

Student Success Research & Strategic Planning Consulting Services

RFP# 61-RFP25002

ADDENDUM # 1

Issued on November 16, 2024

The purpose of Addendum #1 is to make certain updates to the RFP and to answer questions that were received by the specified due date and time. To assist your review of the amendment, we have endeavored to highlight **changes in yellow**. Due to multiple duplications of questions received, NCCU is only answering duplicate questions once.

1. THE SOLICITATION IS HEREBY MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

M1. PAGE 6, SECTION 2.0 General Information, 2.4. RFP Schedule

The table below shows the *intended* schedule for this RFP. The State will make every effort to adhere to this schedule.

Event	Responsibility	Date and Time
Issue RFP	State	November 4, 2024
Submit Written Questions	Vendor	November 8, 2024, at 10:00 AM EST
Provide Response to Questions (posted as Addendum)	State	November 11, 2024 November 16, 2024
Submit Proposals	Vendor	Monday, November 18, 2023, by 1:00 PM EST Local Thursday, November 21, 2024 by 9:00 AM EST Local
Contract Award	State	December 1, 2023
Contract Effective Date	State	January 1, 2024

The State reserves the right to revise the schedule in its sole discretion

2. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING THE SOLICITATION AND THE AUTHORITY'S ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS.

1. Could you please provide a budget estimate for this project?

The budget estimate for this project is between \$250,000 to \$300,000.

2. Has NCCU's SoB previously engaged an outside partner to support the development of a strategic plan? If so, which firm?

No. An outside partner has not developed a strategic plan. Boston consulting Group (BCG) performed a preliminary data collection, review, and analysis. They also interviewed a small group of faculty, staff, and students to discuss the research findings and identify areas of change. However, BCG did not help to develop a strategic plan.

3. The proposal mentions working closely with BCG to review progress, deliverables, etc. Can you please clarify the nature of the relationship with BCG and how the selected firm for this work will interact with BCG?

Although the chosen consultant will not have to confer directly with BCG, they will have access to BCG's preliminary deliverables. NCCU can relay questions about the preliminary deliverables that the selected consultant may have to BCG or, if necessary, the selected consultant may be able to confer directly with BCG. There is a very low probability that the chosen consultant will need to confer directly with BCG.

4. What is the desired time horizon for the strategic plan (e.g. 3 years, 5 years, etc.)?

The time horizon for identifying, developing, and implementing initiatives is Spring 2025 – Spring 2026. The plan to monitor and assess the initiatives will extend beyond the implementation timeframe.

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