
LifeSci Education RFP Info Session

August 5, 2026

Creating a vibrant, inclusive, and globally competitive economy for all New Yorkers

Grow innovation sectors,
focusing on equity

Build neighborhoods
where people live, learn,
work, and play

Deliver sustainable
infrastructure

Strengthen business
confidence

Life Sciences Education RFP Overview

RFP Goals

- Provide hands-on life and health sciences learning and career exposure to youth in Kips Bay.
- Select an operator to deliver five years of educational programming to inspire interest in life and health sciences careers.

Timeline:

- RFP release: July 21, 2026
- Question due date: August 11, 2026.
- EDC posts answers to questions: August 18, 2026.
- **Submission deadline: August 31, 2026**

Funding: \$100,000 per year for five years (total of \$500,000)

Q&A: Respondents may submit questions or request clarifications on the Q&A form available on the project website: <https://edc.nyc/consultant-services-life-sciences-education-rfp>. All technical questions pertaining to downloading and submitting proposals can be directed to RFPREQUEST@edc.nyc on or before August 31, 2026.



SPARC Kips Bay

SPARC Kips Bay is a **first-of-its-kind life sciences innovation, career, and education hub**.

Historic investment of \$1.6B from City and State to create a pipeline from NYC's public education system into careers in the life sciences, healthcare, and public health sectors.

The investment will fulfill the goals **to improve the facilities and workforce pipelines** for critical public institutions.



Illustrative Design Concept from Master Plan

Education and Workforce Investment

Building on SPARC Kips Bay, NYCEDC formed the **Kips Bay Science District Education and Workforce Taskforce** to identify opportunities to integrate academic and career pathways in life sciences and healthcare in the district.

- Comprised of ~50 local and citywide leaders in education, workforce and industry
- Full taskforce convenings, small group workshops, and individual interviews over a 9-month process
- Outcomes resulted in published **vision report**



Kips Bay Science District Education and Workforce Taskforce Meeting

Taskforce Recommendations

Scale and fund exposure-based learning opportunities

One taskforce recommendation included funding of programs to scale in Kips Bay, supporting long-term engagement opportunities for talent, and expanding employer partnerships with existing internship programs.



EMPOWERING KIPS BAY'S FUTURE WORKFORCE:

The Kips Bay Science District Education & Workforce Vision

RFP Policy Goals & Expected Outcomes

Proposals should demonstrate how their program can feasibly deliver on the core RFP outcomes below

Skills Building: Develop or scale experiential, science learning opportunities for students in Kips Bay

- Support new science educational programming for K-8th grade students.
- Deliver five years of public-school programs starting with the 2026-2027 school year (~Spring 2027).
- Reach ~1,900 primary and ~3,200 middle school students annually.

Career Awareness/Access: Develop opportunities for students to connect directly with employers to learn more about different careers

- Can include presentations, mentorship, networking, internship opportunities, and other exposure programs.

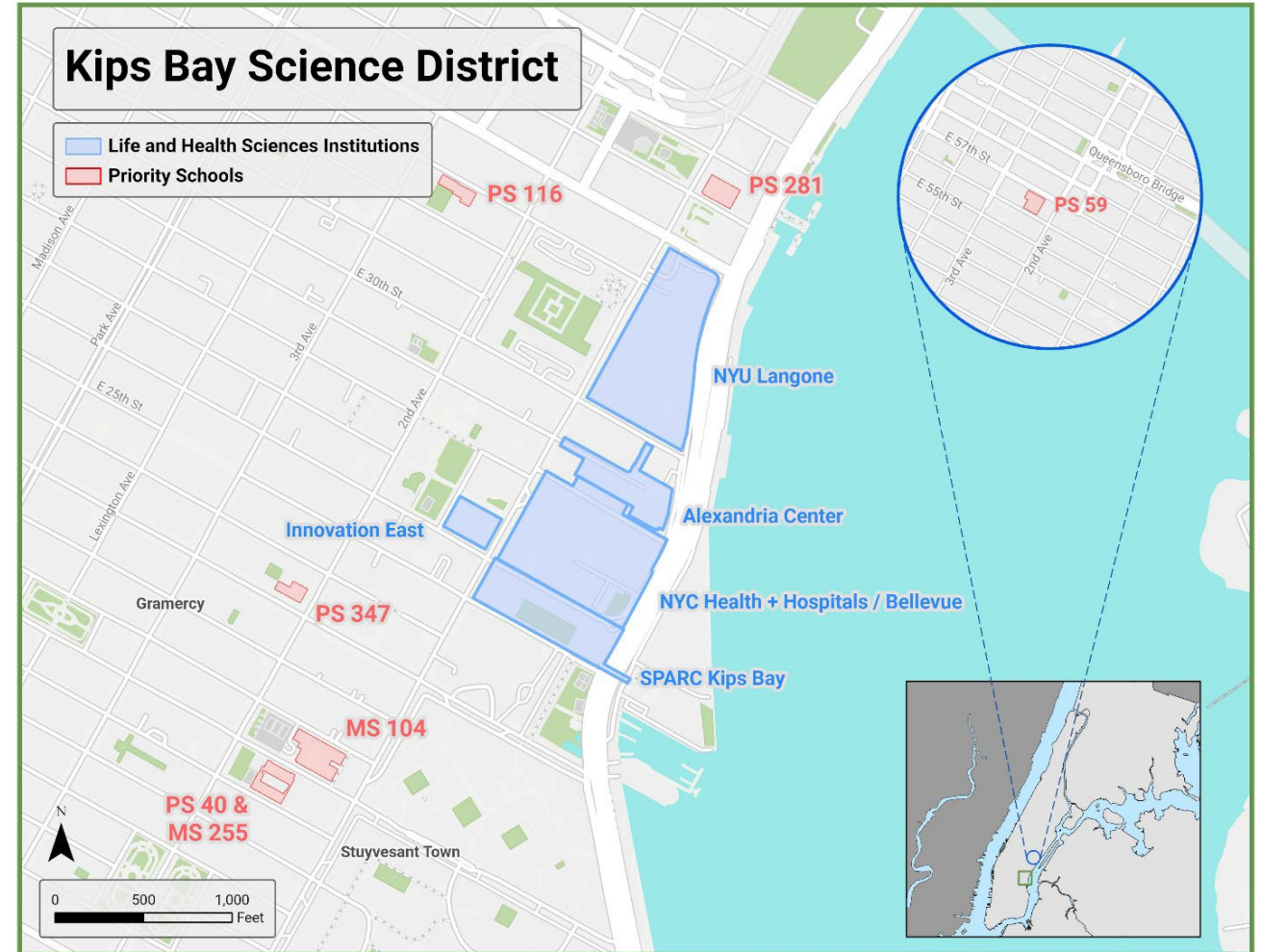
Connection to Youth Employment Pathways or Programs: Connect students directly with city-based programs like Department of Youth and Community Development's (DYCD) Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) or NYCEDC's LifeSci NYC Internship Program.

