



**IDEA Public Schools
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
For
Lawn Maintenance**

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Bid Information

Bid Owner Daniel Garza
Email daniel.garza2@ideapublicschools.org

Bid Number #15-RFP-FCL-2021
Title Lawn Maintenance
Issue Date April 16, 2021
Pre-Proposal Conf. April 30, 2021 at 2 pm via web @ <http://bluejeans.com/9566782403>

Close Date / Turn In May 7, 2021 no later than 3pm via mail
Subject line: #15-RFP-FCL-2021 Lawn Maintenance
IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ATTN.: Facilities Department
2115 W. Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596

Bid Packages Available Weblink@ideapublicschools.org

Bid Questions to: Elda Pruneda
Email: elda.pruneda@ideapublicschools.org
Telephone 956-678-2403

Supplier Information

Company Name _____
Contact Name _____
Address _____

Telephone _____
Fax _____
Email _____

By Submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company.

Signature _____ Date _____

Bid Notes

Any questions or inquiries to this solicitation shall be made no later than May 3, 2021. Please see "bid attachments" to see terms and conditions pertaining to this proposal. Interested vendors shall fill out and submit proposal, via mail, by the deadline. IDEA Public Schools will select the proposal(s) that provide(s) the best value to IDEA Public Schools in accordance to the awarding criteria contained in this solicitation. In further information is needed please contact the Facilities Department for further assistance.

PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION

NOTICE TO OFFERORS

Proposals shall be submitted in an envelope marked on the outside with the vendor's name, address, and "#15-RFP-FCL-2021 Lawn Maintenance" Please submit 1 original and two copies of the proposal to:

IDEA Public Schools
ATTN: Elda Pruneda – A.D. Facilities Finance and Procurement
2115 W. Pike Blvd.
Weslaco, TX 78596
Telephone: 956-678-2403

BACKGROUND

IDEA Public Schools is a growing network of tuition-free K-12 public charter schools serving more than 45,000 students in 79 schools throughout the Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Tarrant County, Houston, and Baton Rouge, LA. IDEA is committed to "College for All Children" and has sent 100% of its graduates to college for six consecutive years.

FUNDING

IDEA Public Schools is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Funding for IDEA Public Schools operations and programs are provided through fundraising, philanthropic grants, state and federal funding.

SERVICES SOLICITED

General. The following instructions by IDEA Public Schools are intended to afford vendors an equal opportunity to participate in the contract. IDEA Public Schools is soliciting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for lawn maintenance.

- 1.1 Before submitting an offer to this solicitation, the vendors shall familiarize themselves with all parts of this solicitation because these parts become a part of any resulting contract.
- 1.2 Vendors shall familiarize themselves with existing conditions in the material and labor markets prior to submission of an offer. The fact that an offer (bid/proposal) is submitted will be construed by the IDEA Public Schools Board of Directors to indicate that the vendor agrees to carry out the furnishing of products/services in full accordance with the specifications and other contract documents notwithstanding existing material and labor markets' conditions.
- 1.3 Each vendor shall furnish the information required by the Contract Documents. The vendor shall sign the *proposal*, *all addenda*, and the *proposal sheet*. The person signing the proposal must initial erasures or other changes. Proposals signed by an agent must be accompanied by evidence of the agent's authority unless such evidence has been previously furnished to IDEA Public Schools.
- 1.4 IDEA Public Schools does not pay Federal Excise Taxes or Texas and local retail sales and use taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be provided upon request.
- 1.5 Proposals submitted on forms other than the IDEA Public Schools forms or with different terms or provisions may be considered as non-responsive proposals.

- 1.6 IDEA Public Schools expects that all proposals will remain valid for the term of this proposal.
- 1.7 Award to vendor(s) will be for two years with a possible one year extension upon mutual agreement of IDEA Public Schools and the vendor.
 - 1.7.1 Multiple vendors may be awarded to meet pricing needs.
- 1.8 Proposed price should be firm (fixed). Proposer should include the pricing for the 2021-2022 school year. If contract is extended, and costs increase due to the increase in fuel, increase in service, demand, etc., the proposer must issue a document to IDEA explaining the price increase and suspected length of time the increase will be in effect.
- 1.9 The vendor shall certify that no federal or state suspension or debarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a state or federally funded award.
- 1.10 "Reservations". IDEA Public Schools expressly reserves the right to:
 - 1.10.1 Waive minor deviations from the specifications when it is determined that the total cost to the IDEA Public Schools of the deviating proposal is lower than the lowest conforming proposal which meets all aspects of the specifications, and the overall function of the goods or services, or both, specified in the deviating proposal is equal to or greater than that of the conforming proposal.
 - 1.10.2 Waive any defect, irregularity or informality in any proposal procedure.
 - 1.10.3 Reject any or all proposals.
 - 1.10.4 Amend a proposal prior to proposal opening date to extend or make changes to specification.
 - 1.10.5 Procure any item by other means.

