

## RFQ APPLICANT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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1. Can you please clarify the eligibility for evaluators? For example, do evaluators have to prepare responses as a business entity, or is it appropriate to respond as an individual, perhaps sole proprietor?

**Answer :** Evaluators do not have to prepare a response as a business entity. Individuals/sole proprietors are encouraged to apply. The Commission is seeking independent evaluators based on their specific skills, knowledge and experience.

2. Can you please describe the process for the in-person applicant interviews which will take place June 29 - July 1, 2015 in Renton, WA?

**Answer:**

The purpose of the Capacity Interview is as follows:

- To afford evaluators the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the application;
- To allow the evaluation team to probe or pressure-test specific components of the application; and
- To give authorizers the ability to assess the capacity of the founding team to implement the program proposed in the application.

The structure/expected participation of the capacity interview is as follows:

- Only members of the applicant team that are expected to have a role in the establishment and operation of the approved school should attend the Capacity Interview (Sections D and E of the RFP, p. 25)
- The Team Leader and members of the evaluation team will conduct the in-person interviews.
- Performance Task: The applicant team will be asked to respond to a prompt provided by the Commission.

3. I was wondering if you could elaborate more on the selection preferences for evaluators.

**Answer:** The Commission's goal is to select between 6 and 14 Washington-based and 4-6 national evaluators with experience in school finance, academics, and/or school operations. The number of evaluators engaged will depend on the total number of applications submitted and

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content expertise needed. Evaluators will be selected based on their responses Evaluator  
Criteria questions on page 6 of the RFQ and on the selection criteria noted on page 2 of the RFQ.