

Ohio Department of Higher Education
Campus Climate Survey Vendor RFP Questions & Answers

Questions Submitted by 8/7/2017

- RFP lists August 14th & August 21st as proposal due dates. Is August 21st the actual due date for proposals?
 - *Yes, August 21st is the due date for proposals. The RFP has been corrected on the website to remove the August 14th date.*
- Please clarify what is meant by “representative clients, including not-for-profit clients.” In Exhibit II, Question 11.
 - *The question asks respondents to provide a current list of representative clients, including not-for-profit clients. ODHE is seeking a current list of clients the respondent is working with, including not-for-profit clients on similar projects.*
- Is it likely that all 89 institutions of higher education will enroll in the vendor services?
 - *The respondent should anticipate up to 89 campuses will enroll in the vendor services; however, only 44 campuses took advantage of the vendor services during the Spring 2016 term.*
- Is the Ohio Department of Higher Education insisting that each campus provide proof that they have a data to action plan and next steps in place by December 31, 2018?
 - *No, ODHE is not insisting proof is provided that an action plan and next steps is in place, but rather confirmation from the vendor that they have worked with the campus to develop an action plan based on the data results by December 31, 2018. The respondent cannot “make” a campus put any plan developed into action.*
- If no, what is ODHE asking of campuses currently?
 - *Currently ODHE is asking campuses to use the data they have received through previous climate surveys and the benchmark data to guide their work in implementing the other recommendations in the Changing Campus Culture report.*
www.ohiohighered.org/ccr/report.
- What is meant under B Service Structure #2. Number of plans supported and average size of plans supported. Please explain what you meant by “plan”.
 - *Plan means other similar projects.*
- What kind of messaging is planned for sharing information about the Academic year 2018-2019 climate surveys with campuses in Ohio?
 - *ODHE will make an announcement regarding the selected vendor to all Ohio campuses upon completion of the contract with the selected vendor. Surveys should be completed during the 2017-2018 academic year.*

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- Will completed the campus climate survey be described as optional?
 - *Yes, but with a reminder that ODHE expects campuses to collect data on a comprehensive and meaningful scale, in addition to the benchmark questions, in order to receive recognition for completing the Changing Campus Culture report's recommendation #1.*

- Will working with the vendor be described as optional?
 - *Yes.*

- During the data collection period, will campuses be responsible for providing incentives to increase survey response rates? Or do those costs need to be considered by the vendor?
 - *Campuses are responsible for all costs related to boosting response rates to the survey. This is not a cost that should be considered by the vendor.*

- Would the ODHE support vendors' inclusion of a set of questions that measures prevalence of victimization and perpetration as an optional set of questions for campuses to consider adding to their survey?
 - *It is up to each campus to determine the questions to be asked with the vendor.*

- Will the data – besides the benchmark measures – collected from students and employees on campuses be submitted to ODHE?
 - *The responses to the benchmark questions are the only data to be submitted to ODHE.*
 - If so, does it become public records?
 - *Ohio Public Records law applies to all public entities including ODHE, but also any public campus in Ohio.*
 - What kind of confidentiality protections will be put into place?
 - *Any information sent or received by a public entity is subject to Ohio Public Records law. Establishing a contract for the vendor services for campuses does not itself subject the data to public records law through ODHE. However, any data sent to and received by ODHE is subject to public records law. All public campuses working directly with the vendor are subject to the public records law.*

- Will it be possible for the chosen vendor to have access to previously collected climate survey data in order to provide campuses with outcomes (i.e., results that show changes over time)?
 - *The vendor will need to discuss this with each campus. The final decision rests with the campus as to whether or not they want to share past climate survey data. ODHE will not set any expectations for the sharing of past climate survey data with the campuses.*

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- After all data are collected and analyzed, would the ODHE support interested parties in publishing findings in academic journals using statewide data in aggregate form?
 - *The RFP seeks to provide campuses with access to vendor services to obtain the campus climate survey data they need in order to make informed decisions for prevention and response work. As a result, campuses should be able to access the vendor services provided by ODHE without having to also make decisions as to how someone else may use their results. The data collected, with the exception of the benchmark data, belongs solely to the campus, not ODHE or the vendor.*

- Would the ODHE consider a “meta-study” of campuses in Ohio, where perpetration prevalence rates were considered the outcome and a variety of other indicators were examined as predictor variables?
 - *The contract awarded will only fund the services listed in the RFP.*

- How will campus’ utilization of Technical Assistance provided by the vendor be supported by ODHE?
 - *ODHE will communicate the full extent of the services provided and ask that if campuses choose to use the vendor services that they commit to utilizing all aspects of the services provided, not just the technical assistance and analysis.*

- Would there be leadership support for the vendor’s development of tip sheets, webinars, and/or other materials to promote efficient and effective implementation of climate survey practices.
 - *The vendor contract will be awarded for the services outlined in the RFP. Additional items such as those described in the question are welcome as part of the vendor package, and should be factored into the proposal.*

Questions Posed During the Bidder’s Call- 8/9/2017

No questions were posed during the Bidder’s Call.