

2015 RFP WEBINAR QUESTION AND ANSWERS

March 17, 2015

1. You said team members listed on the application cover sheet should attend the Capacity Interview. What do you mean by cover sheet? "General" section including Start-Up Team Members and Board Members? So to clarify, do you expect that ALL team members listed on in the General section would attend the capacity interview? In other words, all board members should attend? Or could SOME attend? Thank you!

Answer: The Capacity Interview participants include only members of the applicant team that are expected to have a **role** in the establishment and operation of the approved school. Individuals listed in the application under Section D: Board Members and Section E: Start-Up Team (page 25 of the 2015 RFP) are the individuals who should attend the capacity interview.

2. Can you speak more to organizational mission specific goals? What are some examples? How are educational and organizational mission specific goals different?

Answer: Organizational mission specific goals are tied to the school's mission, and vision. At its core, what does the school do? What are the school's long-term goals regarding the non-profit organization that runs it? Some example of organizational goal might include increasing family and community engagement at the school level, increasing expertise and capacity at the board level, or increasing teacher/staff effectiveness through intentionally designed and delivered professional development. Educational goals are academic in nature. Your mission specific academic goals are part of the Academic Framework and should be designed to measure progress towards these identified goals.

3. Is there a limit on the number of people that can attend the capacity interview?

Answer: While there is no official limit to the number of people who may attend the capacity interview, it is important that the applicants understand the purpose of the capacity interview. As stated on page 17 of the 2015 RFP: "Applicants will have the opportunity to present their plan and demonstrate the team's capacity to open and maintain a high-quality charter school as well as to answer specific questions about their proposal." Historically, applicants have brought 4-8 individuals with deep knowledge of and a role in the implementation of the proposed charter school.

4. Where do the hard copies need to be delivered? To the Commission office? And when do the photocopies of the proposals need to be submitted?

Answer: Hard Copies should to be mailed or hand delivered to:

Postal/Courier Service:

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Be sure to allow time for postal service. **All hard copies must received by 5:00 p.m. PDT on June 1, 2015.**

5. Will this presentation be posted on the website?

Answer: It was posted on March 18th to <http://charterschool.wa.gov/applying/application-process/> under “Webinar.”

6. Can you provide any information on the 2016 cycle due in May of 2016 – I hear the time-line will be different next cycle.

Answer: We cannot provide information on the 2016 RFP cycle because we have not developed timelines or materials to date.