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The first Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five request for proposal closed on March 15, 2019. Vendors could propose an approach to completing one, two, or all three of the following activities outlined in the State’s original application:

- Activity 1A – User Needs Assessment
- Activity 1B – Data Systems Assessment
- Activity 2 – Strategic Plan

Since mid-March, a cross-agency team has scored the proposals. The Department of Education is in contract negotiation with vendors. We anticipate a mid-May kick off to these work-streams.

Simultaneously, the Birth through Five Accountability Committee (B-5 AC) is collecting existing needs assessments for the selected vendor to synthesize upon their start. Teams will be formed to plan the tasks of Activities 3 and 4; these activities were reduced from our original application due to all states received a reduced award. Please find the original application and updates to the PDG B-5 process the grant website: [https://www.doe.k12.de.us/PDGB-5](https://www.doe.k12.de.us/PDGB-5).