

1. Would VSCS be willing to consider an extension of the RFP deadline (currently listed as 1/4/2021)?

We can extend the deadline to 1/5 at 4 pm.

2. Would VSCS consider a multi-year solution?

No. While the work anticipated in the scope of this RFP will inform a multi-year, system-wide transformation effort, at this point the VSCS is only seeking short-term proposals for academic program analyses and recommendations to be completed by the end of the anticipated project period, March 30, 2021.

3. What is the proposed budget?

There is no specific budget identified for this initiative.

4. Is there a price above which proposals would not be accepted?

As the system transformation effort will require additional state support as noted in the Select Committee's [initial report](#), the VSCS welcomes proposals that will demonstrate good value to the state in meeting its goals and leverage where possible all existing efforts and resources.

5. Do you want proposers to include workload estimates in the Project Staffing section or in the Pricing section?

In the Project Staffing section, please include workload estimates for VSCS personnel you would require to support the project. In the Pricing section, please include estimated hours for your own project staff and any subcontractors.

6. Can VSCS please provide the decision timeline for this RFP?

Our preliminary first choice candidate will be notified by close of business on January 7, 2020. We expect to invite individuals representing our first choice proposal to the Education, Personnel, and Student Life (EPSL) committee of the Board of Trustees at its January 8, 2021 meeting, scheduled for 10am-noon by Zoom. A final decision on the project by the Chancellor is not expected until after a January 15, 2021 meeting of the Board.

7. Can VSCS share who will be on the evaluation committee for this RFP? Who has the authority to sign the proposal and how do they make decisions?

The VSCS Chief Academic Officers' Group, led by the VSCS Chief Academic Officer and reporting to the Chancellor and Council of Presidents, will review proposals. This will be a complex decision, balancing our judgment of which entity is likely to work best with us and provide us the most useful deliverables weighed against costs. The ultimate responsibility and oversight for contracting the services in this RFP rests with the VSCS Chancellor.