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Dr. Valorie Foy, Director of Statewide Assessment and Accountability
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Dear Dr. Foy:

DRC is submitting for your review revised program pricing for Data Recognition Corporation's (DRC's) contract with the Nebraska Department of Education for the NeSA 2016-2017 contract.

NESA ELA PEER REVIEW SUPPORT

BACKGROUND

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) requested pricing from DRC to support NDE's efforts to submit the newly-transitioned NeSA ELA assessments for federal peer review. DRC's understanding is that NDE is planning for a December 2017 submittal that includes both the NeSA ELA general assessment, as well as the ELA alternate assessment. It is expected that DRC support will be needed through late fall/early winter 2017. This memo provides the additional pricing for DRC to provide support for NDE in this process.

DETAILS AND ASSUMPTIONS

DRC made the following assumptions about the nature of our support role to NDE for the ELA peer review process.

- DRC will provide NDE with existing DRC-produced/authored documentation for the ELA programs, including:
    - Test design documentation and Tables of Specifications
    - Copies of the final ELA alignment study report, including the NDE comments
    - Copies of item samplers and test administration manuals (all grades, both general and alternate assessments)
    - Test administration training PowerPoints
    - Technology user guides
    - Communication plan
    - Samples of reports, district data file layouts, and the *Reports Interpretation Guide*
    - Technical Reports

- DRC will create and/or edit documentation to support the processes we use for Nebraska, which we believe will help to ensure a thorough and complete peer review submittal, including documentation about:
    - DRC item and test development teams and processes (e.g., guidelines for training on bias, fairness, and sensitivity issues, PLD development process)
    - DRC security processes (e.g., item and test development security, DRC data privacy policy)
    - Online tools training, tutorials, and online accessibility
    - DRC methodology for the production of accommodated paper materials, including Braille and large-print
    - DRC methodology for the production of online accommodations, such as text-to-speech
    - Handscoring processes (for TDA)
    - Additional technical aspects of the program to supplement the technical report, as needed

- DRC assumes that we will be providing up to five (5) hardcopies of each material submitted, along with electronic copy.

Although DRC would be pleased to assist NDE with any necessary additional studies that may be required for NDE's ELA peer review submittal, we have not included funds for these in this proposal. Such studies may include an accommodations validity study, as suggested in Critical Element 5.3. Likewise, this price submittal does not contain funding for DRC involvement in follow-up deliverables/activities based on USDE feedback on the submittal. DRC can provide follow-up assistance and will submit an additional price proposal to reflect the exact nature of the follow-up support if requested.

PRICING

The changes impact DRC's scope of work and corresponding pricing for 2017, to be extended through December 2017. The pricing listed in the table below reflects increases relative to the existing contract.

	2016-2017
NeSA ELA Peer Review Support	$68,150

Please let me know your decision so that we can prepare accordingly.

Regards,

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