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**#3. VENDOR RESOURCES**

Resumes or curricula vitae have been included for the following:

- **Stephen Uebbing**, *EPO Team Leader and Proposed Superintendent*
- **Sue Meier**, *EPO Chief Academic Officer*
- **Mike Ford**, *EPO Professional Learning Coordinator*
- **Mary Rapp**, *EPO Curriculum Coordinator*
- **Bonnie Rubenstein**, *EPO Socio-Emotional Services Coordinator*
- **Joanne Larson**, *EPO School-Community Engagement Coordinator*
- **Dena Swanson**, *EPO Student Life Specialist*
- **Michael Occhino**, *EPO Science Specialist*
- **Carol St. George**, *EPO Literacy Specialist*
- **Jane LaVoie**, *EPO Math Specialist*
- **Martha Mock**, *EPO Special Education Specialist*
- **Alicia Van Borssum**, *EPO English as a New Language (ENL) Specialist*
- **Dave Miller**, *EPO Instructional Technology Specialist*
- **Gary Valenti**, *Business Operations Consultant*

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### **#4. EXPERIENCE**

A detailed description of the capacity and experience of the Warner School of Education and the University of Rochester in leading school reform and educational success initiatives has been included in Section 2 (*Detailed Scope of Services*). In this section, we instead provide a brief overview of the organization and requested references.

#### ***Background/History of your company***

**University of Rochester (UR).** Founded in 1850, the University of Rochester is one of the country's top-tier research universities. The UR is a private, nonsectarian, coeducational institution of higher education, research and health care located in Rochester, New York. The university is a vibrant center for discovery and innovation, with researchers engaged in cutting-edge work across the humanities, engineering, medicine, and social and natural sciences. The University is composed of six schools including: the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering, the William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration, the Eastman School of Music, the School of Medicine and Dentistry, the School of Nursing, and the Warner Graduate School of Education.

#### **Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development University of Rochester**

The Warner School is a research school of education committed to the pursuit of excellence and equity in education. We have defined our mission as bridging research and practice so as to:

- Prepare educators who can improve the quality of educational services offered by schools, universities, and community agencies as leaders and agents of change.
- Conduct and disseminate research that can contribute to a better understanding of today's problems in education, as well as propose and evaluate possible solutions.
- Proactively participate in efforts to improve education in the region, by contributing research skills and knowledge of research and best practices.

As a professional school within a premier research university, the Warner School has participated in many groundbreaking research and grant-funded projects in the areas of literacy, mathematics education reform, early childhood, and teacher professional development, to name just a few. In particular, the Warner School has a long history of commitment to urban education, and to supporting the quality of learning offered to students at RCSD.

For example:

- We offer the Urban Teaching & Leadership (UTL) program to enhance the preparation of teachers who want to work in urban districts.
- For the past 15 years we have secured state grants to support professional development in mathematics for RCSD teachers.

- We have recently received a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to prepare a cadre of 24 math and science “master teachers” within RCSD, to spearhead reform to improve teaching practices (and, thus, students’ learning opportunities) across this urban district.
- Warner School faculty members David Hursh and Kevin Meuwissen recently collaborated as experts in social studies education in RCSD’s “Teaching American History” grants.
- For the past eight years Warner faculty member April Luehmann has successfully run a one-week science summer camp for middle school RCSD students, as well as an after-school program for urban middle school girls, for which she recently received a four-year NSF grant to replicate the program elsewhere in the country, as an integral part of our science teacher preparation program.
- We are an affiliate and site of the National Writing Project, a federally funded initiative to offer professional development in writing for teachers in all disciplines through a month-long summer institute and school year activities.
- Since 2010, we have run the Horizons at UR-Warner summer program, serving 135 K-8 grade RCSD students (primarily from School #33) to provide gains in learning during the summer (particularly in reading and math) and confidence-building (through activities like swimming), reversing the summer learning slide experienced by many urban students.

***Level of experience and at least three (3) references for engagements with clients of equal or greater size including experience with clients in other Public Sector and/or K-12 environments.***

As documented throughout the EPO application (particularly in Section 2), the Warner School has had extensive experience serving RCSD. Other districts throughout the region have also benefitted from our expertise in a number of ways.

The following references can provide additional information about some of these experiences:

- 1) Trina S. Newton, Superintendent of Schools, Geneva City Schools, [tsnewton@genevacsd.org](mailto:tsnewton@genevacsd.org) or 315-781-0400
- 2) Scott Bischooping, District Superintendent, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, [SBischooping@wflboces.org](mailto:SBischooping@wflboces.org) or 315-332-7284
- 3) Caterina Leone-Mannino, Executive Director of School Innovation, Rochester City School District, 585-262-8324 or [Caterina.Leone-Mannino@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Caterina.Leone-Mannino@rcsdk12.org)

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**#5. CORPORATE SUMMARY**

***Name of Company:***

University of Rochester

***Project Location:***

Warner Graduate School of Education

***Contact Name & Title:***

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**#6. DESCRIBE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ABOVE AND  
BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN THIS REQUEST**

Not applicable – we have included all relevant information in the preceding sections.

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**#7. PLEASE COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING NON-DISCRIMINATION  
CLAUSE**

*Any determination in a final order of the Commissioner of the New York State Division of Human Rights, other State or Federal agency, or dispositive decision or order of a court of law that the bidder engaged in discriminatory or unlawful conduct under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (the "ADEA"), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1981, 1983, 1985 and 1988, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Equal Pay Act, the New York Human Rights Law, Civil Service Law, Social Services Law or any other State or Federal statute or regulation intended to protect the civil rights of individuals.*

The University of Rochester is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity organization and is in compliance with all appropriate legal requirements related to hiring and employment practices. All employment related to this project will be done in accordance with applicable organizational standards and conducted under administrative oversight. Any potential barriers for participants with special needs will be addressed, and every effort will be made to include anyone who wants to participate in the project (either as students, through employment, or as volunteers). Once the needs of the population are identified, we will make reasonable accommodation for all participants (including providing documents in multiple modes, ensuring meetings are held in accessible locations, etc.). Alternative language and/or ASL interpreters will be provided when needed. We will ensure that meetings and events have oral, written and visual modes of communication so that all participants will have meaningful access.

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**#8. PLEASE COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING NON-DISCRIMINATION  
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*Any criminal conviction concerning formation of, or any business association with, an allegedly false or fraudulent Women's or Minority Business Enterprise (W/MBE), or any denial, decertification, revocation or forfeiture of W/MBE status by New York State.*

The University of Rochester is not considered a W/MBE, and has never held W/MBE status in New York State. As such, there are no misconduct filings to that effect.

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**#9. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER INFORMATION  
REPORT EEO-1**

The University of Rochester is not an EEO-1 employer. As an institution of higher education, we are excluded from the EEO-1 reporting requirement. We do, however, report under EEO-6. If you would like more information about our EEO-6 status or reports, please let us know and we will provide any requested information.