

RFQ#16-001: Qualifications for Independent Receivers

Questions and Answers

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1. **Question:** May a non-profit organization (acting as the Receiver) subcontract with a for-profit organization in their turnaround approach?

Answer: A non-profit may subcontract with a for-profit to support the non-profit in its receiving role. The non-profit must maintain the primary role and responsibility as the appointed receiver, and the total dollar amount and subcontracting percentage allowed will be reviewed on an individual basis, and will be subject to the approval of NYSED.

2. **Question:** If an organization is applying to serve all 9 schools, should 9 applications be submitted? In the receivership application on page 5 it states "eligible applicants must submit a separate application for each persistently struggling school they are proposing to serve..." AND On page 19 (form E) it states that the applicant shall provide a narrative proposal and budget for each struggling school. Does that mean that only Form E has to be duplicated for each of the 9 schools?

Answer: An applicant must submit a separate application for each school.

3. **Question:** Under compensation- is the reserved amount (\$200,000 or 10% of PSSG) per year for up to two years or just for the 2016-17 year?

Answer: Applicants should propose plans and budgets for the 2016-17 school year, based upon the funding amounts found in Appendix A of the RFQ.

4. **Question:** Are the schools listed in Appendix A of the RFQ the only schools we can apply to work with for the 2016-17 school year? Or can we apply to support any schools on the list of Struggling and Persistently Struggling Schools (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/oisr/Receivership.html>)?

Answer: The schools listed in Appendix A are the only schools an applicant may apply to work with. These are the Persistently Struggling Schools. At this time, Struggling Schools are not included in the RFQ.

5. **Question:** Can we apply to be an Independent Receiver without identifying a school/district with which to work? More specifically, can we apply to qualify as an Independent Receiver without identifying a paired school immediately? If so, do we need to submit by 3/11, or can we apply on a rolling basis?

Answer: Applicants must identify the schools they intend to work with, and must submit a separate application for each school. NYSED encourages applicants to submit applications by the May 20, 2016 deadline to be considered for receivership appointments for the 2016-17 school year.