

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: KBE Approved Turnaround Vendor List

Date: October 2022

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Operations

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action to adopt an Approved Turnaround Vendor List as required by KRS 160.346(1)(a).

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the Kentucky Board of Education adopt the proposed turnaround vendor list.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 160.346, 703 KAR 5:280

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 160.346(1)(a) requires the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to pre-approve a list of at least three (3) vendors that have documented success at providing turnaround diagnosis, training, and improved performance of organizations. Local education agencies (LEA) that have a school identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) status must select a vendor from the approved turnaround vendor list to provide a turnaround training and support team to the school identified as CSI. The local board of education shall negotiate the scope and duration of the vendors' services.

Pursuant to 703 KAR 5:280, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for potential turnaround vendors that wish to be included on the list. The KDE accepted applications from potential turnaround vendors from July 1, 2022 through August 14, 2022. Applicants were asked to respond to six narrative questions related to their experience supporting low-performing schools through the turnaround process and to submit evidence to support their narratives. Applicants were also required to submit at least two letters of recommendation from prior clients.

Following KDE's established protocols, a team of KDE staff met on August 25, 2022 to review the applications. Team members were select from departments outside of the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support (OCIS). Team members received a forty-five minute training which reviewed the relevant statues and regulations as well as the application process. The team members then worked independently to score each of the submitted applications. Application scoresheets were returned to OCIS who identified the top scoring proposals for inclusion in the KBE's Approved Turnaround Vendor List.

Summary of Issue:

The KDE received five applications for inclusion in the KBE's Approved Turnaround Vendor List. Three applications were not able to be scored as they were returned incomplete. Two applications received scores of "Meets expectations" or higher and have qualified for inclusion on the vendor list. Those vendors are:

Entity Name: Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative School Improvement and Turnaround
Entity Mailing Address: 2331 Fortune Dr., Suite 270; Lexington, KY 40509
Entity Primary Telephone Number: 859-232-8885
Entity Taxpayer Identification Number: 61-1204854
Contact Name: Maurice Chappell, Director of Academics
Contact Information: 859-232-8885; Maurice.chappell@ckec.org

Entity Name: University of Virginia Partnership for Leaders in Education (part of the Darden School Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization)
Entity Mailing Address: 100 Darden Boulevard, Charlottesville, VA 22903
Entity Primary Telephone Number: 434-924-8719
Entity Taxpayer Identification Number: 54-6046419
Contact Name: Leighann Lenti, Chief of Partnership
Contact Information: 202-262-4493, lenti@arden.virginia.edu

In addition to the two selected vendors, LEAs will have the ability to select the KDE to provide support to their CSI school.

Budget Impact:

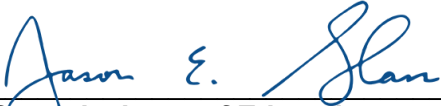
There are no budgetary implications for the KDE. LEAs may choose to contract with vendors from this list at their discretion. LEAs must complete an RFP process and negotiate their own contracts with vendors following their local policies.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

Enter names of groups consulted and responses

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