



IDEA Public Schools
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
For
SCHOOL BUS GPS TRACKING SYSTEM

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BID INFORMATION PAGE

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 Phone 956-332-8691
 Fax
 Bid Number #24-RFP-TRN-2021
 Title SCHOOL BUS GPS TRACKING SYSTEM
 Issue Date April 2nd, 2021, 10 AM
 Pre Proposal Conf. Friday, April 9, 2021 at 2 pm CST via web @
<https://bluejeans.com/980566824>
 Close Date / Turn In April 16, 2021 no later than 5pm CST
 Subject line: #24-RFP-TRN-2021
 Bid Packages Available Via email or online <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/>
 Please request packet to:
Sandra.Martinez@ideapublicschools.org
 Bid Questions to:
 Contact Information Sandra Martinez
 Roberto Delgado
 Email: Sandra.Martinez@ideapublicschools.org
Roberto.Delgado@ideapublicschools.org

Telephone 956-332-8691

SUPPLIER INFORMATION

Company Name _____
 Company Tax ID _____
 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 April 9th, 2021. Please see "bid attachments" to see terms and conditions pertaining to this proposal. Interested vendors shall fill out and submit proposal, via email, 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

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 in 2018 and by 2022, more than 100,000 students throughout the Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Baton Rouge & New Orleans, LA, and Tampa, FL. 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 TERMS

IDEA Public Schools is soliciting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for **SCHOOL BUS GPS TRACKING SYSTEM**.

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Deliveries shall be FOB Destination to IDEA Public Schools destination sites. Freight prepaid and assumed by the vendor. IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to pick up items in lieu of delivery from local vendors.
- 1.3 IDEA Public Schools does not pay Federal Excise Taxes or Texas, LA, OH or FL and local retail sales and use taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be provided upon request.
- 1.4 The vendor may offer an "equal" product or product exceeding Specifications as an alternate proposal. Final determination of whether or not an item is an "approved equal" remains with IDEA Public Schools.
- 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 a period ending on June 30th, 2023 - 2 years, with an option to renew for an additional 2 years, or written cancellation notice is provided within 30 days of 2 yr completion.

- 1.7.1 Multiple vendors may be awarded according to region
- 1.7.2 Multiple vendors may be awarded to meet quantity needs.
- 1.7.3 Multiple vendors may be awarded to meet pricing needs.
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 "Reservations". IDEA Public Schools expressly reserves the right to:
 - 1.9.1 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.
 - 1.9.2 Waive any defect, irregularity or informality in any proposal procedure.
 - 1.9.3 Reject any or all proposals.
 - 1.9.4 Amend a proposal prior to proposal opening date to extend or make changes to specification.
 - 1.9.5 Procure any item by other means.
 - 1.9.6 **Increase or decrease the quantity** specified in the proposal, unless the offeror specifies otherwise.

RFP CALENDAR

An RFP packet will be available at **10:00 a.m. CST on April 2nd, 2021**, at the Headquarters Office located at 2115 W. Pike, Weslaco TX 78596 and in our website at the following link <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/>. The vendor is responsible for obtaining any updates or amendments to the RFP from the website. **The deadline for submitting proposals for this RFP is April 16th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. CST.**

RFP Packet Available:	10 AM, April 2nd, 2021
Pre-Bid Meeting:	2 PM-2:15 PM. April 9th, 2021
RFP Bid Submission:	5 PM, April 16th, 2021
RFP Opening:	3 PM, April 19th, 2021

If you have any questions regarding this RFP process, please contact our Transportation Department at (956) 332-8691. Proposals must be delivered to and received prior to this deadline to the address noted above. There will be no exceptions. **Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for this procurement. No facsimiles or e-mails will be accepted, no exceptions.**

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

Utilizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) method of procurement, IDEA Public Schools is requesting proposals from companies/businesses (Respondents) **to furnish the supervision, materials, equipment, software for the GPS tracking system on school buses.**

NOTICE TO ALL VENDORS

IDEA Public Schools is interested:

1. Vendor must keep IDEA Public Schools (IDEA) advised of any changes in order(s) status.
2. Award to vendor(s) will be for a period ending IDEA Public School's SY 22-23.
3. Questions regarding this proposal must be in writing and emailed to sandra.martinez@ideapublicschools.org or roberto.delgado@ideapublicschools.org
4. **ALL INSTALLATION AND TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1st, 2021.**
5. All pricing and any award under this RFP shall be good for IDEA and any other entity purchasing through IDEA.

