

Quality Early Learning Initiative RFQ
Questions & Responses

Question 1: Would it be possible to send all of the documentation in a zip file with sub folders in that zip? If not, what type of format would you prefer?

Answer: Yes, but please note that the email size must not exceed 10MB. If it does, you may cut the document into multiple parts to submit via two or more emails to reduce the size of the email to less than 10 MB.

Question 2: Licensing reports for the last 2 years? Every center? School age too?

Answer: Yes, we are requesting the licensing reports for the last two years for centers that serve 0-5 year and are located Pinellas County. If a Provider does not have any sites in Pinellas County, please provide licensing reports for any sites in Florida. Please see addendum.

Question 3: Timeframe to secure a facility?

Answer: JWB purposefully did not dictate a timeframe regarding securing a facility, because we recognize the importance of securing the right facility and that this may take some time to secure.

Question 4: Will children be referred to the site by JWB-funded partners?

Answer: No.

Question 5: Is infant care (2 mos-12 mos) required?

Answer: Yes.

Question 6: Does the max. 10 pages include the requirement to restate the questions (that takes up 2 pages)?

Answer: The max pages will include the requirement to restate the questions. Please see addendum for update on the max. pages.

Question 7: Can you differentiate between JWB's expectations for response for Experience and Qualifications #3 and Approach to Complete Scope of Work #9?

Answer: Experience and Qualification #3 applies to what you have done that makes you qualified and Approach to Complete the Scope of work #9 applies to what you propose to do with the quality early learning site.

Question 8: How do you want us to handle required attachments for multiple site agencies?

Answer: Attachments are not part of the maximum page limit. In regards to licensing inspection reports, please see Question #2 answer.

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Question 9: In the application it was stated, I reaffirmed today, that the app is limited to 10 pages. Your application stated that we can add an addenda. But today Lorrayne states that the addenda was limited to only 3 matters. My addenda, in completed form, has other addenda items.

Answer: Applicants cannot add an addenda. Addenda's may be issued by JWB. See the addendum for an update on the maximum number of pages allowed for the narrative response. The page limit for the narrative response does not apply to applicable attachments which includes:

- 1) photos, drawings and maps showing the proposed area and site in the context of its surroundings,
- 2) any reports regarding accreditation,
- 3) licensing inspection reports for the last 2 years from Pinellas County sites that serve children 0-5 years. If a Provider does not have any sites in Pinellas County, please provide licensing reports for any sites in Florida; and
- 4) job descriptions and/or resumes of key personnel.

Question 10: When submitting licensing reports, for corporations who operate multiple centers, which center's reports should be submitted?

Answer: See Question #2 answer.

Question 11: What is the proposed implementation date?

Answer: JWB purposefully did not dictate a timeframe regarding implementation, and requested in question 9 of the narrative response that the applicant propose strategies for implementing, including a proposed work plan and time line for completing the work.

Question 12: The RFQ indicates in Section 2.5 that "If needed, funding for capital costs would be considered." The RFQ also states that JWB is "currently budgeting/forecasting \$475,000 annually for this project." Assuming a successful funding request that includes capital and project costs for Year One, and the funding is granted for more than one year, is it possible for the amount of the grant that includes capital to be shifted to project funding in Year Two and possibly Year Three?

Answer: Yes, as long as JWB's portion does not exceed \$475,000 per year.

Question 13: What are the specific qualifications for the Director of the center?

Answer: The minimum qualifications would need to meet licensing requirements.

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Question 14: Are there specific requirements/expectations for family engagement?

Answer: Family engagement is one of the eight quality components to be adhered to in the implementation of a center. How this is implemented is up to the applicant to describe.

Question 15: Are parents required to volunteer or participate in any way or is participation only encouraged?

Answer: JWB does not require parents to volunteer but parents are expected to participate in services.

Question 16: Are there any details available that outline the "comprehensive support model for families"?

Answer: No.

Question 17: Also in Section 2.5 Service Recipients/Eligibility: In several places, the word "majority" is used to describe incoming participant work/live requirements as well as eligibility for School Readiness through Early Learning Coalition or have an income level 300% or below the federal poverty level. The definition of "majority" is 51%. Is this a correct assumption, or does JWB have another majority definition?

Answer: The definition of majority is "greater than 50%" but JWB has a strong preference for the highest percentage possible.