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OFFICE OF STRATEGY, INNOVATION AND PERFORMANCE

September 10, 2019

ACTION REQUIRED
Due: September 23, 2019

TO: Deputy Superintendent
Complex Area Superintendents
Public Charter School Executive Director
Principals (All)
Public Charter School Directors (All)

FROM: Rodney Luke 
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Accepting Applications for Teacher Item Authors to Develop Items for the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Summative Assessments**

The Hawaii Department of Education's Assessment Section, in the Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance, in partnership with the American Institutes for Research (AIR), is accepting applications from individuals to serve as teacher item authors during the NGSS Item Cluster Development Workshop to be held from October 7 – 11, 2019 at a location in the Honolulu area to be determined.

Applicants should be certified teachers who are knowledgeable of the NGSS and the performance expectations therein for elementary school, middle school, and/or high school life science. Participants will be working with Assessment Section and AIR staff to identify Hawaii specific phenomena and develop items clusters associated with these phenomena to measure student attainment of the relevant performance expectation. The development work of the group will be guided by the NGSS Item Specifications and associated Task Models developed by AIR and states participating in the NGSS Item-Sharing Collaborative. These item clusters will be reviewed and field tested prior to inclusion on the HSA Science (NGSS) grades 5 and 8 assessments and the Biology 1 (NGSS) End of Course (EOC) Exam.

Participants:

- need to be able to serve on all of the days that have been scheduled for the workshop.
- must submit an application by Monday, September 23, 2019.
- will receive a stipend of \$178.42 per day for the five day face-to-face meetings.

If you meet the criteria and would like to be considered for the NGSS Item Cluster Development Workshop, submit your application no later than Monday, September 23, 2019 using this link:
<http://bit.ly/Fall2019NGSSClusters>

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After submitting your online application form, you will receive a system-generated email confirming AIR's receipt of your information. You will then enter a pool of possible participants. If you are selected for the workshop, you will receive a separate, additional confirmation notice via email. **Please do not attend the workshop without receiving a workshop confirmation email.**

For neighbor island participants, AIR will make all travel arrangements, including air and ground Transportation and hotel accommodations and will reimburse participants for parking fees at their home airports. AIR will not honor travel coupons or reimburse participants who make their own travel arrangements.

For Oahu committee members, AIR will provide parking validation at the meeting site. Participants will not be reimbursed for mileage or gas.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Dumas, Assessment Section, at (808) 307-3636 or paul.dumas@k12.hi.us

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c: State Public Charter School Commission
Assessment and Accountability Branch