

COMPASS Schools Pre-Proposal Conference Afternoon Session – Chat

14:08:03 From Keith Bunch : The chat is available –

Please enter the following information if you have a question:

(Name, Organization's Name, and Page Number your question references if Applicable)

14:08:59 From Laura Carroll : Laura Carroll, Educational Alliance -- Where do we access the required documents - Iran Divestment, McBride, MWBE, etc? They are not available for download in Passport or part of the current RFP attachments.

14:11:06 From Elizabeth Hendler CPC (she/her) : Elizabeth Hendler, CPC
ehendler@cpc-nyc.org:

would like to confirm we may upload one pdf but may cover all the proposed sites for that competition pool in the org chart? Thanks very much.

14:11:18 From Maria Fico : Maria Fico, Global Writes- we are unable to create a new application in HHS qualification. When we hit apply it send us back to the sign in screen. I have been working with the MOCS helpdesk but so far there is no solution. If the online system does not work properly, will there be a possible extension to the submission date??

14:11:51 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Elizabeth Hendler, C..."

Yes. That is correct.

14:12:38 From Beth Fertig : I'm with Press Pass NYC. We help schools start student newspapers. We are fiscally sponsored by FCNY -/ can we apply or must we be our own 501c3?

& Jumpstart Executive in Residence

At 82nd Street Academics, we build educational and social bridges so that children and families—especially multilingual and historically marginalized communities—can thrive from early childhood through college and career. Our work spans Pre-K to workforce development, integrating academic readiness, SEL, family empowerment, and community partnerships.

We integrate afterschool and youth leadership programs under a unified MTSS framework that connects schools, families, and partners like Jumpstart, Hello Insight, and Urban Assembly.

innovations in early literacy and mentorship—aligning Jumpstart's volunteer-driven reading programs with our Family Empowerment and Strategic Joy models to create sustainable, high-impact learning ecosystems.

Press Pass ..."

In order to propose to this RFP, you must have 501c3 status

14:15:54 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Maria Fico, Global W..."

Thank you for bringing this to our attention, any consideration of an extension will be issued in an addendum.

14:16:13 From Elizabeth Hendler CPC (she/her) : Replying to "Elizabeth Hendler, C..."

Thank you!

14:16:33 From Kevin Best : Replying to "Laura Carroll, Educa..."

The Affirmations such as the tthe Iran Divestment, McBride, and Tax Affirmation are apart of the questionnaire.

14:16:45 From David Sewsankar : Can you please put the link for the slides in the chat? I tried searching the website and couldn't find them.

14:16:56 From Beth Fertig : Replying to "I'm with Press Pass ..."

TY so we can't apply via Fund for City of NY?

14:17:26 From ashley taylor : just to confirm you can submit applications for COMPASS and SONYC? or one or other?

14:17:38 From Stacie Mahadeo : Stacie, Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, The RFP states that SPAs must be obtained after award. Can DYCD confirm this means SPAs are not required at proposal submission? We've had some principals ask about the SPA so want to understand if that messaging is being shared with school leadership as well.

14:18:26 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "just to confirm you ..."

You can submit as many applications for as many competitions, schools within competitions, and programs types as you see fit.

14:18:31 From Keith Bunch : Replying to "Can you please put t..."

Transcript and presentation will be posted on DYCD's website

14:19:15 From David Sewsankar : Replying to "Can you please put t..."

Can I please have a link, we haven't been able to find it on the website?

14:19:21 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Stacie, Boys & Girls..."

All contractors must obtain a signed School Partnership Agreement (SPA) with the host school after award and prior to the service start date, but a SPA is not required and will not be accepted during the proposal stage of the RFP process.

14:19:38 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Stacie, Boys & Girls..."

In addition, partnerships with schools will not be accepted or counted towards the Community Partnership requirements outlined in the RFP.

14:19:45 From Keith Bunch : Replying to "Can you please put t..."

It's not there yet, we're working on it

14:19:56 From Constance Kong : For 2 sites in a competition pool application, are we to submit only 3 partnerships per competition pool application, or may we submit 3 per site? We have different partners per site

14:20:40 From ashley taylor : thank you, can the same community partners be used for all proposals?

marketing and outreach, are materials developed to inform residents of COMPASS or

SONYC services, are CBOs required to have the DYCD logo or some other indication of DYCD funding?

required roles as a guideline?

14:21:35 From Keith Bunch : Just a reminder, please be sure to enter Name, Organization's Name, and Page Number your question references if applicable

14:21:40 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "For 2 sites in a com..."
You can only submit 3 Community Partnership Agreements per competition.

14:22:01 From Stacie Mahadeo : Replying to "Stacie, Boys & Girls..."

