Proposal for regional development of local checkpoint B for LOTE

Rationale: New York State Education Department no longer provides the Regents exam for Languages Other than English (LOTE) checkpoint B: each district needs to develop their own assessment. Alternatively, districts can collaborate regionally to create an exam(s). In order to meet this need, OCM BOCES will facilitate the development of a regional exam for Languages Other than English (LOTE).

Participants: Any component district of OCM BOCES may participate. Non-components may participate but will be charged the usual rates.

Each participating district will send **one** representative for each target language. The same representative should be involved for the duration of the project.

Product: The resulting exam(s) will be electronically distributed to each participating district. OCM BOCES takes no further responsibility for, nor ownership of the resulting collaborative product and as such, will not sell or distribute the product to any non-participating districts. Each district will be responsible for the security of the test(s).

Process: Previous New York State Regents exams will be deconstructed to build blueprint for regional exam. Previous items will be sorted into target standards to form an item bank. Use of previous items will contribute to validity and statistical reliability of items. Representative teachers will select items for the exam(s) based on the blueprint. If possible two tests will be developed so that districts can use a different test in different years. It is also hoped that a practice test(s) can be constructed for district used. The structure and scoring of the resulting exams will parallel previous NYS Regents exams. Districts may want to consider establishing a common administration day for the exam.

OCM BOCES will provide: location for work, supporting technology and print materials (standards and previous exams), and facilitation of work sessions. Because this is being facilitated by CI&A sub costs are aidable under the normal procedures. Work days will run from 8:30- 3:30. Lunch will not be provided.

Timeline:

Session one: Jan 31 Operations and Maintenance Building

* Overview of process
* Review of standards
* Review of format, scoring and blueprint of previous exams
* Begin to break previous exams into standards to build item bank

Session two: Feb 10 O/M Building

* Complete breaking exams into standards
* Map the blueprint for regional exam
* Begin to sort items into three sorts according to match to standards and blueprint ( so have items designated as preferred, okay, not useful)

Session three: March 5 O/M Building

* Complete sort
* Compile items for exam form a , form b and practice test
* Complete instructions, scoring

Session four: March 23 O/M Building

* Date held in the event an additional day is required

It is expected that work may need to occur between sessions and shared via technology ( ie Wiki site).

Distribution of materials: Provided early May.

Next steps:

Share proposal with BCIC –Dec

Districts indicate interest by registering ONE representative per target language by Jan 16, 2012. --- MLP will have registrations –one per target language live by Dec 12.