RFP CALENDAR

- 1. An RFP packet will be available **10:00 a.m. CST on April 16, 2021**. Proposal packages may be obtained electronically: [Link](#)
- 2. Proposals may be submitted in person or by mail no later than 3:00 PM, CT, on **May 7, 2021**. No proposals shall be accepted after this deadline.

RFP Packet Available: 10 AM, April 16, 2021
Pre-Bid Meeting: 2 PM-2:15 PM, April 30, 2021
RFP Bid Submission: 3 PM, May 7, 2021
RFP Opening: 10 AM, May 10, 2021

- 3. Proposal Inquiries: Should any questions arise, please submit inquiries via e-mail to: elda.pruneda@ideapublicschools.org

PAYMENT TERMS

Payment will be issued upon review and approval of invoice within 30 days. Invoices shall be fully documented as to labor, materials and equipment provided. Orders will be placed by the IDEA Public Schools - Purchasing Department and must be given a Purchase Order Number to be valid. No payments shall be made on invoices not listing a Purchase Order Number. Invoices should be submitted to IDEA Public Schools ATTN: Accounts Payable via email at payable@ideapublicschools.org or by mail at 2115 W. Pike Blvd., Weslaco, Texas 78596.

PART II- PROPOSAL CONTENT AND PROCESS

PURPOSE

It is the desire of IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS to award to qualified vendors that can demonstrate the ability to service IDEA with quality service and competitive pricing. Multiple awards are anticipated.

NOTICE TO ALL VENDORS DURING COVID-19

1. Vendor must keep IDEA Public Schools (IDEA) advised of any changes in order(s) status.
2. Questions regarding this proposal must be in writing and emailed to elda.pruneda@ideapublicschools.org

SCOPE OF SERVICES

RESPONDENT RESPONSIBILITY

IDEA Public Schools expectations with respect to the performance by each vendor in connection with the IDEA Public Schools purchases are set out in the "Contract Documents" which consist of the *Request for Proposal* ("RFP"), *Instructions to Vendors*, *Standard Terms and Conditions*, and *Proposal Sheet*. Vendors who fail to examine the Contract Documents do so at their own risk.

Any explanation desired by a vendor regarding the meaning or interpretation of any portion of the contract documents must be emailed to elda.pruneda@ideapublicschools.org in a timely manner to allow for a reply to reach vendors before the submission of their proposals. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award will not be binding. Any information given to one prospective vendor will be furnished to all prospective vendors as an *Addendum*, if such information is necessary to vendors in submitting their proposals or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to an uninformed vendor.

The selected respondent(s) will follow practices, processes, and protocols established by local, state, and federal agencies with respect to their field of service and goods.

DESIRED SERVICES**LAWN MAINTENANCE**

1. Mowing and Edging Grass
 - 1.1. Services will be consistence of 26 week visit schedule.
 - 1.2. Services will be performed bi-weekly.
 - 1.3. All walkways and curbs shall be cleaned of any grass and plant cuttings.
 - 1.4. Aerate grounds at least twice a year: once in the summer and once in the spring – practice fields only.
 - 1.5. Retention/Detention Ponds will be mowed at the minimum once per month.

2. Shrubs and Groundcover Maintenance
 - 2.1. Shrubs will be pruned quarterly.
 - 2.2. Weeding and trimming of groundcover to promote growth and maintain neat appearance.
 - 2.3. Vendor shall be alert for signs of insect presence or damage and report the matter to Owner/Agent in Charge and take action to correct problem.
 - 2.4. Vendor will submit a cost proposal for approval for insecticide or fungi control before work is performed and cost would be on separate billing.
 - 2.5. All tree canopies will be trimmed monthly or as needed.
 - 2.6. Replace mulch during the first service. Mulch around trees will be maintained monthly or as needed.
 - 2.7. All Palm Trees trimmed monthly or as needed. ** (RGV)
 - 2.8. Additional acres
 - 2.8.1. Maintain/service on the additional acres: remove trash/debris.
 - 2.8.2. 6 feet easement parameter around the fence

3. Tree Maintenance
 - 3.1. Suckers shall be continuously removed from trees on monthly basis.
 - 3.2. Vendor will advise Owner/Agent in Charge of any tree service above 12 ft. and will submit cost of work for approval on separate billing.
 - 3.3. Palm trees will be trimmed twice a year and shaved once a year to maintain a neat appearance. Vendor will advise Owner/Agent in Charge and submit a cost proposal for approval on separate billing.
 - 3.4. Fertilizers, Herbicides, and Insecticides.
 - 3.5. Vendor will submit cost proposal for approval for fertilization, herbicides and insecticides.
 - 3.6. Fertilization recommended 4 times a year, first application about Feb. 15th, May 15th, Sept. 15th and Nov. 15th.
 - 3.7. Insecticide for grub worm control.
 - 3.8. All other insect control as needed and billed separately at time of application.

