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Dear Mr. Campbell:

DRC is submitting for your review revised program pricing for DRC's contract with PDE for the Pennsylvania System Assessment (PSA) (contract number 4400015274).

CDT SAMPLE ITEMS DELIVERED FOR ASSESSMENT BUILDER

BACKGROUND

PDE has requested that DRC provide the sample items located in Interactive Reporting for the Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) to PDE/PLS for use in PDE's Assessment Builder, a module within the PDE SAS online system.

Sample items for the Science, Math, and Writing/English Composition content areas are stand-alone items and can be exported from the DRC system using the same procedure as other deliverables DRC has provided for Assessment Builder in the past. The total number of items for these content areas is 1,401.

Sample items written for Reading/Literature are "generic" and are not associated with passages. The total number of items for Reading/Literature is 297. DRC is NOT recommending that we deliver the Reading/Literature items since they have no context. If PDE would like DRC to develop new Reading/Literature items/passages for Assessment Builder, DRC would be happy to have additional conversations about this with PDE.

The proposal below outlines DRC's recommended approach and pricing for providing the Science, Math, and Writing/English Composition CDT sample items for inclusion in Assessment Builder.

ITEM DELIVERY

DRC will deliver one PDF per grade and content area. This PDF will include all items for that grade/content area with each item taking up one or more pages. Files will be named according to PLS naming conventions, to include subject and grade.

Additionally, the following metadata will be provided for each item:

1. Unique Item ID
2. Subject
3. Grade
4. Assessment Anchor/Eligible Content code
5. Depth of Knowledge/difficulty indicator
6. Item Type
7. Max Score Points

OPTIONS FOR DRC REVIEW PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL

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DRC would like to offer two review options for PDE's consideration. These reviews will to be done by DRC prior to submitting the Math, Science, and Writing/English Composition items to PDE/PLS.

1. BASIC: Deliver PDFs and item meta data with a basic review that all parts of each item display on the PDF.
2. ENHANCED: Review all items for Depth of Knowledge(DoK)/level of difficulty. (The sample items were originally built and reviewed for correct alignment to the content standards—only a cursory review of DoK/item difficulty had been done.)

TIMELINE AND PRICING

DRC assumes that this work will happen between November 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, on a schedule that will be approved by PDE upon approval. As such, the changes impact DRC's scope of work and corresponding pricing for PDE FY 2020-2021. The pricing listed in the table below reflects increases relative to the current contract.

	PDE FY 2020-2021
CDT Sample Items for Assessment Builder with Basic Review	\$7,850
Enhanced (Additional) Review for DoK/Item Difficulty	\$22,010
Total, if PDE chooses the enhanced review for DoK/Item Difficulty	\$29,860

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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