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## IDAHO READING INDICATOR (IRI) INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE FOLLOWING INTENT TO AWARD TO ISTATION

(BOISE) – Superintendent Ybarra announced today, following a thorough request for proposal (RFP) process, that proposal documentation associated with the Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) has gone through the proper redaction process and is now being made available to the public. Following the public notification of the intent to award letter provided to Istation, the department thoroughly reviewed over 2,000 pages of proposal information to ensure that the information was properly made public.

“With all of the hard work that had been done by the respondents and the review committee, it is important that we go through this process,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “I would also like to thank everyone that has been involved in this process—from those on the Governor’s Task Force, the Task Force Literacy Subcommittee, the Task Force Literacy Assessment Working Group, Idaho Board of Education members, legislators, stakeholders, and my fellow constitutionally elected officials. This shows that a collaborative effort can continue to move Idaho in the right direction in providing tools and solutions to support our great educators who are working diligently to promote literacy proficiency, and to provide students with literacy intervention.”

The RFP process was conducted with fidelity, administered by Superintendent Ybarra’s Chief Procurement Officer. The role of the Chief Procurement Officer is to conduct the RFP process following best practices. With the release of the RFP, the Chief Procurement Officer offered a pre-proposal meeting on October 10, 2016, to potential respondents, and also went through the necessary steps in providing public notification, and public posting of the contracting opportunity on the department website.

Overall, there were 13 individuals, known as the review committee, involved in the RFP evaluation process, of which the majority, chosen by superintendents within each region were district personnel with expertise in reading and literacy. The individuals involved in this process were professional educators and utilized their expertise and experience to select the best solution for Idaho.

It is important to reiterate that while the Idaho State Department of Education has provided an Intent to Award letter to Istation—**this is not a contract award**. This notice provided is an intent to award only and final contract documents will be negotiated at a later date, **pending an appropriation by the Idaho Legislature for fiscal year 2018**.

Further questions may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at [jchurch@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:jchurch@sde.idaho.gov).

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