

Request For Proposals

Context:

The Nevada State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) authorizes, facilitates and oversees SPCSA authorized Nevada Public charter schools. The SPCSA has the responsibility to authorize high-quality charter schools throughout the state, ensure sponsored schools are open to all and prepare all of its students for college and career success and model best practices in charter school sponsorship ([NRS 388A.150](#))

In this role, and pursuant to [NRS388A.273](#), the SPCSA is required to develop a framework that measures the Academic, Organizational, and Financial performance of schools. The current frameworks have been in place since 2019. More information on the current frameworks including purpose, expectations, and goals can be found [here](#).

Through this RFP, Opportunity 180 is sourcing for partners who can provide technical assistance to the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority to update the academic, financial, and organizational frameworks to align with national best practices and Nevada's educational landscape.

Opportunity 180 Background:

In 2020, Opportunity 180 was approved by the US Department of Education to serve as the Nevada State administrator for the State Entity Charter School Program Grant (CSP). The *Great Schools for Nevada CSP* is designed to lead the launch and expansion of high-quality public charter schools as well as expand and maintain quality charter school authorizing practices across the state. We're inspired by schools that are proving every child can succeed, and we're committed to ensuring that more kids have access to these great schools. Under the CSP grant Opportunity 180 will provide technical assistance to:

- Improve state charter school authorizing practices including developing capacity for, and conducting, evaluations of diverse community-centered school models, fiscal oversight and auditing of charter schools.
- Establish Nevada's charter sector as a leader in authorizing quality and academic performance.
- Evaluate and support the success of state charter school authorizer and single-site charter school board members to enhance their board governance practices.

Opportunity 180 will work in partnership with Nevada State Public Charter School Authority to provide technical assistance to support updates and revisions to the academic, financial, and



organizational frameworks to align with national best practices and Nevada's educational landscape as well as feedback from implementation of the current frameworks and local leaders. Opportunity 180 will solicit third-party subject matter experts via this Request for Proposals. SPCSA will work with Opportunity 180 to select the most appropriate partner.

Opportunity 180 requests proposals from organizations or individuals with demonstrated experience with high quality charter school oversight practices and the articulation of those practices into strong performance frameworks.

Revisions to SPCSA Performance Framework:

To provide charter school boards and leaders with clear expectations, fact-based oversight, and timely feedback while protecting charter school's autonomy for local decision-making within the constraints of state and federal laws, the SPCSA seeks to revise the academic, financial, and organizational frameworks to:

- Be responsive and weighted appropriately to what matters most for high-performing public schools
- Allow for unique metrics based on the mission of the school and to support autonomy and innovation
- Incorporate the perspective of multiple stakeholders including but not limited to, local school leaders, SPCSA Board members, Nevada Department of Education, and SPCSA staff that have implemented the frameworks
- Be aligned with national best practices and Nevada's educational landscape including current state statutes (NRS 388A.229, NRS388A.270 and NRS388A.273), regulations, and evaluations.

Services to be performed:

- 1) Facilitate a formal process to lead the SPCSA in evolving their approach to revise and update the academic, financial, and organizational frameworks that is informed from experiences with the current frameworks by existing schools as well as SPCSA staff, builds on national best practices, meets the needs of Nevada's diverse student population and meets the requirements set forth by the Nevada Department of Education (including all laws and regulations).

Deliverables:

- Outline of the facilitation process and protocol for leading performance framework revisions
- Approach to engaging critical stakeholders, identified by the SPCSA, in the revision process, including formal briefs as required
- Documentation of SPCSA's approach

- 2) In partnership with the SPCSA, complete a revision and update to the academic, financial, and organizational performance frameworks for submission to the SPCSA Board in accordance with the timeline outlined.

Deliverables:

- Completion of the formal revisions and updates to the academic, financial, and organizational performance frameworks, inclusive of any school leader training decks or materials needed to share with school boards and school leaders
- Documented set of considerations, based on national best practices, to support the SPCSA in successfully sharing the updates with key stakeholders

Proposal must include:

- Detailed description of your organization's mission, background, and experience
- Detailed description of the proposed support (for each component) based on articulated goals and service needs
- Implementation plan for each required component should build out the detailed initiatives, timeline, budget, and communication approach to execute on each deliverable
- Demonstration of how NRS and NAC will be referenced in each required component
- Proposed process for working in partnership with the SPCSA through course of project
- Proposed process for engaging with O180 team through course of project, including progress check-ins and metrics of engagement success
- Total budget for the proposed services with specific line items for each component

Note: If your organization envisions having additional deliverables to support the goals articulated, we encourage you to submit a proposal that articulates your proposed process. Please include the proposal elements articulated above.

TIMELINE FOR REQUIRED COMPONENTS: This is an abbreviated timeframe to have frameworks complete by June 2024 and presented to the SPCSA Authority Board by July of 2024

- January 19, 2024: RFP released
- January 19 - February 2, 2024: Opportunity 180 accepts any clarifying questions from interested partners
- February 9, 2024: Final day for RFP Submission (5pm PST)
- February 22, 2024: Select Partners Notified
- February 22 - February 27, 2024: Select Partners and SPCSA Meetings
- March 1, 2024: Final Selection Made
- March 4 - May 22, 2024: Partner & SPCSA Work time



- Determine approach for revisions and updates
- Facilitate process for revisions and updates
- Complete all revisions and updates including any accompanying documents
- June 7, 2024: Overview of revisions and updates including approach presented to SPCSA Staff
- July 26, 2024: Presentation to the SPCSA Authority Board

All proposals must be received no later than February 9, 2024 by 5pm PST. For questions and submission of the final proposal, contact Tamara Shear, tamara@opportunity180.org.

About Opportunity 180:

Launched in 2015, Opportunity 180 works to transform the lives and futures of Nevada kids by providing them with equitable access to the best possible public educational opportunities. Opportunity 180 strives to bring together all community stakeholders- families, educators, and community leaders- to ensure students have access to a high-quality education. Through its efforts, Opportunity 180 has the vision to ensure 100,000 more kids can access a great school by 2030.