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Second Guidance Update for the Summer Cycle of the January 2014 SUNY Request for Proposals (“RFP”)

This guidance is the second guidance update specifically pertaining to the Summer Cycle of the January 2014 SUNY Request for Proposals (“RFP”). This guidance supplements and/or updates information in the *January 2014 Guidance Handbook*, the announcement of a 2014 Summer Cycle made on May 30, 2014 and the *Guidance Update for the 2014 Summer Cycle* that the Institute posted on June 9, 2014. All RFP documents and announcements can be found at <http://www.newyorkcharters.org/openAppKit.htm>.

Updated Critical Guidance for Applicants

1. May applicants submit proposals in response to the 2014 Summer Cycle to open schools beyond fall 2015?

Based on legal review, the Institute has determined that nothing in Education Law § 2852(9-a)(c) or the 2014 RFP prohibits an applicant from submitting a proposal to open a school beyond fall 2015. Note that prior to 2014, Education Law § 2852(9-a)(c) restricted proposed school opening dates to the fall of the year following the proposal submission. Such restrictions no longer apply. Consequently, the Institute will accept 2014 Summer Cycle proposals for schools that applicants intend to commence operation in the 2015-16 or 2016-17 school years. In the context of the RFP, this timeframe allows the Institute to ensure that proposals reflect the current, on-the-ground needs and realities of each proposed community of location. Note that the Institute will take into consideration the proposed time of opening of each proposed school in determining need for the schools when considering which proposals to recommend to the SUNY Board of Trustees’ Charter Schools Committee.

The Institute will also consider time of opening as relevant to the preference scoring (as articulated in section IV(B) of the RFP) of each proposal it intends to recommend to the Trustees.

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