Program Target Schools

In line with the Taskforce report and SPARC Kips Bay POA, NYCEDC will fund up to five years of programming at **7 area schools**:

- **PS40, PS116, PS281, PS59, PS347, MS255, and MS104**

Respondents are welcome to propose programming that **can be open to more than the area schools**, based on the capacity of the program provider.



Map of Priority Schools

Key Respondent Submission Materials

Proposals should **not exceed twenty (20) pages** and should include:

- Respondent Profile
 - Organization's history and relevant experience with New York City Public Schools
 - Summary of outcomes in relevant past projects
- Program Concept
 - Organization's narrative and approach to working with New York City Public Schools
 - Strategic rationale and projected impacts of the proposed program
 - Demonstrated understanding of working with K-8th grade students and the local community
- Program Plan & Resourcing
 - Resourcing plan and anticipated time dedication of staffing
 - Amount of funding needed to cover the costs of the proposed program
 - Relevant experience in collecting, managing, analyzing, and reporting program data

Evaluation Criteria

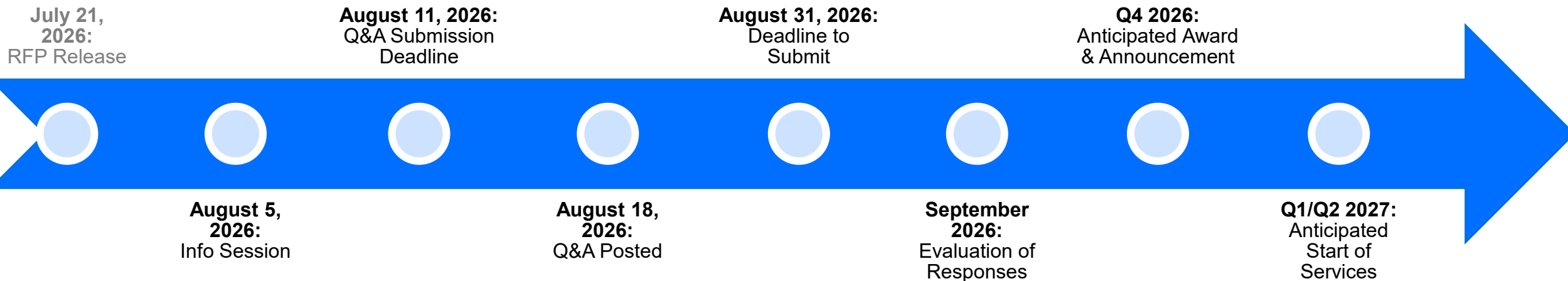
- **[40%] Quality of Proposal**
 - Understanding of the RFP goals, programming for K-8th grade students, and the NYC life sciences ecosystem
 - The effectiveness of and the ability to execute the proposal
- **[40%] Respondent's Qualifications**
 - Demonstrated experience and reputation in delivering a program similar to what is required by the RFP
 - Quality of Respondent team and relevancy of past experiences
- **[10%] Financial and Operational Feasibility**
 - Demonstration of the capacity to successfully launch and maintain the proposal
 - Ability to combine other source of funding with NYCEDC's funding
- **[10%] Proposed Fee and Cost Schedules**
 - Competitiveness of proposed fee and cost schedule

Submission Details

Respondents must submit responses according to the following requirements:

- All responses are due no later than **4:00 PM ET on MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026**
- All submissions must be made electronically through the RFP website at <https://edc.nyc/consultant-services-life-sciences-education-rfp> and should be uploaded as a single(1) zip file
 - The zip file should be labeled “Life Sciences Education RFP Response – [RESPONDENT NAME]”
 - The zip file should include their proposal in the form of a searchable PDF and where applicable, Microsoft Excel
 - The zip file should also include the Doing Business Data Form (**Appendix A**) and the Statement of Agreement (**Appendix B**)
- Please refer to page 19 of the RFP for details on the above and all other requirements

Anticipated Timeline



Q&A



LIFE SCIENCES EDUCATION INFORMATION SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: 8/5/2026 TIME: 2 – 3 PM PROJECT: LifeSci Education RFP

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