

Under Senate Bill 1184, a Technology Task Force was formed to help implement the technology components of Students Come First. Specifically, the task force was asked to study and develop plans for the one-to-one mobile computing Devices in high schools, the online credit requirement, the necessary professional development for teachers, and other topics determined by the task force chairman. The Task Force was made up of classroom teachers, parents, principals, superintendents, school board trustees, legislators, business managers, technology directors and representatives of the business community. Eleven positions on the task force were appointed by educational stakeholder groups as well as the Idaho Legislature and the Office of the Governor.

The Task Force unanimously approved 47 recommendations to the Idaho Legislature, which were developed over the course of seven months of meetings and deliberations, which included testimony of guest experts, research, surveys, and site visits to education technology programs across the country. Highlights of the recommendations approved by the Task Force include:

- The state phase in the one-to-one mobile computing Devices to one-third of high schools at a time, beginning in fall 2013. High school teachers will still receive Devices in fall 2012.
- The State should procure a laptop as the mobile computing Device.
- If local school boards determine the Device will be taken home, all schools provide parent trainings multiple times throughout the year and that attendance is required at one training before the Device is taken home.
- The State increase the amount of professional development allowed in school calendars.
- The State should require Idaho's colleges of education to ensure pre-service students learn how to integrate technology in the classroom before becoming teachers.

To view the full, written report of the Technology Task Force, please visit <http://studentscomefirst.org/docs/Technology%20Task%20Force%20Summary%20Report%20-%20Final.pdf>

All interested suppliers are advised that a voter referendum, "Proposition 3" will be on the Idaho ballot in November 2012. Proposition 3 will ask the voters to "approve or reject legislation amending school district funding, requiring provisions of computing devices and online courses for high school graduation." The results of this referendum could affect funding for the Mobile Computing Initiative.

SDE has current appropriation to support the Mobile Computing Initiative as described in this RFP, and is seeking the best "Total Cost per Device per Year," based on the scope and intended term of the resulting contract; however, SDE recognizes that Offerors need to address the risk associated with the potential impact of Proposition 3, on November 6, 2012, when the



voters of the State of Idaho will determine whether the Mobile Computing Initiative funding will remain intact.

In order to mitigate this risk outside of the fully burdened "Cost per Device" proposed by Offerors, SDE has requested an "Early Termination Schedule" from each Offeror.

As part of this Early Termination Schedule, Offerors must address all costs associated with contract performance based on the Project Plans submitted in response to this RFP (See Section 4.11). Detailed cost need only be provided for those elements of the Project Plan which will be implemented by the Offeror between the date of contract award (on or about July 1, 2012) and November 6, 2012 (vote on Proposition 3).

In the event that Proposition 3 does not pass (and funding is discontinued), the State intends to compensate the Contractor fairly for the reasonable amount of time, effort, material and services which Contractor has expended under the Contract. The basis for compensation will be the Early Termination Schedule submitted with your Proposal and accepted by the State, tied to the first (approximately) five months of the Proposed Project Plan, as modified by actual services performed to the date of early termination.

Response:

With a projected start date after November 6, HP anticipates that there will be no lease funding necessary as no notebook units would have shipped or have been accepted prior to the Proposition 3 ballot in November 2012. Hewlett-Packard will not fund any Lease Schedule under the Master Agreement until and unless Proposition 3 has been approved by Idaho voters in November, 2012. Once a schedule has been accepted, it is the anticipation of HP that payments will be made without interruption until the end of the lease term, with the exception of an event of non-appropriation.