4. Irrigation System

The following will establish/clarify responsibilities for the operation and maintenance of the irrigation system.

 - 4.1. The irrigation system is the responsibility of the Owner/Agent. Major repairs will be identified by the vendor and reported to Owner/Agent in Charge.

4.2. Owner/Agent in Charge will authorize Vendor to perform the repairs. Such repairs are not part of this proposal and cost would be on separate billing.

5. Responsibilities

- 5.1. Check system monthly to be sure all stations are functioning correctly and report problems/repairs to Facility Manager in Charge for approval of repairs.
- 5.2. Reset all timers due to Daylight Savings time change and maintain appropriate runtimes for conditions and seasons to promote overall health and prevent overwatering.
- 5.3. Vendor will be liable for any damages of sprinkler heads as a result of worker’s negligence or accident. Vendor will repair any damage cost by employees without cos to Facility Manager in Charge.

6. Additions

- 6.1. Any seasonal planting and re-mulching will be bid separately and submitted for approval to Facility in charge before work is performed.
- 6.2. Any additional plants or grass to be re-established into landscape as result of theft, accident, freeze, airborne disease, fungi, or insect causing death shall be bid separately and submitted for approval to Facility Manager in Charge before work is performed.

7. Practice Fields

- 7.1. Winter rye – last week of November.
- 7.2. Fertilizer and Weed Control

Season	Fertilizer (lbs/1000 ft ²)	Weed Control (as needed)
Early Spring	Weed and Feed	Pre-emerge for grassy weeds
Late Spring	7 lbs 16-4-8 + Iron	Post-emerge for broadleaf weeds
Early Summer	7 lbs 16-4-8 + Iron	Post-emerge for broadleaf weeds
Late Summer	7 lbs 16-4-8 + Iron	Post-emerge for broadleaf weeds
Fall	10 lbs. 5-10-30 + Iron	Pre-emerge for grassy weeds

7.3. Campuses

Region	Campus	Address	Property around
Upper RGV	Donna	401 S. 1st. St.	Donna TX 78537-3055
Upper RGV	Mission	1600 S. Schuerbach Rd.	Mission TX 78572-1217
Upper RGV	McAllen	201 N. Bentsen Rd.	McAllen TX 78501-8297
Upper RGV	Quest	14001 N 29th St.	McAllen TX 78504
Upper RGV	Edinburg	2553 Roegiers Rd.	Edinburg TX 78541-4196
Upper RGV	San Juan CP	600 E. Sioux Rd.	San Juan TX 78589-3491
Upper RGV	San Juan A	200 N. Nebraska	San Juan TX 78589-3491

