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## **Partnership for Continued Learning Announces Request for Qualifications**

***Request seeks proposals from higher education institutions interested in studying the operation and oversight of Ohio's community/charter schools and the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program***

Columbus --- The Partnership for Continued Learning (Partnership) announces the release of a Community Schools and the Educational Choice Scholarship Study Request for Qualifications today. Amended Substitute H.B. 79 of the 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly charges the Partnership to conduct a study of the operation and oversight of Ohio's community/charter schools and the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program established under Chapter 3310. of the Revised Code.

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is to solicit proposals from higher education institutions interested in conducting this research study on behalf of the Partnership. The deadline to submit a proposal is December 28, 2007. The Request for Qualifications can be found on the Partnership website [[www.pcl.ohio.gov](http://www.pcl.ohio.gov)].

Established in statute and chaired by the governor, the Partnership is comprised of leaders from education, business and industry, economic development, government and local communities. The Partnership is charged in statute to make policy recommendations for improving P-16 alignment and to support regional P-16 efforts. By creating a framework that enables all Ohio students to succeed at school, on the job, and in their lives, the Partnership establishes a new level of collaboration that will help Ohio succeed as a state. Additional information about the Partnership can be found at [www.pcl.ohio.gov](http://www.pcl.ohio.gov).

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