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Notification 8/25/2011
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): SBAC RFP-04

Note to potential respondents:

- This notification is intended to revise, clarify and become part of the *SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium* Request for Proposals to Develop Item and Task Specifications, Style Guide, Bias and Sensitivity Guidelines, and Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines released on 7/26/2011.
 - All amendments, addendums, and notifications will be posted on the OSPI Web site and released via the Washington Electronic Business Solution (WEBS) Web site.
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This notice is to bring all interested parties the latest on the solicitation activities for RFP SBAC-04. As most are likely aware, SBAC experienced a delay in releasing the Mathematics Content Specifications. SBAC anticipates releasing information on the Mathematics materials next Monday, August 29. From the perspective of the RFP timeline, SBAC and OSPI have agreed to not adjust any further the proposal submission due date. As was communicated with Addendum 1 to the RFP, the **September 2, 2011** date listed as the 'no earlier than date' will now be the actual submission date. Modifications to the remainder of the timeline will be communicated with announcement of the link to the Mathematics materials.

We recognize this decision may create some consternation on the part of prospective bidders, but we believe that as long as bidders had a sense of the thinking behind the content specifications, which we hope the earlier release of the ELA materials provided, that the later release of the Mathematics materials would be mitigated. From the Consortium's perspective, the critical piece is ensuring the finalized versions of both sets of content specifications are ready for the awardee of the contract when work needs to begin in October.

Sincerely,

Mike Middleton