Thank you 😊

14:22:03 From Constance Kong : For 2 sites in a competition pool application, are we to submit only 3 partnerships per competition pool application, or may we submit 3 per site? We have different partners per site

Constance Kong CPC

14:22:14 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "thank you, can the s..."

Yes. You can use the same community partnerships for all proposals if you believe they meet the requirements listed in the RFP.

14:22:21 From Stacie Mahadeo : Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, What safeguards are in place to prevent CBOs from applying for schools they have not engaged or partnered with if SPAs aren't required up front?

14:22:33 From ashley taylor : Replying to "thank you, can the s..."
thank you!

14:22:53 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Are there average sa..."
Appropriate salaries are up to the discretion of the contractor.

14:22:53 From Robert Palmeri (DYCD) : Replying to "Ken Small, BronxWork..."

Policies and procedures about DYCD logo and branding are covered in the DYCD Provider Brand guideline document located in the DYCD Connect Document library (specifically in the DYCD Branding Documents section)

A Chance In Life. Are multiple contractors able to conduct Compass Programming in the same school? For example, if our organization is only able to fill 100 slots of a school that has 1000 slots available, will other contractors be able to fill those slots within the same school?

expanding the character limit for some of the questions? For example, the Required Content Areas question used to be supplemented by an Activity Schedule attachment. The Activity Schedule is no longer part of this RFP. This means we have much less room to describe programming, especially for competitions where we're applying for multiple sites. Could DYCD expand the character count (by 50%, ideally) for this question and others that no longer have supplementary attachments?

community partners;at most three; or you must have 3 community partnerships in RFP

14:24:11 From Laura Carroll : Replying to "Laura Carroll, Educa..."

Thank you! See them now.

14:24:20 From Isabel Pradas : Isabel Pradas College Bridge Cafe - can more/different community partners be brought on board after award if not included in original proposal?

14:25:12 From Robert Palmeri (DYCD) : Replying to "Boys & Girls Club of..."

At this time, DYCD will only be responding to questions that pertain to completion of a proposal.

There will be one COMPASS contractor per eligible school for each program area. The number of slots will be determined during the award process.

14:26:48 From Anthony Sabia : I can access the proposal and attachments my Passport account. However, I cannot seem to access the portal to submit and I assume the actual questions to the RFP. Can someone troubleshoot what the issue might be because I believe my agency has PreQualified status for the RFP. Thanks, Anthony Sabia
Fan 4Kids

3 community partners or no more than 3 community partners

14:27:58 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Blake Smith, CPC. Wo..."

Thank you for your feedback. If there are any changes to the RFP requirements or questionnaire, it will be noted in an addendum.

14:28:17 From Stacie Mahadeo : What safeguards are in place to prevent CBOs from applying for schools they have not engaged or partnered with if SPAs aren't required up front?

— Are subcontractors also required to obtain DYCD clearance, or does approval of the lead organization cover them?

14:28:28 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Is it at least 3 com..."

DYCD will only accept and review 3 Community Partnership Agreements per proposal. If more than 3 are submitted, DYCD will only consider the first three.

14:29:53 From Elizabeth Hendler CPC (she/her) : We respectfully request an extension to Dec. 10. Many of us built COMPASS systems over many years and RFPs. As a "mega RFP" - one that encompasses many past RFP cohorts - leaves little time to submit within 6 weeks. In the past we had up to 16 weeks over some RFPs to respond for fewer sites/applications. In addition, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur occurring over the timeline, so observant providers/communities lose work days. Last, PASSPort has been glitchy since Nov 2023 updates with issues over the past few DYCD RFPs. We urge DYCD to consider an extension until Dec 10th for both RFPs.

respectfully requ..."

released in an addendum

on how to rank schools within a competition area and whether ranking affects award likelihood

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If awarded, contractors are welcome to partner with more than three partners, including partners not included in the proposal.

14:31:05 From Keith Hicks : Keith - WHEDco - If applying for multiple sites, should budgets be submitted for each individual school? Will budgets be bundled if awarded the contract for multiple schools in the same district?

14:31:13 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Despers - for clarif..."

Correct. DYCD will only accept and review 3 Community Partnership Agreements per proposal. If more than 3 are submitted, DYCD will only consider the first three.

14:31:35 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "What safeguards are ..."

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CPC. Wo..."

Thanks! The space is very tight, especially also in the 1500 character questions, those with 2400 and 3200. It is incredible tight to get in all RFP requirements and effectively reply to DYCD requirements. We would appreciate any support on this front, especially for applications that encompass multiple sites in a competition zone. Some CBOs have up to five sites in a zone and programs are not modular.

Replying to "Is it at least 3 com..."

So at least one will suffice?

14:32:05 From Arlene Sorkin : If awarded, is there a % of the contract that is paid in advance to the contractor?

