

Addendum 2 SBAC RFP-05  
Psychometric Services  
Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium  
Information, Questions & Answers

**PROJECT TITLE: SMARTER Balanced Assessment CONSORTIUM Psychometric Services**

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- Q1. One of the design tasks is to specify a procedure “for revision and refinement of Achievement Level Descriptors” (p 22). This implies that ALDs are to be developed early on, prior to the standard setting. Is this required?  
**Answer:** Initial Achievement Level Descriptors will be developed in spring 2012 under a separate contract. See Bundle #12 in the Procurement Schedule for Summative Assessments at [http://www.k12.wa.us/SMARTER/pubdocs/SMARTER\\_SummativeAssessment\\_ProcurementSchedule.pdf](http://www.k12.wa.us/SMARTER/pubdocs/SMARTER_SummativeAssessment_ProcurementSchedule.pdf).

**General Questions**

- Q2. Should the standard setting design include a plan for determining the number of achievement levels and the achievement level policy definitions or will these be given?  
**Answer:** Achievement level descriptors will be determined prior to standard setting. These will include the number of levels and definitions for each level. In the course of the standard setting process, when panelists are reviewing item distribution and impact data, some adjustment may be recommended to improve congruence.  
  
The standard setting design should assume that the number of achievement levels and policy definitions will be given, as a result of work done under RFP-12.
- Q3. Is a formal approval or adoption of the standards required? If so, what group or authority will play the role of the “policy making body” in this achievement level setting process?  
**Answer:** Yes, the standards will be adopted by the SBAC governing states. Determining the composition of the policy-making body and the process for approval is part of the work of this contract
- Q4. What will be the time frame for setting the standards, as opposed to developing the standard setting design and collecting data for it?  
**Answer:** Panelists will be convened for standard setting in August 2014.