



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Washington Student Achievement Council
SOLE SOURCE POSTING

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The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Heritage University to provide college in the high school courses at no cost to students enrolling in those courses.

WSAC requires the private not-for-profit four-year institution with a main campus located in Yakima County and who serves rural or underserved communities to participate in a program to offer college in the high school courses at no cost to those who enroll in the course. Heritage University is the only institution that meets all the requirements in the statute (HB 2441) – four-year institution, not-for-profit private college, located in Yakima County and serving underserved or rural students.

WSAC shall distribute funds to the pilot institution at a rate of \$300 per student, up to a maximum of \$6,000 per college in the high school course administered by the institution. Course means a class taught under a contract between an institution and a single high school teacher on an articulated subject in which the student is eligible to receive college credit. High school means a public school, as defined in RCW 24 28A.150.010, that serves students in any of grades nine through twelve.

College in the high school courses shall not include content or instruction that would subject students to religious behavior or conduct by the institution or its faculty.

WSAC will enter into a one (1) year contract with Heritage University. The contract will be issued on or after August 15, 2025, and will continue for a one (1) year initial term. The cost of this one-year contract is intended to be \$40,000, however, there is a possibility that the total could be a maximum up to \$100,000 per year, based on funding allocation and/or availability. WSAC may opt to extend the contract for an additional five (5) times in one (1) year increments if required. WSAC determines that each optional additional one-year extension would result in equal (and/or slightly higher) consideration being added to the total contract value.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements within fifteen (15) working days of this announcement.

Vendor capability statements should address how they are qualified and capable of performing the following requirements:

- A private, not for-profit four-year institution as defined in RCW 28B.07.020(4) with a main campus located in Yakima County and who serves rural or underserved communities to participate in a pilot program to offer college in the high school courses at no cost to the students enrolling in the courses.

- College in the high school courses shall not include content or instruction that would subject students to religious behavior or conduct by the pilot institution or its faculty.
- The institution shall provide the following information to the student achievement council by November 1, 2026, and annually thereafter:
 - (i) College in the high school courses offered, including:
 - (A) The name of each course;
 - (B) The number of courses offered;
 - (C) The specific locations where the courses are taught; and
 - (D) Student enrollment information disaggregated by school districts and high schools;
 - (ii) Data on college in the high school student demographics;
 - (iii) Awards of postsecondary credit at the pilot institution; and
 - (iv) The academic performance of students taking the offered college in the high school courses.
- They are located in rural Toppenish and predominantly serve surrounding rural school districts – Wapato, Toppenish, Granger, and Zillah to name a few.
- They are ready to teach a college in the high school course complying with everything that is in statute and needed to offer such a course.

In the absence of other capable sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract. To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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