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Upper RGV	Pharr	600 E. Las Milpas Rd.	Pharr TX 78577-9864	
Upper RGV	North Mission	2706 N. Holland Ave.	Mission TX 78572	
Upper RGV	Tres Lagos	5200 Tres Lagoos Blvd	McAllen TX 78504	
Upper RGV	Rio Grande	2803 West Monarch Lane	RGC, TX 78582	
Upper RGV	Owassa	1000 E. Owassa Rd	Pharr TX 78577	Additional property 2.5 acres
Upper RGV	Los Encios	5400 S. WARE RD	McAllen TX 78503	
Upper RGV	Toros	3300 E TEXAS ROAD	Edinburg TX 78542	
Upper RGV	Palmview	4100 N SCHUERBACH RD	Mission, TX 78572	
Lower RGV	Alamo	325 E. FM 495	Alamo TX 78516-6877	
Lower RGV	Weslaco	2931 E. Sugar Cane Dr.	Weslaco TX 78596-2723	
Lower RGV	Weslaco Pike	1000 E. Pike Blvd.	Weslaco TX 78596-2723	
Lower RGV	San Benito	2151 Russell Lane	SB TX 78586-8969	
Lower RGV	Brownsville	4395 Paredes Line Rd.	Brownsville TX 78526	
Lower RGV	Frontier	2800 South Dakota	Brownsville TX 78521	Additional acres (15 acres)
Lower RGV	Riverview	30 Palm Blvd.	Brownsville TX 78520	
Lower RGV	Elsa	420 S Fannin	Elsa TX 78543	
Lower RGV	Robindale	3802 E. Ruben Torres Sr. Bluvd	Brownsville, TX 78521	
Lower RGV	Harlingen	24240 CHESTER PARK RD	Harlingen, TX 78552	
San Antonio	Eastside	2519 Martin Luther King Dr.	San Antonio TX 78220	
San Antonio	Walzem	6445 Walzem Dr.	San Antonio TX 78239	
San Antonio	Monterrey Park	222 SW 39th St.	San Antonio TX 78237	Additional acres (9.4 acres)
San Antonio	Carver	217 Robinson Place	San Antonio, TX 78202	
San Antonio	South Flores	6919 South Flores	San Antonio TX 78221	
San Antonio	Mays	1210 Horal Rd.	San Antonio TX 78245	
San Antonio	Judson	13427 Judson Rd.	San Antonio TX 78233	
San Antonio	Ewing Halsell	2523 W Ansley Blvd	San Antonio TX 78224	
San Antonio	Brackenridge	5555 Old Pearsall Rd	San Antonio TX 78242	
San Antonio	Najim	926 S WW White Rd	San Antonio TX 78220	
San Antonio	Ingram Hills	3115 Majestic Dr.	San Antonio TX 78228	
San Antonio	Burke	10434 MARBACH ROAD	San Antonio TX 78245	
San Antonio	Hidden Meadows	10138 CULEBRA RD	San Antonio, TX 78250	
San Antonio	Converse	5490 FM 1516 N	Converse, TX 78109	
Austin	Montopolis	1701 Vargas Rd.	Austin TX 78741	
Austin	Rundberg	9504 N IH 35	Austin TX 78753	
Austin	Bluff Springs	1700 E Slaughter Ln.	Austin TX 78747	Additional acres
Austin	Kyle	640 Philomena Dr.	Kyle TX 78640	
Austin	Pflugerville	1901 E. Wlls Branch Pkwy.	Pflugerville TX 78660	
Austin	Parmer Park	1438 E YAGER LN	Austin TX 78853	
Austin	Health Professions	5816 WILCAB RD	Austin TX 78721	
Austin	Roundrock	3301 GREENLAWN BLVD	Round Rock, TX 78664	
El Paso	Edgemere	15101 Edgemere Blvd.	El Paso, Texas 79938	Additional property

El Paso	Rio Vista	210 N. Rio Vista Dr	Socorro TX 79927	
El Paso	Mesa Hills	405 Walleberg	El Paso, Texas 79912	Additional property
El Paso	Horizon Vista	201 HORIZON CROSSING ST	Horizon City, TX 79928	
TaCo	Achieve	1900 THOMAS ROAD	Haltom City, TX 76117	
TaCo	Rise	3000 S. CHERRY LANE	Fort Worth, TX 76116	
TaCo	Edgecliff	1640 ALTAMESA BLVD	Fort Worth, TX76134	
Houston	Hardy	1930 LITTLE YORK RD	Houston, TX 77093	
Houston	Spears	2010 SPEARS RD	Houston, TX 77067	
Baton Rouge	Bridge	1500 N Airway Drive	Baton Rouge, LA 70815	
Baton Rouge	Innovation	7800 Innovation Dr	Baton Rouge, LA 70820	
SoLa	Oscar Dunn	12000 Hayne Blvd	New Orleans, LA 70128	

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The district reserves the right to cancel service due to unacceptable prices variances. Advance notice/notification is expected (from awarded vendor) when a large market price (increase) occurs for a particular item. This will allow IDEA an opportunity to search and approve a substitute item of equal or greater quality.
- B. All pricing and any award under this RFP shall be good for IDEA and any other entity purchasing through IDEA.
- C. Prices may be decreased at any time after award. If prices are affected by statute, regulation, administrative or judicial order, vendors may not include additional costs in billing to the end user. Vendors must first provide IDEA written justification for any increase and IDEA must decide of applicability of the increase to the contract. In the event a vendor offers or provides a decrease in rates to its customers or potential customers for the same services provided for IDEA pursuant to its contract, the vendor must provide the same decrease in rates for IDEA. It is recommended that the vendor provide said rate decreases voluntarily. If IDEA learns of a decrease in rates from a source other than the vendor, the vendor shall credit IDEA with the difference between IDEAS' contracted rate and the decreased rate from the date of said decrease or the vendor's contract will be subject to cancellation at the discretion of IDEA. Any charges not proposed but required to make this service viable will be considered a hidden cost and will be provided by the vendor at no additional cost to IDEA for the term of the contract.

