

## RFI - State Scholarship and Grant Management System

### ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

#### QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

<i>DATE RECEIVED</i>	<i>QUESTION</i>	<i>RESPONSE</i>
5/14/14	Can you please provide or point me to any public documentation that is available for the changes to the AEG program?	The information on changes is really very high level – gives the Commission authority to set the terms and conditions for the program. The current statutes (without the new changes) are available online at <a href="http://acpe.alaska.gov/Home/About%20Us/Statutes%20and%20Regulations">http://acpe.alaska.gov/Home/About Us/Statutes and Regulations</a> (see AS 14.43.400-420, on pages 41-42). The changes in Senate Bill 195 are available at <a href="http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_documents.asp?session=28&amp;bill=SB195">http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_documents.asp?session=28&amp;bill=SB195</a> . The easiest way to read the changes is to review the sectional analysis.
5/14/14	Should the State move forward with a procurement, how may this project be funded?	As with many state projects, funding is contingent upon legislative appropriation. A capital appropriation is anticipated but the precise amount to be allocated to this project has not yet been identified.
5/14/14	Can you provide the system/vendors for which this project will include directly and indirectly?	If a system is developed, it will need to interface with ELM/NDN to make disbursements, with the federal SAIG to capture FAFSA information, and be able to provide data extracts for upload/download into/from the state accounting system and schools.
5/14/14	When will the State make the determination to move forward with a procurement?	We expect to make a decision early this summer.
5/14/14	May the State select vendors from the RFI responses to provide a solution?	If an RFP is developed, vendors who responded to the RFI may bid on it, but there is no requirement that a vendor must have responded to the RFI in order to bid on any subsequent RFP.
5/14/14	Who specifically is the technical contact/project manager for this effort?	Specific technical staff will be assigned if the state determines to go forward with an RFP. Until that time, all questions should be addressed to the Procurement Officer.
5/14/14	Is there a time frame for the procurement?	If we determine to go ahead with a procurement, we would anticipate issuing an RFP in early summer. Recent legislative changes to the program take effect with the grant year that begins July 1, 2015, so we anticipate needing a new system to be available spring 2015.
5/14/14	Is there any sort of estimated cost for the project at this point?	No specific budget amount has been committed to this project at this time.
5/15/14	Is there a previous contract for the system or is it a new initiative?	There is an existing system; however, recent legislation makes significant changes to the program, which is what is driving the interest in learning about options for a new system.
5/15/14	Has funding been secured or will that come after analyzing the RFI responses?	A capital appropriation is anticipated but the precise amount to be allocated to this project has not yet been identified.