



## **Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS)**

### **Validation Study: Phase I Request For Applications**

As part of the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge (RttT-ELC), funded by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE), the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) is conducting a Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS) Validation Study. The overall goal of this project is to ensure that the tiers of North Carolina's revised TQRIS meaningfully differentiate levels of quality that correspond to changes in children's progress. This RFA covers Phase I of the Validation Study, to be completed between January 2, 2013 and October 31, 2013. The contractor will collaborate with DCDEE Staff to complete a series of steps leading up to the detailed specification of a single recommended model for the revised TQRIS, to be tested and validated in Phase II of the Validation Study. A detailed report assessing the likely impact of choosing among the alternative models considered in Phase I must be presented to DCDEE by September 30, 2013. For complete details on the RFA, including required components of applications, please see the following:

[DCDEE RFA 2012-005 TQRIS Validation Study Phase I](#)

[Attachment #1 Cover Sheet](#)

[Attachment #2 Outputs Worksheet](#)

[Attachment #3 Outcomes Worksheet](#)

[Attachment #4 Line Item Budget](#) and [Instructions](#)

[Attachment #5 FTE Sheet](#)

[Attachment #6 Notarized Conflict of Interest \(non profit agencies only\)](#)

[Attachment #7 No Overdue Taxes \(non profit agencies only\)](#)

**Applications will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., December 12, 2012. Questions concerning the specifications or any information contained within this Request for Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., November 16, 2012.**