

**University of Wyoming
Request for Information**

For

Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program

May 12, 2008

Overview

This FFEL Request For Information (RFI) is designed so that University of Wyoming (UW) can identify and recommend to its students a group of lenders and Stafford, PLUS and Grad PLUS loan products that have competitive rates. Students will be provided with a Lender List for the 2008-2009 academic year. Students will receive information stating that UW will process loans from any lender and that students may apply for loans through the lender of their choice without penalty. The submission of information in response to this Request For Information does not create a binding obligation by UW or a lender of any nature.

Minimum Requirements

All lenders will be expected to adhere to the following minimum standards. Please indicate in your cover letter which, if any, of these standards you will not be able to meet if you are selected for the UW College Lender List.

- Resolution of loan certification, disbursement of funds, and servicing issues within 24 hours
- Commitment to honor loan fees, borrower benefits and loan terms that are described in your proposal for the entirety of the 2008-09 processing year (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)
- Development and reporting on a quarterly basis of key operating and financial metrics, including, but not limited to loan volumes and approval rates (PLUS and Grad PLUS loans only).

Evaluation Criteria

UW will use the following criteria to evaluate responses and make recommendations:

- Value of Borrower Benefits
- Customer Service to Borrowers and UW Financial Aid Staff
- Technology
- Lender Access to Capital
- Default Aversion

Response Format

Responses should be submitted using the RFI response sheets in the accompanying Excel workbook, which has the following spreadsheets:

- Instructions
- UW information (School Loan Volume and Default Rates)
- RFI Response Form (Main document)
- Stafford Borrower Benefits
- Grad PLUS Borrower Benefits
- PLUS Borrower Benefits

Any questions that are answered with “N/A” should be accompanied by a brief explanation. Failure to answer all required questions may result in disqualification from the RFI process.

All costs incurred in the preparation and submission of the UW FFEL RFI response and related documentation will be borne by the responder.

Key Action Dates

Listed below are the key action dates/times for the UW FFEL RFI process. If UW finds it necessary to change any of the dates as indicated below, all invited responders will be notified via email.

Release of University of Wyoming FFEL RFI	May 12, 2008
Notification of Intent to Respond	May 16, 2008
Deadline for Lender Questions	May 26, 2008
UW FFEL RFI Due Date	June 2, 2008, 5 p.m. MT

University of Wyoming RFI Contact Person

- Lenders should notify Tim Ranzetta of Student Lending Analytics at tranzetta@studentlendinganalytics.com by May 12, 2008 of its Intent to Respond to the UW FFEL RFI.
- Questions regarding this UW FFEL RFI shall be submitted by lenders by May 26, 2008 to Tim Ranzetta at tranzetta@studentlendinganalytics.com. Questions will be collected and answers will be provided to prospective responders via email.
- All RFI response sheets should be submitted electronically by June 2, 2008 at 5 p.m. Mountain Time to Tim Ranzetta at tranzetta@studentlendinganalytics.com. In addition, a hard copy of your proposal including a signed cover letter, signed Certification and Signature Page (see Exhibit A) and any other supplemental materials (marketing materials are discouraged) should be mailed to the following address:

David Gruen, Director of Student Financial Aid
University of Wyoming
Dept. 3335
1000 E. University Ave.
Laramie, WY 82071

Contact with University of Wyoming

With the exception of the designated contact person at UW, lenders are not permitted to communicate with UW staff regarding this solicitation during the period between the RFI issue date and the UW announcement of the Lender List, except for any communications initiated by UW's designated contact.

Adherence to Codes of Conduct

UW and its Office of Student Financial Aid adhere to the NASFAA Statement of Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct for Institutional Financial Aid Professionals.

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Certification and Signature Page**

ATTACHMENT A: RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE PAGE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: This RFI Response must be signed with the full name and address of the Respondent; if a partnership, by a member of the entity with the name and address of each member; if a corporation, by an authorized officer thereof in the corporate name.

The below-named individual, submitting and signing this response, verifies that he/she is a duly authorized officer of the respondent and certifies that the responses submitted on behalf of the respondent are true and accurate.

Authorized Signature and Title

Print Name

Respondent Name

Date

Return with RFI Response to:

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