

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Service Agreement for the Development of Residency Determination Service (RDS)
FY 2017-18

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve \$380,000 for the first year of a five year contract with the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) to fund the costs associated with the development of Residency Determination Service (RDS).

Background: In 2013 the NC General Assembly became concerned about inconsistency in residency determinations across institutions of higher education. Session Law 2013-360 directed the UNC General Administration (UNC-GA), the NC Community College System (NCCCS), the NC Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) and the NCSEAA to create a centralized, uniform process for determining residency for tuition purposes and for administration of State-funded financial aid.

Session Law 2015-241 authorized the NCSEAA to perform all functions necessary to implement the coordinated and centralized process to apply the criteria in G.S. §116-143.1 and directed UNC-GA and the NCCCS to take the necessary actions to facilitate an orderly transition from the campus-based residency determination system to the coordinated and centralized process. Further, other state agencies were required to provide database matches to validate the data of students and parents claiming residency.

This centralized process is known as the Residency Determination Service (RDS). In order for a student to receive the benefits of in-state tuition and/or State student aid a residency determination from RDS is required.

Rationale: The services provided by NCSEAA and college participation in RDS are legislatively mandated. The cost of this contract is based on the RDS development costs of \$5,700,000 divided equally among NCCCS, UNC-GA, and NCICU.

Fiscal Year	Quote	Total
2017-18	380,000	380,000
2018-19	380,000	760,000
2019-20	380,000	1,140,000
2020-21	380,000	1,520,000
2021-22	380,000	1,900,000

This contract will be amended next fiscal year to include the recurring, operational costs incurred after development.

Method of Procurement: In accordance with the practice of the State of North Carolina, there is no requirement for competition or approval by outside purchasing authorities for contracts between state agencies.

Contract Amount and Time Period: The contract amount will not exceed \$380,000 for the period October 20, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is available for FY 2017-18 from General Fund appropriations. Funding for each fiscal year thereafter is contingent upon the availability of funds.

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