PRE-BID MEETING (CONFERENCE CALL)

A pre-bid conference call will be held on **April 30, 2020**, at 2:00-2:15 PM during which time any questions regarding the RFP will be answered. The conference call will be held via web on <https://bluejeans.com/9566782403/> or join via phone: [+1-888-240-2560](tel:+18882402560)(Conference ID: 9566782403). Attendance is not mandatory.

BID OPENING

Bid Opening is scheduled for **Monday, May 10, 2021** at 3 PM. A formal "opening" will not be held and prices will not be read. Trade secrets and confidential information contained in proposals shall not generally be open for public inspection, but IDEA's records are a matter of public record.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RESPOND?

Respondents who can meet the technical specifications for quality and other terms of this proposal package, and who are not debarred and/or suspended from conducting business with district, federal and state funded agencies are invited to respond. A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent’s responsibility. A prospective respondent, by submitting a proposal, represents to IDEA Public Schools that it meets the following requirements:

- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under this RFP
- Is able to comply with the required or proposed RFP
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award
- Be in good standing with the applicable national or state associations

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Insurance Requirements: Worker’s compensation is required for this proposal. Insurance Certificates must be submitted with vendor’s proposal. This document is titled Certificate of Insurance (ACORD 25). IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to review all insurance policies pertaining to this solicitation to guarantee that the proper coverage is obtained by the contractor.

Contractor will be required to maintain in full force and in effect the following types of insurance:

a) Worker’s Compensation.....	100,000/500,000/100,000	
b) Comprehensive General Liability.....	1,000,000 per occurrence	
c) Bodily Injury Liability (CSL)*	300,000	
d) Property Damage Liability (CSL)*.....	300,000	
e) Automobile Bodily Injury Liability.....	300,000	
f) Automobile Property Damage Liability.....	100,000	*Combined Single Limit

Each insurance policy to be furnished by the successful contractor shall include IDEA Public Schools as a certificate holder. Additionally, each insurance policy shall include, by endorsement to the policy, a statement that a notice shall be given to the District by certified mail thirty (30) days prior to cancellation or upon any material changes in coverage.

PROCUREMENT CONDITIONS/GENERAL TERMS

Procurement of these items shall be in accordance with the IDEA Public Schools procurement policies and general terms as follows:

- IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received or to cancel or extend in part or its entirety, this Request for Proposal, or make multiple or partial awards.
- Award of purchase agreement or contract shall be made only to a responsible respondent(s), i.e., a respondent who has demonstrated competence to deliver the specified goods/services, a proven record of business integrity and ethics, and the ability to meet the requirements of this RFP
- When submitting proposals, it is required that the respondent have the necessary professional experience, prior training, and applicable professional judgment to perform the activities or deliver the goods stated in this RFP.
- Proposals may be withdrawn only by delivery of a written request to IDEA Public Schools prior to the specified deadline time/date stated in the RFP. The authorized signatory must sign such requests.
- Proposals received will become a part of the IDEA Public Schools' official files without further obligation to the respondents.
- The contents of a successful Proposal may become a contractual obligation if selected for funding. Failure of the Respondent to accept these obligations can result in cancellation of an award or purchase agreement. IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to withdraw or reduce the amount of an award or to cancel any contract resulting from this procurement if there is misrepresentation or errors in the specifications, pricing, terms, or Respondent's ability to meet the terms and conditions of this RFP or if adequate funding is not received.
- A response does not commit IDEA Public Schools to award a purchase agreement or a contract. IDEA does not commit to a reimbursement of any costs incurred in the preparation of a response nor commit to pay for any costs incurred prior to the execution of a formal purchase agreement or contract unless such costs are specifically authorized in writing by IDEA Public Schools.
- IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to contact any individual, agency, or employers listed in the RFP, to contact others who may have experience and/or knowledge of the respondent's goods/supplies, relevant performance, qualifications, etc., and to request additional information from any and all respondents.
- Respondents shall not, under penalty of law, offer any gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value to any officer or employee of IDEA Public Schools, or to any consultant, employee, or member of IDEA Public Schools for the purpose of or having the effect of influencing favorable disposition toward their own proposal or any other bid submitted hereunder.
- No employee, officer or member of IDEA Public Schools shall participate in the selection, development of a response to this RFP, award or administration of a contract supported by the RFP if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.
- Respondents shall not engage in any activity that will restrict or eliminate competition. This does not preclude joint ventures or subcontracts. Violation of this provision may cause a respondent's response to be rejected.
- No purchase agreement or contract may be awarded until the respondent has complied with Executive Order 12549, 29 CFR, Part 98 by submitting a signed Certification of Debarment, which states that neither the respondent, nor

any of its principles, are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in a procurement by any Federal department or agency.

