

# Pre-Procurement Announcement 2023-22

## Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program

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## A.1. PURPOSE OF PRE-PROCUREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is initiating this Pre-Procurement Announcement to notify interested parties of an upcoming Request for Proposal (RFP) for assessment service provider(s) to assist Washington with the **administration, scoring, and reporting** of [Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program \(WCAP\)](#) tests beginning with the 2024–25 academic school year.

The purposes of this Pre-Procurement Announcement are:

- To give potential bidders resources to research the WCAP tests included in the forthcoming RFP prior to the RFP’s release.
- To inform potential bidders that the forthcoming RFP will be a Washington-only RFP.
- Provide a high-level timeline for the forthcoming RFP.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) reserves the right to revise information posted herein.

## A.2. WCAP TEST RESOURCES

The following WCAP tests will be included in the forthcoming RFP:

- [Smarter Balanced Assessment \(SBA\)](#)—ELA and math standards-aligned tests and tools administered to grades 3–8 and 10
- [Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science \(WCAS\)](#)—Science standards-aligned test administered to grades 5, 8, and 11.
- [Washington-Access to Instruction and Measurement \(WA-AIM\)](#)—An alternate ELA, math, and science test built to provide a continuum of access points to the standards for students with cognitive disabilities in grades 3–8 and 10.

Washington’s governing mandates related to tests including in the forthcoming RFP are:

- State - [RCW 28A.655.070](#), State Learning Standards—Duties of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Federal - [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#), Sec. 1111 - State Plans (b) Challenging Academic Standards and Academic Assessments

## A.3. WASHINGTON-ONLY RFP

Previously, Washington contracted for services for the WCAP tests as one member of a Multi-Agency Assessment Collaborative (MAAC) comprised of multiple state agencies. This forthcoming RFP will not be within a MAAC.

#### **A.4. TIMELINE**

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for these services will be made public in July 2024.

The estimated contract period resulting from the forthcoming RFP will be for three years from February 2024–December 2027, with three optional one-year renewal periods. The option to extend any contract resulting from this forthcoming RFP shall be at the sole discretion of OSPI.

OSPI reserves the right to revise this timeline.

#### **A.5. QUESTIONS**

Questions related to this Pre-Procurement Announcement may be directed to [contracts@k12.wa.us](mailto:contracts@k12.wa.us).

No questions will be answered about the forthcoming RFP.