

## **ADDENDUM #1**

The following questions were received in association with the RFP **SPC# 02-16-17 - Third Party Evaluation Services**, Posted Friday, June 23, 2016

RFP Deadline: Friday, October 7, 2016 2:00PM

Additional questions will be accepted until 10 AM on Thursday, September 29, 2016

## **Questions:**

- 1. Can you clarify whether the FUSE program provides an existing set of procedures and policies for providing data about student outcomes to an external evaluator? In particular, how does the alliance plan to handle IRB requirements? Is setting up the Alliance-wide procedures and policies for IRB something that needs to be built into the evaluation budget?
  - Answer The FUSE program does not currently follow an existing set of procedures and policies for providing data about student outcomes to an external evaluator. The program is in a pilot stage of implementation. For the purposes of the grant, the Alliance will follow St.

    Petersburg College Research Review Committee processes accessible via <a href="https://www.spcollege.edu/central/AE/Research/">www.spcollege.edu/central/AE/Research/</a>. IRB policy and procedure development is not a required service of the external evaluator, but may be included as part of the Respondent's cost proposal as a separate line item.
- 2. Has SPC applied for and been awarded a LSAMP grant before? If yes, was an evaluator named in the proposal? Are they eligible to bid/re-bid?
  - **Answer** No, we have not had an LSAMP in the past
- 3. Are there other grants (NSF and others) that SPC has been awarded in the past and do they all have current evaluators?
  - Answer SPC has had multiple NSF grants, including: S-STEM (scholarships for STEM students); a Planning Grant for a Medical Device ATE Center; and FLATE, the Florida Advanced Technological Education Center. S-STEM and FLATE are still current grants, and do have current evaluators. We are also applying for an NSF ATE project and have secured an evaluator for that as well, and are partnering on an NSF grant proposal with Florida State College of Jacksonville.