## Ministry of Education Attendance Services Procurement Workshop

Guidance and tips for Respondents

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#### Te Tāhuhu o **Our Documentation pack** te Mātauranga GR1 Read the whole documentation pack carefully. Note the timelines, especially the closing date • and time. Also note the last date to ask any questions. Make sure you understand our Requirements (Part 3 of our documentation pack), our • evaluation criteria and the response form requirements. The evaluation criteria are mapped to our response form questions and identify what we will be evaluating/scoring your proposal against. Feel free to ask questions – it is important you are clear on the Ministry's process and our • expectations. The Response form (Part 5 of our documentation pack) is the template you need to fill out and • submit as your application/proposal. Remember, a separate Response form is required to be completed for each catchment you are responding to supply. 2 education.govt.nz

#### **Response Tips 1**

- Answer all the questions in the response form.
- In preparing your response, carefully consider what each question is asking; e.g. Is it asking you to Explain, Describe, Outline, Provide a Summary, Provide an overview, etc
- Note that most of our questions are asking for answers to reflect the relevant catchment features/ considerations, For example, your answer to the question related to your approach/solution should acknowledge and reflect the relevant catchment features/ considerations in your answer
- Consider the evaluators and make it easy for them to read and assess your response to each question. Unless it is necessary, don't refer to responses to other questions as part of your answers.
- Avoid very wordy responses and long sentences. Tables, diagrams and bullet points are a good way to communicate clearly.

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### **Response Tips -2**

- Assume that the evaluation team does not know you or your previous work. Evaluators can use existing knowledge to confirm or challenge (via a clarification question) the written responses, but they can't base their evaluation scores on existing knowledge that isn't included as part of the Response.
- The weightings for each criteria/question indicates the relative importance of each question. Use this a guide for how much to write. I.e. a 10% weighted question is twice as important as a 5% weighted question.
- If response guidance is provided, ensure you have covered all the points raised in that guidance (as well as any anything in the Requirements) as part of your response.
- If a suggested response length to a question is provided (eg: response guide 1-2 pages), use that as guidance
- If a hard response limit to a question is provided (eg: no more than ½ page), comply with that limit

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#### **Response Tips -3**

- Think about your point of difference What sets you apart? Have you clearly communicated that within your response? For example, have you communicated your point of difference as part of your outlined approach, or the description of the capability and capacity in your team, or your description of the depth of relationships you have with key stakeholders.
- Clearly reference any attachments, e.g. CVs or people profile, outline implementation plans, etc – make it easy for the evaluators to navigate and find the relevant material
- Proofread for errors and clarity

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