Independent research. Useful district decisions.

Independent research within a regionally hosted technology evaluation.

We are seeking a university or qualified independent research partner to scope and lead a founding Try-All: one shared district challenge, three promising solutions and separate evaluation tracks. The regional organization convenes districts; IDG coordinates the partners and program.

Your role

Define the feasible research question and design, participation requirements, measures, data route and analysis. Lead the evaluation and clearly report findings, implementation conditions and limitations. Determine when common measures or comparisons are appropriate; no head-to-head ranking or predetermined positive conclusion is required.

A scope that follows the evidence

Please distinguish shared design and administration from solution-specific implementation and analysis. Specify what the available population, duration and budget can credibly support, what additional resources would be needed, and the conditions for changing or stopping the work.

Budget and contracting

Research is **paid by each vendor separately from its program participation fee**. We are planning for a **minimum of $6,000 per vendor**, or $18,000 across three solution tracks. This is a floor for discussion, not a ceiling, fixed bid or request for subsidized labor. Please itemize shared design, solution-specific work and reporting in your proposal. The actual research scope and fees must be agreed before anyone commits.

Independence is part of the agreement

Vendor research payments and participation funding are disclosed. Research compensation is fixed, independent of findings and purchases. You control methods, analysis and conclusions. Providers may correct factual inaccuracies but cannot suppress unfavorable findings. Agree research ethics review, privacy, data access, consent and reporting/publication rights before fieldwork.

What we need to scope together

A feasible design, staff responsibilities, milestones, deliverables, costs, data requirements and reporting rights. No university affiliation or commitment is represented until an agreement is in place.

Help shape the founding evaluation.

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