Response to RFP No. 3489

Nevada School Funding Consultant

PART II – COST PROPOSAL

September 29, 2017

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Gail Burchett
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RE: RFP No. 3489 Nevada School Funding Consultant

Dear Ms. Burchett:

American Institutes for Research (AIR) is pleased to submit its proposal, Nevada School Funding Consultant, to the State of Nevada.

AIR has considerable expertise and a long-standing track record for conducting school finance studies such as the one proposed for Nevada. The proposed research team is comprised of the same nationally recognized school finance experts who authored the 2012 Study of a New Method of Funding for Public Schools in Nevada: Jesse Levin (AIR), Bruce Baker (Rutgers University), Deborah Verstegen (University of Nevada, Reno), Teresa Jordan (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, retired), and Jay Chambers (AIR). Collectively, these scholars have decades of experience conducting high-profile evaluations of state education funding systems.

Together, the AIR team has crafted a technical approach for the proposed work that is efficient in its design and responds to the nuances of the Nevada state context. In addition to providing a thorough update of the 2012 AIR study, we also propose to explore functional definitions of various types of student populations (e.g., at-risk, gifted and talented) through both a careful review of those definitions used in other states and the mainstream education finance literature, as well as engaging local practitioners across Nevada school districts. Finally, the proposed study will, through in-depth district-level simulations, explore the use of various weighted funding structures that might be applied in the state and provide practical considerations for implementation, as well as scenarios that show how such as system could be phased in over time.

We have enclosed one USB drive that contains all proposal volumes as requested. Please direct contractual questions about this proposal to Nilva da Silva, contracts officer, at 202-403-5086 or airproposals@air.org. For technical questions, please contact Jesse Levin at 650-376-6270 or jlevin@air.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence B. Friedman, PhD.
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The total price for this solicitation shall be submitted per ***Attachment G, Price Sheet.***

RFQ 3489 PRICE SHEET

Vendor Name: American Institutes for Research
Provide a cost per hour for each service listed below. Do not include the cost of supplies.

SERVICE	COST
Deliverable 1: Preliminary Report on or before **August 1, 2018** The contractor selected by the Department of Education shall complete the work identified in the Scope of Work and, on or before August 1, 2018, submit a preliminary report containing the information described in the Scope of Work to the Department of Education. Upon receipt of the preliminary report, the Department of Education shall immediately forward the preliminary report to the Legislative Committee on Education.	***$231,806*** ***Cost per hour: $154.74***
Deliverable 2: Final Report on or before **October 15, 2018** Upon receipt of the preliminary report, the Legislative Committee on Education shall review the preliminary report and provide recommendations to the contractor. After receiving such recommendations from the Legislative Committee on Education and any recommendations which may be provided by the State Board of Education and Department of Education, the contractor shall prepare a final report which includes such recommendations and, on or before October 15, 2018, submit the final report to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the Legislature.	***$18,192*** ***Cost per hour: $149.11***
Total Cost (Total of Deliverables)	***$249,998***
Fee (Profit Margin Percentage)	***12%***
TOTAL PRICE OF PROJECT	***$249,998***

We will also discuss the possibility of travel with the client. For projects with other clients, we have found it productive to conduct an in person kick-off meeting. We have also presented the

findings of the report to various stakeholders in person to assist with report dissemination. Per the RFP those potential travel costs are not included in the project cost, but will be discussed with the client if awarded the project.

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