



Ventura County Community College District

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

DATE: August 26, 2024
TO: All Proposers
FROM: Ilene Mehrez, Director of Procurement and Contract Services
SUBJECT: Addendum 1 – RFQ #683, Consulting Services for Strategic Planning

*This addendum is hereby made part of the Contract Documents to the same extent as though it was originally included therein and takes precedence over the original documents. The outdated pages must be replaced with any updated and/or changed pages when submitting your proposal. **Acknowledge receipt of all addenda.***

Questions Received via email:

1. Will you consider accepting on-line proposals?

Response: Yes, District will accept online proposals for RFQ #683 proposal must be emailed no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2024 to purchasing@vcccd.edu. District is not responsible for third-party or internet delays.
Email Subject line must read : RFQ 683

2. What is driving this strategic plan? What is the "changing environment" with which the District aims to align its colleges?

Response: The strategic plan is driven by several key factors that are critical to our mission of providing accessible, high-quality education and workforce training to our diverse community. These drivers include:

1. **Evolving Workforce Needs:** The job market is rapidly changing, with new industries emerging and existing ones transforming due to technological advancements, automation, and globalization. Our colleges must align their programs with these trends to ensure our graduates are prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow.
2. **Demographic Shifts:** Our community is experiencing significant demographic changes, including an aging population, increased diversity, and varying levels of educational attainment. These shifts necessitate a strategic focus on creating inclusive, equitable educational opportunities that cater to the needs of all community members.
3. **Technological Advancements in Education:** The rise of online learning, digital tools, and educational technologies has transformed how education is delivered. We must integrate these innovations into our curriculum and support services to enhance learning outcomes and accessibility.
4. **Economic and Social Challenges:** Economic fluctuations, the rising cost of living, and social issues such as housing insecurity and mental health concerns affect our students'



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ability to succeed. Our strategic plan must address these challenges by providing robust support services and creating pathways to economic mobility.

5. **Policy and Regulatory Changes:** Federal, state, and local education policies are constantly evolving, impacting funding, accountability measures, and program offerings. Our strategic plan must ensure compliance with these regulations while advocating for the resources necessary to fulfill our mission.
6. **Sustainability and Environmental Concerns:** As awareness of climate change and environmental sustainability grows, our colleges must adapt by incorporating sustainability into our operations, curriculum, and community partnerships. These drivers reflect the "changing environment" with which the District aims to align its colleges. Our goal is to be responsive to these dynamics while maintaining our commitment to student success, community engagement, and institutional excellence.

3. If a respondent to the RFQ has extensive strategic planning experience with community college districts but not the CCC specifically, would that disqualify the respondent in the eyes of the selection committee?

Response: No

4. Has the District set a budget range for this project? Knowing a budget range would better help us prepare our solution.

Response: The District does not have a budget range for this project but anticipate proposals would not exceed \$110,000. We welcome proposals that provide various ranges of services at different price points.

5. Has the District set a timeframe for when it would like to launch its strategic plan?

Response: The goal is to have the strategic plan developed by December 2025.

Please provide acknowledgment of all Addendums SEE ITEM 8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BID ADDENDA FORM in RFQ packet/document.

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