Montana Office of Public Instruction

Educator Licensure System
Future State

December 2021
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Future State Educator Licensure System Benefits

- Fully Web based Interface
- Cloud Technology (SaaS)
- Automated Intake, Review & Evaluation, Investigation and Issuance of Educator Licenses
- Workflow Management of Renewals, Reinstatement, Revocations, Suspensions, Upgrades, Adding Endorsements, Communication Logs, Automated Emails and Enhanced Analytics/Reporting
- Easy Integration with Other Organizations and Data Systems
- Allows All Forms & Documents to be Uploaded and Assigned the Appropriate Security Levels, Authenticated, Tracked and Stored

- Ability to Internally Configure Workflow and Process to Meet Policy Changes & New State Mandates Using Client Administrator Functions
- Hosted on Secure, Stable, and Scalable Managed Service Environment Meeting all State and Federal Security Requirements
- Optimized User Experience for Streamlined Workflows and Approval Process
- Automatically Ensures Each Educator Licensure Record Updates and Correctly Aligns with Existing Records to Avoid Errors and Data Inconsistencies
- Eliminates Current Manual Process for OPI Staff
- Workflow & System KPI’s to Make Better/ More Informed Business Decisions
Vendor – RANDA Solutions

- Private corporation founded in 2003 by Marty Reed in Franklin Tennessee
- Created the first Teacher Student Data Link (TSDL) system in the marketplace
- One of the first pioneers in education technology
- Leading software solutions providers for State Educational Agencies.
- Modern industry standard platform and technology
- Impact to over 15 millions students and over 20 million teacher licensing and credential records
- Uses NASDTEC Reporting

### Clients Include

- Tennessee Department of Education – 2016
- State of Colorado: Online Licensing System (COOL) – 2021
- Kentucky Department of Education – 2021 Award for Educator Certificate System

- Implemented similar educator credential management systems for state-wide educational entities
- Industry best technologist and subject matter experts for educator licensure systems and operational process
- Developed a six-tier AI (Artificial Intelligence) data analysis and alignment tool for State Standards, Course Codes, and Credentials
- Created foundational blockchain architecture for credential publishing
- Contributor for standards development in IMGS Global, IEEE, DIF and ILR
- 560 thousand teacher licenses submitted and processed in 2 years
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System Implementation Deployment Phase will Transition into Maintenance & Support after Launch Date

Nov. 2021
RFP Tentative Award
Dec. 2021
Contract Finalized
Dec. 31st, 2021
Final Day To Submit Online Application or Update Profile (External Educators)
Jan. 2022
Kick-Off & Requirements Phase
Feb. 2022
Platform Configuration
April 2022
Complete Data Analysis & Migration
April –May 2022
Testing and Training
May 6th, 2022
Final Day for OPI administrators to use current system
June 1st, 2022
Statewide Launch and Deployment
June 2022
Post Launch Clean-Up
June 2022
Maintenance & Support

Tentative Award, Contract Execution and Pre-Planning Efforts
Analysis, Design and Configuration & Testing for System Implementation
Deployment, Maintenance and Support Services lead by RANDA Solutions

RANDA Contract Obligations
RANDA Solutions shall provide system implementation activities and deliverables related to a successful system implementation of an educator licensure system per the Montana OPI requirements and as agreed by the Statement of Work. The current contract requires a full-implementation of the system (June 1, 2022) with one full calendar year of maintenance

Implementation Activities Requiring OPI Involvement
1. Contract Finalization
2. Kick-Off Meeting
3. Requirements Phase (for subject matter expertise input)
4. Confirming System Configuration
5. Testing (User Acceptance Testing) and Training
6. Post-production Review and Approval

Contract High-level Details for System Implementation (1.5 Years)

- Deploy a full educator licensure system – June 1, 2022
- Maintenance and Support – May 26th – June 30th, 2022
Immediate Impacts of Modernization

Automated workflow, processes, and configuration managed at the OPI administrator level

Data & metric driven reports in an agile environment to ensure the best options are presented for business decisions

Enterprise architectural approach to ensure scalability for integration of current & future data/system needs

Deliverable and milestone focused aligned to educator & stakeholder needs & department strategic direction