

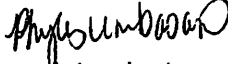


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OFFICE OF STRATEGY, INNOVATION AND PERFORMANCE

August 17, 2017

TO: Deputy Superintendent
Complex Area Superintendents
State Public Charter School Commission
Principals (All)
Public Charter School Directors (All)

FROM: Phyllis Unebasami 
Acting Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: Accepting Applications for Teacher Item Authors to Develop Items for the Next Generation Science Standards Summative Assessments

The Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) approved the adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) which replaces the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards III for Science. The Hawaii Department of Education's Assessment Section and its partner, American Institutes for Research (AIR), are in the process of designing tests and items for those tests in preparation for operational NGSS-based assessments in School Year (SY) 2019-2020. As part of this effort, the Assessment Section is accepting applications from individuals to serve as Teacher Item Authors during the NGSS Item Cluster Development Workshop to be held from *October 9 – 13, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support.*

Selected participants will also need to participate in *two required webinars* prior to the face-to-face workshop:

- Understanding NGSS and the Role of Phenomena: Thursday, September 28, 2017 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- An Overview of the Item Types Available for NGSS Summative Assessments: Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Applicants should be certified teachers who are knowledgeable of the NGSS and the performance expectations therein for elementary school, middle school, and/or high school life science. Participants will be working with Assessment Section and AIR staff, along with other consultants, to identify Hawaii specific phenomena and develop item clusters associated with these phenomena to measure student attainment of the relevant performance expectation. The development work of the group will be guided by the NGSS Item Specifications and associated

Task Models developed by AIR and states participating in the NGSS Item-Sharing Collaborative. These item clusters will be reviewed and field tested prior to inclusion on the NGSS Summative Assessment in SY 2019–2020.

Participants:

- need to be able to serve on all of the days that have been scheduled for the workshop.
- must submit an application by Friday, September 15, 2017.
- commit to attending the required webinars on September 28 and October 5, 2017.
- will receive a stipend of \$172.39 per day for the five day face-to-face workshop.

If you meet the criteria and would like to be considered for the NGSS Item Cluster Development Workshop please submit your application no later than Friday, September 15, 2017 using this link: <http://conta.cc/2ftaj16>

After submitting the online application form, the applicant will receive a system-generated email confirming AIR's receipt of information. The applicant will then enter a pool of possible participants. If selected for the workshop, the applicant will receive a separate, additional confirmation notice via email. *Applicants must not attend the workshop without receiving a workshop confirmation email.*

All meetings will be held at the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support, 475 22nd Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816.

For neighbor island participants, AIR will make all travel arrangements, including air and ground transportation and hotel accommodations and will reimburse participants for parking fees at their home airports. AIR will not honor travel coupons or reimburse participants who make their own travel arrangements.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Dumas, Assessment Section, at (808) 733-4100 or paul_dumas@notes.k12.hi.us

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