14:32:39 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Will DYCD provide cl..."

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Engagement was a category that DYCD highlighted in the DYCD Approaches section.

However, it doesn't look like it was included in the DYCD Approaches section of this RFP. Is Family Engagement no longer something that we should focus on in our response to the DYCD Approaches question?

Integration Charter Schools — Are subcontractors also required to obtain DYCD clearance, or does approval of the lead organization cover them?

14:34:09 From Ken Small : Replying to "Ken Small, BronxWork..."

Can you provide a link to the referenced document?

14:34:20 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Is it at least 3 com..."

Proposers are required to submit three community partnerships per competition. No more or less than three.

14:34:22 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Mia, Chief of Staff,..."

DYCD's review/ approval of Subcontractors are detailed on pages 3 -4 of the RFP

14:34:47 From Robert Palmeri (DYCD) : Replying to "Ken Small, BronxWork..."

<https://www.dycdconnect.nyc/Home/Docs>

14:35:07 From Soul Creary : Can we see the per pupil cost slide again?

14:35:32 From Mia Marcucilli : Replying to "Mia, Chief of Staff,..."

@Wendy Johnson Thank you!

14:36:19 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Keith - WHEDco - If ..."

Proposers should complete one budget narrative for one site. The budget narrative should be for the site with the largest number of proposed slots.

Upon award, contractors would create separate budgets per contract.

14:36:23 From Rishabh Kashyap : Rishabh Kashyap, Prospect Schools. In one application can we apply for 2 different sites, even if the other site is associated with a different DBN not listed in Attachment 05. Thank you!

14:36:53 From Jasmine Nunez : Subcontracting Opportunities:

<https://forms.office.com/g/14Tuq3fT5m>

to "I can access the p..."

Anthony, I recommend your confirm your organization is HHS prequalified in PASSPort.

Please review the guidance in this guide: COMPASS RFP: Five Steps to Get Ready and Submit Your Proposal in

PASSPort: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/mocs/downloads/PASSPort/learning-to-use-passport/compass-submit-proposal...>

14:37:27 From Jasmine Nunez : Department of Youth & Community Development

Website: www.nyc.gov/dycd

to "Keith - WHEDco - If ..."

Keith - WHEDco - If applying for multiple sites, should budgets be submitted for each individual school? Will budgets be bundled if awarded the contract for multiple schools in the same district?

We have heard from other PPCs that this question's answer was to submit the largest site budget. However, how is the basis of award applied per site as if we are not allowed to submit a budget per site? While DYCD seems to aim for a modular RFP this round, we are concerned this will leave questions as to the fair review of each site budget/application compared to others? Could DYCD please fully explain the Budget evaluation process/review per the Basis of Award per site as it pertains to making awards? This is not clear in the RFP. We sincerely want to understand how multiple sites would be judged by an unrelated site budget? We ask this in good faith and in support of a fair and clear evaluation process. Right now, we can't tell how budgets are being used to determine award.

14:38:19 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Blake Smith, CPC. In..."

Per the RFP and questionnaire, proposers should focus on the items listed in the DYCD

Approaches section: Inclusion, Safe and Welcoming Environment, Strength-Based Approaches, and Holistic Approach

partners also be some of our subcontractors?

14:39:08 From Laura Carroll : If the procurement docs are embedded in the questionnaire do we also need to attach those documents separately based on what the presenter just said>

organizations responding to this RFP required to have an independent evaluator evaluate programs' SEL component and other required content areas?

14:39:20 From Elizabeth Hendler CPC (she/her) : Should providers put in info on Community Hiring in the RFP response? If so, which staffing question does this belong within?

After confirming your organization is prequalified, make sure you have the proper user role. If you still experience difficulty, please contact the MOCS Service Desk by submitting a ticket via their portal. www.nyc.gov/mocshelp > click MOCS Service Desk. Be sure to specify which COMPASS RFP you are interested in AND details about your topic of concern.

14:39:53 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Rishabh Kashyap, Pro..."

Only schools listed in Attachment 05 are eligible for this RFP.

14:42:47 From Shakina Shaw : Replying to "If awarded, is there..."

At this time, DYCD will only be responding to questions that pertain to completion of a proposal.

partnership profile (we call it the "ranker") and its evaluation process per the Basis of Award, we are sincerely not clear how points are being assigned to this ranker in PASSport. We understand we rank our schools, and the school ranks the CBO applicants. However, we do not have a clear understanding of how the Basis of Award is being applied to this part of the RFP. The Basis of Award pertains to the school partnership, and is not clearly associated with the ranker. Could DYCD please clarify much more how decisions will be made as it pertains to the school/CBO ranker and how DYCD will make decisions around the ranker?

tax credits or other credits for compliance with Office of Community Hiring requirements?

