



### Questions and Answers

RFP for Research-based Revision and Update  
of the SchoolWorks School Quality Criteria (SQC)

Question	Answer
Does the RFP permit proposals from companies located outside of Massachusetts?	Yes.
Our firm is a certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) in the state of Indiana and has applied for National WBE certification. Is there reciprocity for out-of-state or nationally certified WBEs for the purposes of this RFP?	For priority consideration, businesses must be listed on the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office's Directory of Certified Businesses.
The RFP states that the proposal submission deadline is January 16, 2025. We assume the year stated may be a typographical error. Could you please confirm whether the intended deadline for proposals is January 16, 2026, by 5:00 PM ET?	The submission deadline printed on the originally posted RFP reflected a typographical error. The corrected submission deadline is January 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM ET.
Does the stated 10-page maximum proposal length include sample deliverables from similar or prior projects, or may those be submitted as appendices outside the page limit?	Sample deliverables from similar or prior projects may be submitted as appendices outside of the page limit.