- Prior to award of any purchase agreement or contract, a Respondent must sign a Certification Regarding Conflict of Interest stating adherence to IDEA Public Schools policy regarding free and open competition and conflicts of interest.
- The District is exempt from federal excise tax, state, and local tax. Do not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures, it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR BIDDER COMPLAINTS

Members of the public having complaints regarding the IDEA's purchasing procedures or operations may present their complaints or concerns to the District by written to the following address.

IDEA Public Schools
Attn. Purchasing Dept.
2115 W. Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596

(956) 377-8000

PROPOSAL CONSIDERATION/SELECTION CRITERIA

"Most Advantageous Proposal". In evaluating proposals, the following considerations will be considered for the award recommendations as per TEA Education Code 44.031(b):

- The purchase price
- The reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods and services
- The quality of the vendor's goods or services
- The extent to which the goods or services meet IDEAS' needs
- The vendor's past relationship with IDEA
- The impact on the ability of IDEA to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses
- The total long-term cost to IDEA to acquire the vendor's goods or services
- Vendor's service and delivery capabilities
- Warranty and warranty service history
- Probability of continuous availability
- Any other relevant factor specifically listed in the RFP

RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE RESPONDENTS

IDEA Public Schools staff reviews the proposals received to determine if they are responsive. For proposals to be considered responsive and to be evaluated for selection, the following requirements must be met:

1. The proposals must have been submitted by the due date and time.

	b)	Fixed Price Period: The awarded contractor must hold the accepted prices and/or costs for the entire contract period. Any adjustment to prices and/or costs at the beginning of a contract renewal period will be negotiated between IDEA and the vendor.		
		Total	100 Pts.	
BONUS POINTS - VENDOR OFFERING 2 OR MORE REGIONS			5 Pts.	
Evaluator:				
Signature:			Date:	

IDEA Public Schools may use IDEA Public Schools staff, independent evaluators or a combination of both to evaluate and rank proposals.

After evaluation, an award may be made on the basis of the evaluation and ranking, without discussion, clarification or modification. IDEA Public Schools may enter into negotiations with the highest ranked respondent. If IDEA Public Schools is unable to reach agreement with the highest ranked respondent, the negotiations will terminate and negotiations will begin with the next respondent in the order of the ranking until a contract is reached or IDEA Public Schools has rejected all proposals.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?

All proposal packages must be clearly marked with the Respondents' name and address **(it is important to include the RFP #)**. Proposal packages must be sent via mail prior to the deadline, see RFP Calendar section (p.5).

PART III- PROPOSAL FORMAT

TITLE PAGE

Respondents must complete the Title Page on the following page and include it as the cover sheet for proposals submitted in response to this RFP.

See coversheet below:

Auxiliary Services

A Proposal Submitted in Response to

IDEA Public Schools

Request for Proposals #15-RFP-FCL-2021 Lawn Maintenance

Submitted by:

(Full Legal Name of Respondent)

On:

(Date of Proposal Submission)

RFP RESPONSE FORMAT AND CONTENT

1. Page/Items to return/include.

- Title Page
- Table of Contents
- Business Identification
- Additional Requirements
- Compliance with Specifications
- Past Performance/Demonstrated Effectiveness/References
- Evaluation Requirements
- Cost Proposal

2. Documentation must be complete. A respondent's written response shall be the sole means of presenting the service.

RESPONDENT IDENTIFICATION

Enter the Respondent's firm's name and address below.

1. Name of Firm _____

2. Street Address _____

3. City, State & Zip Code _____

4. Federal ID# or Social Security Number _____

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

Finalists may be asked to attend a panel conference at Headquarters located at 2115 W Pike Blvd., Weslaco, TX 78596 to further detail price, quality of product, past performance, and any questions that the evaluation panel may consider in selecting a vendor.

ATTACHMENTS

The attachments listed below are required and should be included with the proposal. **Attachment D** is required to ensure that no potential conflicts of interest exist with IDEA Public Schools Board or staff members. **All forms must be signed and completed.**

1. Reference Sheet
2. Attachment A-Item Specifications & Pricing Sheet
3. Attachment B-Certification of Respondent
4. Attachment C-Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace
5. Attachment D–Conflict of Interest
6. Attachment E-Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination
7. Attachment F–Bidders Certifications Form
8. Attachment G-Certification Regarding Lobbying
9. Attachment H-Certification Regarding Debarment
10. Attachment I-Mandatory Requirement
11. Attachment J-Cost Proposal

ATTACHMENT "A"

REFERENCE SHEET

Please list a minimum of three references of agencies (governments, charter schools or ISDs) that have used your services. We would prefer some of the references to be new customers in the last year, and Texas agencies are preferred:

