

Education Finance Policies and Practices

Legal Advertisement

Maine Legislature Legislative Council

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP# 201201

Independent Review of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (EPS)

MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 606-B

On behalf of the Maine Legislature, the Legislative Council seeks proposals from qualified research entities to perform an independent review of education finance policies and practices associated with Maine's Essential Programs and Services (EPS) Funding Act. Qualified research entities are individuals or firms with demonstrated experience conducting independent reviews of state school funding systems, comparisons with other states' systems and subsidy distribution methods.

The selected qualified research entity will be responsible for performing all aspects of the review, providing progress reports and related deliverables, and issuing a Preliminary Phase I Report no later than April 1, 2013 and a Final Phase II Report no later than December 1, 2013 to the Maine Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the RFP by calling 207.287.1954 or sending an email to: schoolfundingactreviewrfp@legislature.maine.gov.

QUESTIONS must be in writing, due no later than 5:00 local time, **August 6, 2012**.

COMPLETED PROPOSALS must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. local time**, on **August 20, 2012** at which time they will be opened and available for public review. Proposals received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline will not be accepted. The Legislature assumes no responsibility for delays caused by any delivery service. Postmarking by the due date will not substitute for actual receipt of the proposal by the Legislative Council.