

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2021/22

Approval of Sole Source

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT has determined it is in the best interest of the DISTRICT to allow exceptions to the competitive bid process for the following materials, products, things or services pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 3400, and that;

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has determined that competitive bidding would be incongruous and would not result in any advantage to the DISTRICT for the following materials, products, things or services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The DISTRICT, pursuant to Public Contract Code § 3400, intends to establish uniform and compatible materials, products things or services to reliably and cost efficiently support education for school children in the DISTRICT.

Section 2.

The DISTRICT has performed considerable research into the materials, products, things and services utilized by the DISTRICT's School Improvement and Support Department that would effectively support the DISTRICT's GATE Assessment.

Section 3.

The DISTRICT has determined that the program and systems incompatibility contribute to increased cost in parts, training, maintenance and support to the DISTRICT and finds that it is necessary to establish DISTRICT standards to eliminate program and system incompatibility and reliability issues associated with replacing incompatible materials, products, things or services.

Section 4.

The DISTRICT's existing facilities currently use specific materials, products, things and services. The DISTRICT's standardization recommendations contained herein have been developed to match existing programs and systems to avoid any additional designing and engineering cost that may be required for evaluating and testing incompatible materials, product, things and services.

Section 5.

In addition to establishing DISTRICT wide standards to ensure compatibility and interoperability of existing materials, products, things and services, the DISTRICT, pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 3400 intends to establish uniform standards for the listed materials, products, things and services for the following reasons:

Pearson NNAT Assessment

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The NNAT3 is a nonverbal measure of general ability for students in kindergarten through grade 12, ideal for use with a diverse student population. The assessment does not include writing or language, therefore provides new unique information about the student that is equitable across English language levels. NNAT3 is specifically developed for use by a variety of education professionals, including, but not limited to, bilingual educators, testing coordinators, gifted and talented teachers, special education teachers, functional life skills facilitators, counselors, and school psychologists.

The assessment has a 30-minute administration time, and does not require specialized credentialing or training to give the exam. The exam can be given to a group of students during class time, with minimal directions. The product is produced and copyrighted by Pearson, and is not available through other vendors.

Section 6.

The designation of certain materials, products, things or services contained herein shall be effective for 36 months from the date of this Resolution. At that time, a committee designated by DISTRICT staff will review the materials, products, things or services and recommend to the Board either a re-adoption, revision or discontinue use of the designated materials, products, things or services. The Board shall then consider the committee's recommendations and re-approve or discontinue the designation of the materials, products, things or services contained herein or approve additional replacement materials, products, things or services as determined by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Christopher R. Hoffman
Secretary to the Board of Education of the
Elk Grove Unified School DISTRICT