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Advisory Group
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In 2014, the AACN Board of Directors established the Leadership Development Advisory Group (LDAG) to advance a request for a proposal to deliver a new leadership product line to AACN. The Board approved a two-step process (design and delivery), and the first design RFP led to the acceptance of a proposal from Humphrey, Heller, and Williams at The Consulting Psychology Group (CPG) in 2016. The final report on the design was delivered to the Board of Directors in January 2017, by CPG.

In the fall of 2017, after seeking input from the LDAG, the second leadership RFP was issued as the Delivery RFP. Multiple responses were received and a second set of questions were posed to each vendor to achieve further clarity. Two of the vendors then presented to the AACN staff and the LDAG. The LDAG reviewed and made recommendations regarding the proposals and next steps. There was a meeting on October 29 at the Academic Nursing Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, and another meeting by conference call on January 8, 2018. At that time the LDAG requested that the AACN board generate principles to assist in guiding further exploration and recommendations for product and process. At the January AACN BOD meeting, the principles were generated resulting in a lengthy list.

Staff are currently developing a summary document that synthesizes all the information gathered to date on this project that may inform next steps.

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