, etc.)
3.	Should language arts also be included in the Adaptive Prekindergarten Software Solution? What other optional subject offerings should be included?	At minimum, language arts and mathematics
4.	Should the ESSA studies be attached or can we link to the studies?	A weblink is sufficient.

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5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the 1,500 - 2,000 students all prekindergarten students? 	All prekindergarten. This should be modified to 1,000-1,500.
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the District be awarding to one vendor or to multiple vendors? 	HCPSS has the right to make multiple awards.
7.	<p>2. Attachment G requires that we include the VPAT (Voluntary Product Accessibility Template) and that we confirm conformation with WCGA 2.1, level AA standards. Is this a mandatory requirement?</p>	It is not mandatory.

END OF ADDENDUM