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LAUSD Charter School Special Needs Service Project – The Budget

Cross & Joftus partners with states, districts, and schools to increase student academic performance by conducting an in-depth systems review to identify tasks, functions, and programs that require attention and change. Technical assistance is then provided as recommended reforms are implemented. Cross & Joftus consultants are experts in all areas of education including special education, district and school finance, assessment, curriculum, data analysis and management, and leadership. Being a virtual consulting company allows us to keep typical "brick-and-mortar" costs such as rent, phone, and utilities very low. These savings are then passed along to our clients and allows for an optimal reform approach.

The LAUSD Charter School Special Needs Service Project is working with 168 charters schools in the LA area to examine practices, identify gaps in services, and provide a collaborative model to improve services for special needs students.

Major deliverables include:

- Deliverable 1 **Needs Assessment & Report of Findings**
- Deliverable 2 **Staff Hired and Trained**
- Deliverable 3 **Data Manual**
- Deliverable 4 **Data End Users Training**
- Deliverable 5 **Staff Trained in Four Areas (Rtl, Universal Design/Assistive/Instructional Technology, Research Based Instructional strategies, Special Education Service Delivery Models)**
- Deliverable 6 **Certification of Trainer of Trainers**
- Deliverable 7 **New SPED Models Trained**
- Deliverable 8 **Compliance and IEP Training**
- Deliverable 9 **Evaluation of Models**
- Deliverable 10 **Summer School Staffed**
- Deliverable 11 **Evaluation of Summer School**

The \$2.7 million budget provides the following: 23% for seasoned consultants with national expertise who conducted a comprehensive needs assessment and are delivering services and trainings to charters throughout the project and during the summer training summit; 5% for an Infinitec subcontract; 7% for travel and local costs; 20% for training materials, meeting support and space needs throughout the project and for the summer training summit; 31% for services and sets of services designed thru identified and prioritized needs agreed upon by Stakeholder Group for direct support of students with disabilities, teachers, and staff of the 168 Charter Schools within this project and 14% for project management and indirect expenses.

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