1. _____
COMPANY NAME OR CONTACT PERSON

_____ STREET
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

_____ TELEPHONE NUMBER
CONTACT PERSON

_____ PRODUCTS/SERVICES USED

_____ DESCRIBE AND DOCUMENT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SIMILAR TYPE OF WORK

2. _____
COMPANY NAME OR CONTACT PERSON

_____ STREET
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

_____ TELEPHONE NUMBER
CONTACT PERSON

_____ PRODUCTS/SERVICES USED

_____ DESCRIBE AND DOCUMENT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SIMILAR TYPE OF WORK

3. _____
COMPANY NAME OR CONTACT PERSON

_____ STREET
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

_____ TELEPHONE NUMBER
CONTACT PERSON

_____ PRODUCTS/SERVICES USED

_____ DESCRIBE AND DOCUMENT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SIMILAR TYPE OF WORK

ATTACHMENT "B"

CERTIFICATION OF RESPONDENT

I, the undersigned, submit this quote/bid and have read the specifications, which are a part of this solicitation. My signature also certifies that I am authorized to submit this quote/bid. Sign as a representative for the firm, and carry out services solicited in this solicitation:

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

Printed Name and Title of Agent: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

FAX Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address (if applicable): _____

Web Site Address (if applicable): _____

ATTACHMENT "C"

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, 41 U.S.C. 701, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Parts 85, 668 and 682), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

The undersigned subcontractor certifies it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- Publishing a policy statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the consequences of any such action by an employee;
- Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the subcontractor’s policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, the availability of counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug violations in the workplace;
- Providing each employee with a copy of the subcontractor’s policy statement;
- Notifying the employees in the subcontractor’s policy statement that as a condition of employment under this subcontract, employees shall abide by the terms of the policy statement and notifying the subcontractor in writing within five days after any conviction for a violation by the employee of a criminal drug abuse statute in the workplace;
- Notifying IDEA Public Schools within ten (10) days of the subcontractor’s receipt of a notice of a conviction of any employee; and,
- Taking appropriate personnel action against an employee convicted of violating a criminal drug statute or requires such employee to participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

Name of Organization/Firm

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

ATTACHMENT "D"

CERTIFICATION REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

By signature of this bid proposal, Respondent covenants and affirms that:

- X No manager, employee or paid consultant of the Respondent is a member of the Board, or an employee of IDEA Public Schools;
- X No manager or paid consultant of the Respondent is married to a member of the Board, the CEO, or an employee of IDEA Public Schools;
- X No member of the Board, the CEO or an employee of IDEA Public Schools is a manager or paid consultant of the respondent;
- X No member of the Board, the CEO or an employee of IDEA Public Schools owns or controls more than 10 percent in the Respondent;
- X No member of the Board, CEO, or employee of IDEA Public Schools receives compensation from Respondent for lobbying activities as defined in Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code;
- X Respondent has disclosed within the Bid any interest, fact or circumstance which does or may present a potential conflict of interest;
- X Should Respondent fail to abide by the foregoing covenants and affirmations regarding conflict of interest, Respondent shall not be entitled to the recovery of any costs or expenses incurred in relation to any contract with Idea Public Schools and shall immediately refund to IDEA Public Schools any fees or expenses that may have been paid under the contract and shall further be liable for any costs incurred or damages sustained by Idea Public Schools relating to that contract.

Name of Organization/Firm

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

ATTACHMENT “E”**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION**

The **(Name)** promotes employment opportunity through a progressive program designed to provide equal opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, or political affiliation or belief. Additionally, discrimination is prohibited against any beneficiary of programs funded under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, on the basis of the beneficiary’s citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States, or his/her participation in any WIA Title I financially assisted program or activity. **(Name)** conforms to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, guidelines, regulations, and provides equal employment opportunity in all employment and employee relations.

EEO Laws, Rules, Guidelines, Regulations

(Name) provides equal opportunities consistent with applicable federal and state laws, rules, guidelines, regulations, and executive orders. Such regulations include:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and its implementing regulations at 29 CFR Part 37 which prohibit discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in any term, condition or privilege of employment.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals because of disability.
- Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against individuals 40 years of age and older.
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities.
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, which prohibits discrimination based on age in programs receiving federal financial assistance.
- Texas Commission on Human Rights Act, as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment based on race, color, handicap, religion, sex, national origin, or age (40-70).
- Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, which requires equal pay for men and women performing equal work.
- Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, which prohibits discrimination against pregnant women.

