



INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

MEDIA ADVISORY

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SUBJECT: Indiana Charter School Board Releases Fall 2013 Request For Proposals
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The Indiana Charter School Board (“ICSB”) released its [request for proposals](#) (“RFP”) for new and experienced operators to apply to open high-quality charter schools in Indiana.

The RFP asks applicants to detail academic, operating, and financial plans. The RFP also includes an optional section on innovation asking applicants to consider proposing school models with strong potential to accelerate student success through dramatically different school designs, instructional strategies, uses of technology, staffing models, governance arrangements, family and community engagement strategies, and other approaches. The ICSB website contains a list of [innovation resources](#) as a set of examples for inspiration and further understanding of existing, promising school innovations.

Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent (“LOI”) by the July 12th deadline followed by a full application by August 9th. After submission, each proposal undergoes a thorough analysis that includes external and internal reviews. In the case of experienced operators, or applicants proposing to contract with Education Service Providers (“ESP”), the application process includes due diligence to assess the applicant’s or ESP’s record of performance and financial and operational capacity to replicate or expand. In-person interviews are conducted with each applicant group, followed by public hearings around the state to allow local community members to share their perspectives on each proposed school. Final charter school application decisions will be made by ICSB voting members the week of October 14th in a public meeting that is streamed live on the internet.

To date, the ICSB has conducted four application cycles and approved applications received from ten different organizers. Starting in the Fall of 2013, the ICSB will have a total of eight schools serving students throughout Indiana.

About the ICSB

Established in 2011 by the Indiana General Assembly, the ICSB is a statewide charter school authorizer and an independent state agency. The ICSB’s mission is to authorize and hold accountable a portfolio of high-performing charter schools in which students achieve high levels of growth and graduate prepared for college and careers. Each school authorized by the ICSB is subject to a transparent and outcomes-oriented accountability system. To learn more about upcoming board meetings, application cycles, and charter schools authorized by the ICSB, visit the ICSB website at www.in.gov/icsb.