# FORM C

# STUDENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

# **PUBLICLY AVAILABLE SERVICES SUMMARY**

This form will be posted on the New York State Education Department's Web site and distributed through other means for all applications that are approved in conjunction with this RFQ to allow LEAs to understand proposed offerings in advance of directly contacting Assessment Providers regarding potential further procurements.

Assessment Provider Information		
NAME OF ASSESSMENT PROVIDER:	Right Reason Learning, LLC	
ASSESSMENT PROVIDER CONTACT	Peter Schmitt	
Information:	(877) 778-8277	
NAME OF ASSESSMENT:	Right Reason Student Assessment Program	
NATURE OF ASSESSMENT (SELECT ALL THAT	REQUIRED STUDENT PERFORMANCE SUBCOMPONENT (STUDENT	
APPLY):	LEARNING OBJECTIVES [SLOS])	
	OPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE SUBCOMPONENT	
	PLEASE SPECIFY:	
	☐ A SECOND SLO, PROVIDED THAT THIS SLO IS DIFFERENT	
	THAN THAT USED IN THE REQUIRED STUDENT PERFORMANCE	
	SUBCOMPONENT	
	A GROWTH SCORE BASED ON A STATISTICAL GROWTH MODEL	
	A MEASURE OF STUDENT GROWTH, OTHER THAN AN SLO	
	A PERFORMANCE INDEX	
	An achievement benchmark	
	ANY OTHER COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED MEASURE OF	
	STUDENT GROWTH OR ACHIEVEMENT	
	PLEASE SPECIFY:	
What is the grade(s) and subject area(s)	Grades K-8; ELA and Math	
FOR WHICH THE ASSESSMENT CAN BE USED TO		
generate a 0-20 Student Performance		
SCORE?		
WHAT ARE THE TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS	There are no technology requirements for the	
ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSESSMENT (E.G.,	administration of the test. However, to access reports	
CALCULATORS, ETC.; IF APPLICABLE)?	clients will have access to the RightPath Student Success	
	Platform. As this is a web-based, hosted product, users	
	will need to access the Internet and a web-browser. If a	
	district desires to administer the assessments online	
	students need access to a computer with a standard web-	

	browser. Please see Appendix C for a link to Sample Reports.
IS THE ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE, EITHER FOR	∑ YES
FREE OR THROUGH PURCHASE, TO OTHER	
LEAS IN NEW YORK STATE?	□ No

PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE ASSESSMENT FOR LEAS. (3 PAGES MAX) PLEASE INCLUDE:

- A DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSESSMENT;
- A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE ASSESSMENT IS ADMINISTERED;
- A DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCORES ARE REPORTED (INCLUDE LINKS TO SAMPLE REPORTS AS APPROPRIATE);
- A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE ASSESSMENT PROVIDER SUPPORTS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

The Grades K–8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests were designed to assist schools in identifying students in need of additional academic assistance, as well as providing information about the students' readiness based on their mastery of the specific grades' Learning Standards. Please see Appendix C for our Overview of Assessments.

How is the selected assessment already being integrated/going to be integrated into the curriculum of the grade level/course? How does the selected assessment support the day-to-day academic goals of the educator?

Our assessments have been constructed around the New York State Next Generation Learning standards and aligned to New York State curriculum guidelines. The extended response portions mimic application, expository and multi-step activities now expected throughout a vibrant Next Gen classroom.

How do you ensure that the assessment accurately captures if students have mastered the key concepts for the grade level/course? How is the assessment aligned with the grade level/course-relevant Learning Standards/Next Generation Assessment priorities?

The close alignment allows educators to review areas of mastery and weakness from a student view, small group view and whole group view. Using these reports teachers can see exactly what part of the curriculum would offer additional resources and RtI for the student(s) in question.

