RFP # 25-009 21st CCLC Data Collection and Reporting System

Questions and Answers Summary

1. **Q:** Regarding Project Deliverables: (Pg. 9) 1.k.vii states: The system (SIS) will allow "for the collection, storage, and retrieval of the following student and program level data elements for current and prior years" [...] including "Individual student and family data; including NYSSIS/OSSIS IDs, demographics, ELA and Math test scores, grades in letter or numeric grading systems; and any additional student level data required for 21APR reporting" - Is this data collected by these organizations, or pulled from schools? How do the schools provide the data?

   A: Some of the individual student data, such as the NYSSIS/OSSIS IDs, family data and grades in letter or numeric grading systems is gathered by the program from the partnering school district and inputted into the applicant's system. The district is responsible for providing the required data for federal reporting purposes and must sign a partnership agreement with CBO partners to do so if they are not the grantee lead agency. Other individual student data, such as demographics and ELA and Math test scores, for example, is pulled from NYSED's Information Repository System (IRS) and uploaded into the applicant's system.

2. **Q:** (Appendix 2) Are you able to provide access to the 21APR system documentation regarding New York state? (Must login to 21APR site).

   A: No. Access cannot be given to unverified parties due to restrictions from the USDOE. All information needed regarding relevant data points can be viewed in Appendix E-3 (https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/programs/funding-opportunities-procurements/appendix-e-3-21-apr-sea-data-guide.pdf).

3. **Q:** (Appendix 3) Can you provide examples of API data for NY SEA Data Entry?

   A: All relevant and necessary data for API transfer into 21APR can be found in the 21APR SEA Data Guide (Appendix E-3 https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/programs/funding-opportunities-procurements/appendix-e-3-21-apr-sea-data-guide.pdf). APIs are mechanisms that enable two software components to communicate with each other using a set of definitions and protocols. The bidder's perspective software/application will need to communicate with 21APR.

4. **Q:** How many centers are there per type?

   A: If by type, you mean the types of eligible subgrantees, and by center, you mean the location in which programming is taking place, please refer to the breakdown below:

   There are 6 types of subgrantee organizations and the total number of Round 8 subgrantees is 150. However, many subgrantees have more than one site or center location. The total number of Round 8 sites/centers is 403, broken down by type as follows: Public School (371), Charter School (9), College/University (0), Community Based (12), Faith Based (5), and Other (6). These counts include currently inactive sites for 2023-24.

5. **Q:** Is attendance tracking, for currently funded program sites, automated, i.e. mobile apps, scanners, etc. to ensure improved data fidelity for reporting purposes?

    A: It is not known how many currently funded program sites utilize automated attendance tracking. NYSED believes that providing that option for programs could improve efficiency, as well as help to ensure data fidelity for reporting purposes.

6. **Q:** In order to ensure the timeliness, collection and accuracy of data, our systems provide reporting in real-time. Is it the goal of New York State to better understand not just the who (how many), but also the when (time and attendance) and the how (dosage by program outcomes) participants are being served?

    A: Yes, that is the goal.

7. **Q:** Is there an incumbent or have sub-grantee organizations been allowed to select their own method for data collection?

    A: Yes, there is an incumbent vendor that currently provides the software system for statewide data collection and reporting. Subgrantees are required to use this system to enter their program and student data. The required federal reporting data is then automatically uploaded into the 21APR system.

8. **Q:** Please clarify: Is the winning bidder responsible for submitting the data to the federal system?

    A: Yes

9. **Q:** How frequently will sub-grantees report data to the state? How often will the data get aggregated and reported for Federal APR reporting?

    A: Sub-grantees report data to the State on-going throughout the year. Data is aggregated and currently reported for Federal APR reporting two times per year.

10. **Q:** For mobile attendance application/id badge scanning, by sub-grantees, can you clarify whether this is simply a user-initiated login and timestamp to record activities, or is this a separate native mobile application with the ability to scan a QR code or utilize other technology such as NFC?

    A: NYSED did not have a particular type in mind. Whatever application the bidder believes would provide the required information (accurate attendance data), and provide the user with an easy to use device for logging students in and out of program activities efficiently and effectively, and meets NYSED security standards, would be acceptable. Bidder responses should explain the advantages of the system they are proposing.

11. **Q:** Can the platform be hosted in the cloud on FedRAMP-compliant Amazon Web Services?

    A: Yes. We would want bidders to provide proof that they are FedRAMP-compliant.

12. **Q:** Is it expected that the data collected for NYSED can be automatically exported directly into 21APR via an API or integration, or is the requirement merely the ability to export the data to a format that can be manually uploaded to 21APR?

     A: Yes, it is the expectation that the data collected in the proposed system can be automatically exported directly into 21APR via an API or integration.

13. **Q:** (Pg. 4-5) If we subcontract with a MBE which is also a WBE for 17% more of the value of the contract, would that satisfy all of the MWBE goals in this RFP? Or does it need to be 30%?

     A: The overall goal is 30% of the total contract amount for M/WBE participation. (17% for Minority-Owned Business Enterprises ("MBE") participation and 13% for Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("WBE").