



Rhode Island DOE Expands Contract with ESP Solutions Group to Include Statewide SIF Framework

AUSTIN, TEXAS (May 31, 2007) – ESP Solutions Group recently announced that the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has expanded their longitudinal data management contract to include the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF). As the prime contractor, ESP will oversee the building and implementation of the SIF data exchange network for RIDE. Out of the six state SIF implementations in the nation, this will be the third statewide SIF project led by ESP.

The SIF data exchange network will be used to automate vertical reporting of data from the Student Information System (SIS) through ESP's State Report Manager (SRM) to the RIDE data warehouse in near real time. Instead of it taking months for RIDE's state system to register a change when a student moves between districts, the SIF network will get the data into the hands of educators and administrators in time for meaningful analysis and reporting. In addition, the data automation will ease the burden on districts to report their data to RIDE and will free data managers of the task of compiling data for the RIDE data warehouse.

The original \$1.2M contract awarded to ESP Solutions Group in June 2006 is underway to deliver a statewide longitudinal data management and decision support system to RIDE. The system, called the "Comprehensive Education Information System" (CEIS) includes ESP's State Report Manager and data warehouse components from TetraData Corporation.

About ESP Solutions Group

ESP provides education agencies with extraordinary insight into PK-12 data systems and psychometrics. ESP's team is comprised of industry experts who pioneered the concept of "Data Driven Decision Making" (D3M) and now help optimize the management of data in state and local education agencies. ESP has advised all 52 state education agencies as well as the U.S. Department of Education on the practice of PK-12 school data management. The firm's management team is regarded as leading experts in understanding data and technology implications of NCLB, EDEN (Education Data Exchange Network), and SIF (Schools Interoperability Framework).

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