(Name) is committed to promoting equal employment opportunity through a progressive program designed to provide equal opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, or political affiliation or belief. (Name) takes positive steps to eliminate any systematic discrimination from personnel practices. (Name) recruits, hires, trains, and promotes into all job levels the most qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability status.

Staff at all levels is responsible for active program support and personal leadership in establishing, maintaining, and carrying out an effective equal employment opportunity program.

Name of Organization/Firm

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

ATTACHMENT "F"

**BIDDER CERTIFICATIONS FORM
(Return signed form with your submittal)**

1. Felony Conviction Notification

Texas Education Agency Code, Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History, Subsection (a), states "a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony." Subsection (b) states "a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract." This notice is not required of a publicly-held corporation.

Initial where applicable.

- A. My company is a publicly-held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.
- B. My company is not owned nor operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.
- C. My company is owned and operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony:
 Name of Felon(s): _____
 Details of Conviction(s): _____

2. Criminal History Record Information Review of Certain Contract Employees

By signing below, the Bidder agrees to comply with Section 22.0834, Criminal History Record Information Review of Certain Contract Employees, Texas Education Code if awarded a contract through this solicitation. The undersigned Bidder, if awarded a contract, shall obtain criminal history record information through the criminal history clearinghouse as provided by Section 411.0545, Government Code relating to an employee or applicant who has or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and the employee or applicant has or will have direct contact with students. The Bidder agrees to certify of the receipt of criminal history record information before or immediately after employing or securing the services of the employee or applicant that has or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services if the employee or applicant has or will have direct contact with students. The Bidder further agrees that if awarded a contract, shall assume all expenses associated with the criminal background check and shall immediately remove any employee or agent who was convicted of a felony, or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, as defined by Texas law, from District property or the location where students are present.

- None of my employees and any of my subcontractors has or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and has or will have direct contact with students. I further certify that my company has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that my employees and any subcontractor will not have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and will not have direct contact with students throughout the term of the Contract.
- OR
- Some or all of my employees and/or my subcontractors will have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and will have direct contact with students. I further certify that:
 1. I have obtained all required criminal history record information regarding all of my employees and/or my subcontractors. None of my employees and/or my subcontractors has any conviction or other criminal history information if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18 or enrolled in a public school: (a) a felony offense under Title 5, Texas Penal Code; (b) an offense for which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; or (c) an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state.
 2. If I receive information that any of my employees and/or subcontractors subsequently has a reported criminal history, I will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify the District in writing immediately.
 3. I will provide the District with the names and any other requested information regarding any of my employees and/or subcontractors so the District may obtain criminal history record information if awarded a contract.
 4. If the District objects to the assignment of any of my employees and/or subcontractors, I agree to discontinue using the individual to provide services to the District.

3. Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non Procurement Program

By signing below, the Bidder certifies that neither I nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in district, state or federal procurements or contracts and are not identified in the "Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non Procurement Program" issued by the General Services Administration, pursuant to the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 6101, note, E.O. 12549, E.O. 12689, 48 CFR 9.404. For additional information refer to <http://www.epls.gov/>.

I, the undersigned authorized agent for the company named below, certify that the information concerning notification of felony convictions has been reviewed by me and the information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I agree to comply with Section 22.0834, Criminal History Record Information Review of Certain Contract Employees, Texas Education Code if awarded a contract through this solicitation and the 31 U.S.C. 6101, note, E.O. 12549, E.O. 12689, 48 CFR 9.404 in relation to the Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non Procurement Program.

COMPANY NAME: _____
 AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME (PRINTED): _____
 SIGNATURE OF COMPANY OFFICIAL: _____

ATTACHMENT "G"

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

PROCUREMENT

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certifications shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an office or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, or an officer or employee of Congress, an employee of a Member of Congress, or any Board Member, officer, or employee of [School] Independent School District in connection with the awarding of Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal Loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, an employee of a Member of Congress, or any Board Member, officer, or employee of [School] Independent School District in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form –LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the awarded documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Organization Name

PR/Award Number or Project Name

Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Signature

Date

ATTACHMENT "H"

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

Non-Federal entities are prohibited from contracting with or making sub-awards under covered transaction to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred. Covered transactions include procurement of goods or services equal to or in excess of \$100,000. Contractors receiving individual awards of \$100,000 or more and all sub-recipients must certify that the Firm and its principals are not suspended or debarred.

By submitting this offer and signing this certificate, this Firm:

- (1) Certifies that no suspension or debarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract under the Federal OMB, A-102, common rule.

Firm's Name: _____

Name of Authorized Company Official: _____
(Typed or printed)

Title of Authorized Company Official: _____
(Typed or printed)

Signature of Authorized Company Official: _____

Date Signed: _____

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