HOW IS THE SELECTED ASSESSMENT SCORED? HOW ARE THE ASSESSMENT RESULTS EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATED TO RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS (STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, ETC.)? WHAT ARE THE ASSESSMENT SCORES THAT REFLECT THAT A STUDENT IS:

- 1. BELOW PROFICIENCY
- 2. APPROACHING PROFICIENCY
- 3. MEETING PROFICIENCY
- 4. DEMONSTRATING MASTERY

The assessments are scored out of 100 and each assessment grade/subject have individual performance levels that are similar to the state levels.

Results are communicated to the stakeholders by means of the RightPath™ system, using the Student Performance Profile and the RightPath™ Data Center.

IF THE SELECTED ASSESSMENT(S) ARE NOT STANDARDIZED, PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS IS COMPARABLE ACROSS GRADE LEVELS/COURSE-ALIKE CLASSROOMS?

N/A

HOW IS THE SELECTED ASSESSMENT ABLE TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH STUDENT PERFORMANCE DATA IS GATHERED TO ALLOW FOR MORE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL TIME?

Our assessments provide efficiencies and time-savings by:

- assuring appropriate standard and cluster coverage.
- providing timely data to inform and individualize instruction.
- employing intricate assessment design to limit the necessary time on task for students to complete the assessments.
- providing reports that guide instructional focus to streamline the planning necessary to meet the unique needs of each student and class.

IF APPLICABLE, HOW WILL TECHNOLOGY BE UTILIZED DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SELECTED ASSESSMENT TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND ACTIONABLE INFORMATION?

Our assessments are available for administration in paper form or online. There are no additional technology requirements for the paper assessments other than a standard webbrowser to review reports. The online assessments are suitable for standard web-browser use as well. If online assessments are taken, the results are immediately available to the district.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE USEFUL WHEN REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION:

N/A

Please complete the following section if the selected assessment is being used for the Required Student Performance subcomponent (SLOs) and/or is being used with Optional Student Performance subcomponent as an SLO:

#### **Process for Measuring Student Growth:**

Consistent with Department regulations and guidance, an SLO is an instructional planning tool developed at the start of an educator's course or building principal's school year that includes expectations for student growth. It should represent the most important learning aligned to national or state standards, as well as any other school and LEA priorities. The goals included in the SLO must be specific and measurable, based on available prior student learning data. Before setting targets for expected growth, educators will determine students' levels of preparedness at the start of the course by reviewing relevant baseline data. This baseline data may come from a variety of sources which include, but are not limited to, a student's prior academic history, pre-tests, or end of course assessments from the prior year.

SLOs are developed and approved through locally-determined processes consistent with the

Commissioner's goal-setting process. SLOs should be based on the best

available student data and should be ambitious and rigorous for all students. Superintendents must certify that all individual growth targets used for SLOs represent, at a minimum, one year of expected growth.

WHAT MEASURE(S) OF BASELINE DATA ARE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SELECTED ASSESSMENT TO MEASURE STUDENT			
GROWTH (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):  HISTORICAL DATA			
Current Cohort Previous cohort(s)			
DESCRIBE HOW THE HISTORICAL DATA INFORMS PREPAREDNESS FOR THE COURSE AND IS A GOOD PREDICTOR OF STUDENT GROWTH:			
Early course formative assessment and/or observational data			
DESCRIBE HOW THE EARLY COURSE FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT AND/OR OBSERVATIONAL DATA INFORMS PREPAREDNESS FOR THE COURSE AND IS A GOOD PREDICTOR OF STUDENT GROWTH: PRE-ASSESSMENT			
DESCRIBE HOW THE PRE-ASSESSMENT INFORMS PREPAREDNESS FOR THE COURSE AND IS A GOOD PREDICTOR OF STUDENT GROWTH:			
Our Pre-assessment is designed using Grade level standards that will ascertain individual and group readiness for specific instructional planning and individual student achievement. The assessment clearly articulates the specific instructional path to mastery of the grade level standards for each student as well as forming the baseline for comparison for growth to the post assessment.			
OTHER			
PLEASE SPECIFY:			
DESCRIBE HOW THIS BASELINE DATA INFORMS PREPAREDNESS FOR THE COURSE AND IS A GOOD PREDICTOR OF STUDENT GROWTH:			

PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW GROWTH TARGETS FOR EACH STUDENT ARE SET FOR THE SELECTED ASSESSMENT AND METHOD OF COLLECTING STUDENT LEVEL BASELINE DATA, INCLUDING HOW TARGETS ARE DIFFERENTIATED, AS NECESSARY, BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BASELINE DATA. IN PARTICULAR, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE ASSESSMENT IS USED WITH STUDENTS WHOSE PREPAREDNESS FOR THE COURSE/GRADE LEVEL IS VARIED:

The students' growth is measured by comparing the difference in students' percentile score between any two benchmark assessments, percentile determined based on how they ranked with their score in that respective sample.

#### **Success Index**

Our Success Measure calculates a Success Index and target for each individual student. The Success Index is calculated based on each student's score on the pre-assessment compared to how much growth, the potential growth, that's possible for each student in the population. The Success Index uses the potential growth determined for each student, allowing the district to set individual growth targets for students, which can emphasize attaining mastery and closing the achievement gap.

#### **Example**

The Success Index is measured by calculating the growth made from the initial Benchmark to the final Benchmark and comparing that figure to how much growth could have been realized.

Example - Benchmark 1 score is 40, Benchmark 3 Score is 70. 70 - 40 = 30 points of growth. 100 (Maximum score) – 40 (Benchmark 1 score) = 60 possible points of growth.

30 (points of actual growth) / 60 (points of possible growth) = .50 Success Index

The average Success Index of the target population (school, grade, class) is determined and points are awarded based on this average.

# FORM G

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### **APPLICANT CERTIFICATION FORM**

Please read each of the items below and check the corresponding box to ensure the fulfillment of the technical criteria.

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE "FORM G" FOR EACH APPLICANT.

The Applicant makes the following assurances:

Assurance	Check each box:
The assessment is rigorous, meaning that it is aligned to the New York State learning standards or, in instances where there are no such learning standards that apply to a subject/grade level, alignment to research-based learning standards.	
To the extent practicable, the assessment must be valid and reliable as defined by the Standards of Educational and Psychological Testing.	
If used with a Student Learning Objective, the assessment can be used to measure one year's expected growth for individual students.	
For K-2 assessments, the assessment is not a "Traditional Standardized Assessment" as defined in Section 1.3 of this RFQ.	
For assessments previously used under Education Law §3012-c, Education Law §3012-d under RFQ #15-001, or for purposes other than educator evaluation, the assessment results in differentiated student-level performance. If the assessment has not produced differentiated results in prior school years, the applicant assures that the lack of differentiation is justified by equivalently consistent student results based on other measures of student achievement.	
For assessments not previously used in teacher/principal evaluation, the applicant has a plan for collecting evidence of differentiated student results such that the evidence will be available by the end of each school year.	
At the end of each school year, the applicant will collect evidence demonstrating that the assessment has produced differentiated student-level results and will provide such evidence to the Department upon request. <sup>1</sup>	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note, pursuant to <u>Section 2.2</u> of this RFQ, an assessment may be removed from the approved list if such assessment does not comply with one or more of the criteria for approval set forth in this RFQ

To be completed by the Copyright Owner/Assessment Representative of the assessment being proposed and, where necessary, the co-applicant LEA:

Right Reason Learning	(Follows)
1. Name of Organization (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE)	4. Signature of Authorized Representative
Peter Schmitt	May 23, 2022 5. Date Signed
2. Name of Authorized Representative (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE)	, and the second
Partner	
3. Title of Authorized Representative (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE)	
1. Name of LEA (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE)	4. Signature of School Representative
2. School Representative's Name (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE)	5. Date Signed
3. Title of School Representative (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE)	