

Scope of Work

A. General statement

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Contract is to engage the University of Florida (UF) to provide instructional support for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Providers on Probation (POP) online courses delivered through Early Learning Florida.

2.0 Program description

VPK is a free prekindergarten program for four-year-olds who reside in Florida and were born on or before September 1. Provider on Probation (POP) courses are 10-hour courses specifically for VPK Providers on Probation. These courses teach participants how to integrate language, literacy, math, and social problem-solving through the daily routine, with a specific, developmentally appropriate focus on how to build the skills measured by the kindergarten readiness screener. Early Learning Florida is a Web-based blended-training professional development system, managed by UF, designed to provide high-quality professional development opportunities for early care and education professionals that improve knowledge and skills to provide high-quality early learning experiences.

3.0 Authority

This Contract is entered without competition, pursuant to section 287.057(3) (e) 12, Florida Statutes. The authority and requirement for OEL to provide training and online availability of courses is found in sections 1002.57, F.S., 1002.59, F.S., 1002.67 (1) (a) 2, F.S., 1002.67 (3) (a), F.S., and 1002.67 (3) (c), F.S.

4.0 Funding

This Contract is funded by Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program General Revenue Funds.

5.0 Major program goals

Courses are designed to build stronger provider skills using developmentally appropriate practices that support the daily integration of performance standards for VPK programs and improve teacher practices among low-performing providers.

B. Terms and Definitions

1.0 Early Learning Florida (ELFL) – Early Learning Florida is a statewide online/blended professional development learning system for early learning professionals designed and implemented by the University of Florida (UF) Lastinger Center for Learning.

2.0 Office of Early Learning (OEL) – OEL is the governmental entity providing oversight and administration for early learning programs in Florida consisting of, but not limited to, the School Readiness (SR) Program (child care subsidies), Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Program, Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP) Program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program.

3.0 ELFL Online course – A blended online course with instructional support delivered through the internet allowing students to complete training during an eight-week course window established by ELFL for the course.

4.0 OEL Project Manager – OEL assigned staff with overall responsibility and authority to oversee the contractual services the Contractor performs or provides for OEL as the contract agreement describes.

5.0 Performance standards–State board adopted standards for students in VPK that address age-appropriate progress within 5 developmental domains.