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RE: SIG 1003(g) Lead Partner FY16 Updates

Dear Ms. Lisboa:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Lead Partner updates as requested via email on Friday, May 29, 2015.

In regard to the requested updates submitted herein, please note that our initial proposal was submitted from the Ed Tech services group as *Scholastic Achievement Partners*; however, on May 29, 2015, **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt** (HMH) acquired the Educational Technology and Services (Ed Tech) business of Scholastic Inc. The acquisition includes the transfer of the Ed Tech division, its management and staff, and the group's proven-effective intervention solutions and services portfolio to HMH. As a result, the enclosed updates are submitted on behalf of **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company**.

 Official press release of the acquisition is available at: <http://www.hmhco.com/media-center/press-releases/2015/may/scholastic-closing>

For more than 20 years, Ed Tech Products and Services have focused on partnering with school districts to raise student achievement by providing solutions that combine technology, content and services in the areas of reading and math. With a proven track record of successful intervention and classroom solutions, HMH is proud to welcome the following products and services into the HMH product line: *READ 180*, *System 44*, *English 3D*, *iRead*, *MATH 180*, *Big Day for Pre-K*, *Common Core CodeX*, *Scholastic Reading Counts!* (SRC), *FASTT Math*, *SRI*, *SMI*, *SPI*, as well as the products and services offered under the services brands of the *International Center for Leadership in Education* (ICLE), *Tom Snyder Productions* (TSP), *Math Solutions*, and *Literacy Solutions*.

The Illinois State Board of Education can expect to receive the same management, staff, proven solutions and services as submitted in the 2013 proposal, only under a new name; therefore, we are proud to offer the following enclosed updates as **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt**:

1. Planning and Pre-implementation
2. Comprehensive Instructional Reform

3. Job-embedded Professional Development
4. Use of Data to Drive Instruction
5. Program Monitoring
6. Family and Community Engagement
7. Sustainability
8. Lead Partner

Should you require clarification or additional information, the following person is authorized to represent HMH and is the single point of contact for the Illinois State Board of Education:

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HMH looks forward to working in partnership with you on this initiative.

Sincerely,



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