



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS #33101-26051GRF5
AMENDMENT #01
FOR TN TAN - EVALUATION (FY27-FY31)**

DATE: May 29, 2026

RFA # 33101-26051GRF5 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFA.

Any restatement of RFA text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFA document.

RFA SECTION	QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract	1. Are there any restrictions on referencing TNTAN reports and dashboards in the RFA proposal (inclusive of screenshots)?	It is acceptable to submit the titles of resources previously developed for the State as sample artifacts, but applicants shall include open access links to these resources to ensure that any State evaluator can view them.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) RFA	2. In Mandatory Requirement 2, it is stated, "If the contract is awarded to a Tennessee state entity, the standard terms and conditions of the contract shall be revised accordingly." Would this also apply to an out-of-state state entity with prior agreed-upon terms and conditions?	The language referenced applies only to Tennessee state entities, which are subject to particular statutory limitations that require modification of certain contract terms. This language does not extend to out-of-state entities, even if they have previously contracted with the State.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section A.15.	3. As noted in the RFA, the Evaluation of TN-TAN cannot be an entity that submits an application for a Priority or Coordination of TN-TAN. If a selected grantee is from outside the State of TN, will out-of-state travel be approved for reimbursement as long as the costs are necessary to fulfill the deliverables?	Selected grantees may engage out-of-state personnel to perform work under the applicable Pro Forma Grant Contract. Selected grantees' personnel may travel into Tennessee to perform work required to complete the scope of services of the applicable Pro Forma Grant Contract, and such travel may be eligible for reimbursement in accordance with the terms of the applicable Pro Forma Grant Contract. However, the State will not reimburse travel expenses incurred for travel to and from other states and/or countries, unless the travel is required to perform work necessary to complete the scope of services of the applicable Pro Forma Grant Contract and the travel is approved in advance and in writing by the State.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section A.16.	4. Would the selected grantee be able to publish regarding professional learning techniques or implementation measures after review by TN?	All requests for external research and publication must be submitted to the State's Research Review Committee for formal review and approval.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma	5. May the proposal budget include costs for a computer and other necessary	No, equipment, including computers, is not an allowable expenditure pursuant to Section

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Grant Contract - Section A.19.	technology supplies to be purchased for each person with 100% FTE on this contract?	A.19. the TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section C.4.	6. What are the "State Comprehensive Travel Regulations" as referenced in Article C.4 of the RFA?	All reimbursable travel expenditures must adhere to the State Comprehensive Travel Regulations . These travel policies/regulations are subject to change at the State's discretion.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section D.3.	7. If requested, would an acceptable revision to D.3 include a statement that either party has the right to terminate for convenience with 30 days written notice?	The State cannot accept material changes proposed by applicants and/or the selected grantee as part of any negotiation process. However, the State may in its sole discretion make clarifications and/or revisions to the TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Contract on a case-by-case basis after the contract is awarded to the selected grantee.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section D.12.	8. In the Pro Forma Grant Contract, Article D.12 Public Accountability indicates this clause is applicable "if Grant Contract involves the provision of services to citizens" and language regarding the establishment of a system to submit grievances. Is this applicable to entities outside the State of TN? Is this provision applicable to the Scope of Services and Deliverables? If so, can costs to establish a system be included in the proposal budget?	Yes, Section D.12. of the TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract will be applicable to the selected grantee, even if the selected grantee resides outside of the State. To the extent the scope of services and deliverables require the provision of services to citizens of the State, the requirements of Section D.12. will apply. If applicable, applicants may include reasonable costs associated with implementing and maintaining such a system in their proposed budget.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section D.35.	9. In the Pro Forma Grant Contract, Article D.35 Confidentiality of Records, this provision includes an indefinite survival period to maintain State Confidential Information. Would TN be willing to limit the survival period to 3-5 years after the termination which reflects standard practice for confidentiality terms.	No, the State cannot accept material changes proposed by applicants and/or the selected grantee as part of any negotiation process.
TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section E.2.	10. Insurance Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the limits for professional liability? • Can selected grantee rely on its state statute for Workers' Compensation? • If selected grantee has existing policies in place will those be deemed compliant with these requirements, even if such policies contain lower limits or differ from the stated requirements? • What proof would need to be submitted if selected grantee meets an exemption from the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 50-6-101 – 103? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract does not require professional liability insurance. • The State requires that the selected grantee maintain workers' compensation and employer liability insurance coverage in accordance with the requirements set forth in the TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract. • The State requires that the selected grantee maintain insurance coverage in accordance with the requirements set forth in the TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract. • If the selected grantee certifies that it is exempt from the requirements of T.C.A. §§ 50-6-101–103, then the selected grantee must provide written documentation that reasonably evidences the basis for the claimed exemption. The specific documentation required depends

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		<p>on the type of exemption asserted. The State reserves the right to request additional supporting documentation, if necessary, to verify the applicability of the claimed exemption.</p>
<p>TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section E.8.</p>	<p>11. Section E.8. Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is responsible for finding, and contracting with a CPA firm for an annual SOC 2 Type 2 audit and who is responsible for paying for it? • Please clarify what you consider the "Processing Environment" as mentioned in E.8(a)(5) in the context of a SaaS platform like SharePoint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The selected grantee is responsible for ensuring it meets all State requirements for a secure processing environment and all audit and comptroller requirements. • In the case of a SaaS platform like SharePoint, the processing environment is the selected grantee's provided platform and the space within SharePoint used for hosting/holding State data, content, and information. For SharePoint, Microsoft provides documentation regarding its compliance to SOC 2 Type 2. Additionally, the selected grantee's audit shall demonstrate its compliance with its managed controls.
<p>TN TAN - Evaluation (FY27-FY31) Pro Forma Grant Contract - Section E.9.</p>	<p>12. In E.9, the State of Tennessee's Enterprise Artificial Intelligence Policy (Policy 200-POL-007) is referenced and linked. In Section H of that policy, the Standard Products List (SPL) is mentioned but is not publicly accessible. Is Microsoft 365 on the Standards Products List? Can the full list be made available?</p>	<p>Yes, Microsoft 365 is on the Standard Products List ("SPL"). The list cannot be shared due to confidentiality and security reasons, but the selected grantee can submit applications to the State's Information Technology team for evaluation/consideration or for an SPL exception request if needed.</p>

2. **RFA Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFA not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.