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From Barry Shaffer (MN):

The Minnesota ABE office will be launching a project around Content Standards Adoption beginning late summer or early Fall 2011. Kathy Polis assisted us last year to identify the need and field readiness for content standards and now we want to move forward and establish them in a variety of areas - exact areas yet to be decided.

My question to State Directors is: Could you recommend a consultant that we would use to:

- a. help us identify content standards models from a variety of states that have them,
- b. help facilitate/guide us in the process of how to adapt existing other state standards into our own Minnesota set, and
- c. assist us to develop a position paper on the use and benefits of content standards in Minnesota
- d. assist us to identify professional development needs associated with content standards implementation
- e. assist us to develop a comprehensive multi-year timeline and process for implementing content standards in Minnesota

We are looking for a consultant that would have multi-state experience in the content standards arena, or someone that in your estimation has at least single-state content standards experience and success. We will be providing funds to a grantee for this project - the grantee would hire the content standards consultant on an hourly contracted basis and they would work during the 2011-2012 program year with a Minnesota task force. They would probably travel to Minnesota for 3-6 meetings and do a considerable amount of home-work (e.g.- identifying best practice models, leading the adapt/adopt process, assist to develop a position paper on the use and benefits of content standards, etc.).

Please send any consultant recommendations to me: barry.shaffer@state.mn.us

Thank you!

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Keep up the good work. Let me know when we can help.

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