

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 21, 2006

SUBJECT: Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program Update: VPK Summer Planning and 2006-07 Kindergarten Screening

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

N/A

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

VPK Summer Planning

Section 1002.61, Florida Statutes, specifies the requirements for the summer VPK program. Section 1002.53(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that, "...the school district must provide for the admission of every eligible child within the district whose parent enrolls the child in a summer prekindergarten program delivered by a public school under s. 1002.61."

To assist school districts and their local early learning coalitions in planning for the summer program, DOE has conducted a statewide planning meeting, bi-weekly conference calls, and distributed the *Summer VPK Planning Tool*. In addition, school districts are reporting their planning progress to DOE. The results of the first submission, for 46/67 school districts, were shared at the January 17, 2006, State Board of Education meeting.

DOE staff are providing additional assistance to selected districts regarding the length of summer VPK school day, the use of parent training activities for instructional time, and transportation.

A second submission of districts' VPK summer planning progress (see supporting documentation) was emailed to Superintendents on February 5th with a return date of February 15th. These results will be shared during this presentation.

2006-07 Kindergarten Screening

The following provides the approximate dates for the procurement of the instrument(s) for the 2006-07 kindergarten screening.

Calendar of Procurement Events	
Activity	Deadlines
Request for Proposals Issued	December 20, 2005
Bidders' Conference, 1703/07 Turlington Building, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	January 5, 2006
Receipt by Department of faxed/e-mailed Questions from Vendors, 901 Turlington Building, 1:00 p.m.	January 10, 2006
Deadline for Department to issue answers to questions	January 17, 2006

Calendar of Procurement Events	
Activity	Deadlines
Receipt of Proposals, 901 Turlington Building, 1:00 p.m.	January 24, 2006
Evaluation Committee Meeting, 1703/07	Jan. 30 – Feb. 1, 2006
Evaluation Committee Meeting, 1721/25	Feb. 2 – Feb. 3, 2006
Open Cost Proposals, 901 Turlington Building, 1:00 p.m.	February 9, 2006
Post intent to award contract	February 21, 2006
Commissioner reviews/approves contract and work begins	March 29, 2006

(Excerpt from page 6 of *Request for Proposals 2006-07: Selection of Kindergarten Readiness Assessment for Use in Florida Schools*)

Proposals from the following companies were received and reviewed by the evaluation committee (see supporting documentation):

- Harcourt Assessment, Inc. – Early Childhood Observation System (selected items)
- Pearson Educational Measurement – Work Sampling System (custom version)
- The Riverside Publishing Company – Battelle Developmental Inventory.

Cost proposals are scheduled to be opened February 9th, with the posting of the *intent to award a contract* on February 21st. It is anticipated that the contents of the posting of *the intent* will be shared during this presentation.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Summer VPK Planning Progress: February 2006
Proposal Evaluation Committee Members
 (Selection of Kindergarten Readiness Assessment)

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