14:43:30 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Mia, Chief of Staff,..."

DYCD's review and approval of subcontractors are detailed on pages 3-4 of the RFP

14:44:44 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Can we see the per p..."

DYCD will post the presentation this week - anticipated funding is detailed on pages 2-3 of the RFP

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site C ranks the school a "5", and the school ranks site C a "1". Who will win? What points are awarded based on the ranking? Does DYCD discretion, or CBO history at a site play a role? We seek further information around how awards are made. Thank you!

14:46:08 From Ken Small : Ken Small, BronxWorks. Will non-compliance with community hiring requirements affect Vendex ratings?

14:46:19 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Keith - WHEDco - If ..."

Per the questionnaire and the RFP, each proposing organization should submit a budget summary narrative outlining their FY 2027 proposed annual budget, for the largest number of proposed slots. This section is worth 5 points. The specific elements DYCD will be looking for in that budget are outlined in bullet points a, b and c. Evaluators will be scoring this section based on one budget.

"Can community partne..."

Yes, subcontractors can be counted towards community partnerships.

14:47:49 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Ken Small, BronxWork..."

No. DYCD plans to contract with a vendor to demonstrate how investments in after-school programs are leading to measurable improvements in SEL across the entire COMPASS system. Please see page 23-24 for more information.

14:48:40 From Ken Small : Replying to "Ken Small, BronxWork..."

Okay. Thanks.

14:49:02 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Regarding the school..."

Information about how awards are made can be found in Attachment 02- Basis for Contract Award and Procedures.

14:49:19 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Should providers put..."

at this time proposers are asked only to provide the Community Hiring Contact person's Name, Title, email and Phone in the proposal details section

14:49:53 From Isabel Pradas : Replying to "Can community partne..."

Can you define more the community partner who can attract financial resources to the program?

(for instance 4800 for elementary school FY27) - is that per school within a competition pool?

top of the webinar I believe you mentioned that attachment 05 will be updated. Is that correct, will that be released this Friday? Are there ways to add additional schools to eligibility list.

The ranking process is designed solely to allow proposers to communicate to DYCD their

preferred sites within a competition, should they be awarded a select number of sites in relation to their total proposals. A proposer ranking will not be shared with NYCPS. Other information about how awards are made can be found in Attachment 02- Basis for Contract Award and Procedures.

14:51:57 From Elizabeth Hendler CPC (she/her) : Replying to "Will DYCD provide cl..."
Respectfully, this question pertains to the RFP and evaluation of proposals. We urge that DYCD fully clarify and answer questions by applicants around the judgement of the school/CBO partnership "ranker" as it pertains to determination of awards.

14:52:33 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Will DYCD provide cl..."
As stated previously, the ranking process is designed solely to allow proposers to communicate to DYCD their preferred sites within a competition, should they be awarded a select number of sites in relation to their total proposals. A proposer ranking will not be shared with NYCPS.

The rest of the information about how DYCD will select awards is outlined in Attachment 02.

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/mocs/events/compass-rfp.page>

COMPASS RFP: Five Steps to Get Ready and Submit Your Proposal in PASSPort:

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/mocs/downloads/PASSPort/learning-to-use-passport/compass-submit-proposal...>

www.nyc.gov/learnpassport

MOCS Service Desk: www.nyc.gov/mocshelp

14:53:21 From Ken Small : Ken Small, BronxWorks. Can City Year or AmeriCorps personnel count toward the SACC ratio requirements?

14:53:47 From Maria Fico : We cant do the prequel application since the Passport system is not working properly!!!!

14:53:59 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Ken Small, BronxWork..."
all post award requirements will be factored into a vendor's overall contract compliance

14:55:07 From Ken Small : Replying to "Ken Small, BronxWork..."
In a similar vein, organizations may at their discretion conduct internal evaluations using quality assurance personnel or an external evaluator, correct?

14:55:39 From Elizabeth Hendler CPC (she/her) : Replying to "Will DYCD provide cl..."
Does this mean that no points are awarded to the ranker?

14:55:40 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Can community partne..."

Please see pages 28-29 for more information about the community partnership requirements.

Thanks!

14:56:35 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Rishabh Kashyap, Pro..."

DYCD aims to have an addendum released within a week with details of attachment 5

14:57:50 From Misato Takemori : Replying to "We cant do the pre..."

Please submit an inquiry to the MOCS Service Desk.

15:03:27 From Jasmine Nunez : @Ken Small for questions you can email

RFPquestions@dycd.nyc.gov or ask your questions on the PASSPort Discussion Forum

15:10:42 From Jasmine Nunez : RFPQuestions@dycd.nyc.gov

15:13:18 From Jasmine Nunez : Community Needs Assessment

Link to the survey: <https://arcg.is/10zazj3>