



## Speaker RFQ Questions & Answers

Thank you for your interest in the [AI + Education Leadership Collaborative](#). We appreciate your questions related to the [Speaker RFQ](#). Here are the responses to your questions as of **September 2, 2025**.

#	Question Submitted	Response from Educate Texas
1	Are you all looking for someone to propose providing all solutions, or would you prefer it to be handled by several different providers?	<i>We will be utilizing a variety of speakers and providers for each of the six sessions in DFW. We may repeat providers across sessions as needed to fit each session's needs.</i>
2	Do you all have a particular budget in mind?  What is your budget for each service?	<i>Please submit your best, competitive pricing. Pricing will be taken into consideration during the review of each application.</i>
3	Would you all be interested in a partner being able to bring a university certificate as an option for participants?	<i>This is an interesting idea. Please include details in your response. (You can include in the application in the question under "Experience &amp; Expertise" &gt; "one-page agenda" field &gt; add as an additional file).</i>
4	Are there specific roles in school districts/organizations you envision the participants being in?	<i>The Collaborative is designed for executive leaders from ISDs and CMOs in the DFW area, as well as K-12 nonprofits serving Texas. Each team must have at least the superintendent/CEO or an equivalent of a deputy superintendent/deputy chief. The rest of the team will include additional senior-level leaders for a total of up to four leaders from each organization.</i>
5	What is the vision for the impact of the cohort experience immediately following and longer term? Is there a plan for measuring and tracking outcomes?	<i>Following the launch of the DFW cohort, our vision is to expand these Collaboratives to other regions across Texas. The longer-term vision will be shared publicly in coming months.</i>
6	What level of detail do you think is appropriate for the budget we're asked to submit? For example, a line total for	<i>No need to break out the details of your travel costs. For each service you submit, we are interested in the total cost, including travel, up</i>



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	travel, or breaking out each individual piece (flight, hotel, transport, etc)	<i>to two planning calls with Educate Texas staff, and your fees.</i>
<b>7</b>	What is the expected audience size and composition for each session?	<i>We expect to have approximately 60 ISD, CMO, and non-profit leaders in attendance at each session (from approximately 20 teams/organizations). There may be an additional 15 people from the Educate Texas team and invited guests.</i>
<b>8</b>	Will sessions be hybrid (virtual and in-person) or exclusively in-person?	<i>All sessions will be exclusively in person on site either at the <a href="#">Mabel Peters Caruth Center (MPCC)</a> or partner sites in the DFW.</i>
<b>9</b>	Will sessions be recorded, and if so, how will recordings be used?	<i>Yes, we expect to record select keynotes and panels. We plan to make them available via Educate Texas' website and social media.</i>
<b>10</b>	Is there a preference for local (Texas-based) speakers, or are out-of-state presenters equally considered?	<i>We will consider speakers based on the needs for each session. With this said, it is very important that speakers and mentors have a strong understanding of the Texas educational context and AI regulations (such as HB 149).</i>
<b>11</b>	Will the Collaborative address the regulations in HB 149 specific to K12 education? Will there be an opportunity to provide support to ISDs and CMOs per some of the stipulations of the legislation?	<p><i>Yes, we will address HB 149 in several ways, including through panels, breakout sessions, <del>and mentoring sessions</del>. If you have expertise in the regulations related to impact on K12 education, we encourage you to include that information in your application.</i></p> <p><i>Update 9/2/25: We will no longer be accepting applications for mentor coaching sessions. The vendors have been selected.</i></p>
<b>12</b>	What technology and AV equipment will be provided at each venue?	<p><i>Each venue will have full AV capabilities, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Wireless lapel and handheld microphones</i></li> <li><i>• LCD projector and large screen for presentations</i></li> <li><i>• Audio system with speakers</i></li> </ul>



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		<p><i>appropriate for audience size</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Power outlets and extension cords at the presentation area</i></li></ul> <p><i>If you require specialized equipment, please specify these needs in your RFQ application. We'll review your request and make accommodations if it is feasible.</i></p>
<b>13</b>	Can we provide handouts, resources, or follow-up materials to participants?	<p><i>Yes. If your services are selected, we'll coordinate with you ahead of the session(s) on the specific number of copies you'll need to provide.</i></p>

Deadline Extended for [RFQ application form](#) to Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 5 p.m. CT.

For any additional questions, please email [ai@cftexas.org](mailto:ai@cftexas.org).

**We look forward to reviewing your submission!**