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 sandra.martinez@ideapublicschools.org or roberto.delgado@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.

TRANSPORTATION CAMPUSES BY REGION

REGION	BUS COUNT
RGV, TX	235
AUSTIN, TX	10
HOUSTON, TX	30
BATON ROUGE, LA	47
NEW ORLEANS, LA	7
TAMPA BAY, FL	10

SPECIFICATIONS

The successful vendor must be able to meet the following GPS tracking system requirements:

- Must leverage RFID technology to improve student safety and security, student management, and communications on school buses.
- Location of IDEA's buses in real time.
- Must be able to compare actual route with assigned route.
- Must have the ability to store historical GPS data: when bus stopped, opened its doors, duration at a stop, etc.; and capable of producing reports from data gathered.
- Must be able to interface with current RouteFinder Plus routing system.
- Must provide electronic recording and reporting of bus safety inspections (pre/post trips, including the ability for the driver to electronically report defects).

- Must have safeguard features to help ensure no student is left on the bus after the route is completed.
- Capable of running diagnostics on buses from remote location including idle time.
- Capable of tracking the speed of each bus and producing a report when needed.
- Display the route a bus has taken while in motion.
- Capable of creating a geo-fence around an area to capture on-time performance.
- Must be able to provide a low battery alert to transportation maintenance.
- Must be able to send alerts or indicate if a bus is early, late, on-time, or if off-route.
- Must have ability to track driver behavioral patterns (hard braking event, rapid acceleration, sharp turning, backing, Stop Sign triggers, etc.)
- Must be able to verify arrival times at bus stops and school locations.
- Must be able to customize system to IDEA's needs.
- Reports must be able to export to Excel and be easy to read and interpret data.
- Reports must be able to generate monthly ridership Ex: SHARS Reports
- Must be able to provide simultaneous access for multiple users; directors, managers, maintenance technicians.
- Software updates need to be yearly updates with minimal charges, mileage tracking with reports that can be produced; tamper resistant equipment; technical support; large coverage area.
- Product demonstration of hardware and software will be required for finalists

COSTS & FEES SUBMITTED IN PROPOSAL

Submitted costs must include labor, supplies and installation of all equipment, on-site training, annual support, maintenance costs and any additional fees-per vehicle for a period of 2 years. Additional options outside of the scope not to be considered within that price cost but listed out.

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. The district reserves the right to withdraw the award to a successful Company within 30 days of the award if, in the opinion of the district, the successful Company is unable or unwilling to enter into a form of contract satisfactory to the district. The district shall be entitled to do so without any liability being incurred by the district to the Company.
- C. The district reserves the right to hold negotiations in an attempt to clarify and qualify terms of any Proposal. The district reserves the right to negotiate final contract terms with any Company, regardless of whether such Company was interviewed or submitted a best and final offer.
- D. All pricing and any award under this RFP shall be good for IDEA and any other entity purchasing through IDEA.

- E. 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 make a determination 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 Friday, **April 9th, 2021**, 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/980566824> or join via phone: [+1-888-240-2560](tel:+18882402560)(Conference ID: 980566824). Attendance is not mandatory.

BID OPENING

Bid Opening is scheduled for **Monday, April 19, 2021** at 3 PM CST. Due to the pandemic, the opening of the bids will be completed virtually.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RESPOND?

Respondents who are able to 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

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.

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- 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.

UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE OF PRODUCT OR SERVICE

If a vendor is awarded and issues with unsatisfactory performance arise-IDEA Public Schools has the authority to cancel the remainder of the contract and/or solicit a new vendor to finish out the remainder of the contract. Unsatisfactory performance includes but is not limited to: GPS systems down after submission of tickets or notified detection of problems with no solutions or corrections, faulty products, no availability of replacement parts, applications consistently fail, any other issues where IDEA Public Schools has notified the vendor for a correction or a solution.

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 taken into account 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.
2. The proposals must be complete with the original signatures.
3. The proposals must be for the specific services requested and described in the RFP Packet.
4. The proposals must be submitted in the format described in the RFP Packet.
5. One original (in blue ink and marked original) and two copies must be submitted.
6. Electronic format on a USB flash drive. The electronic version shall be one file that replicates your original proposal including required signatures. **NOTE**: Do not send individual files of each section or page of your proposal as the electronic version. (This is OPTIONAL)

All proposals will be screened for inclusion of all required information prior to release to the evaluation team. IDEA Public Schools staff may exclude from further consideration for contract award any non-responsive proposal or portion of a proposal.

EVALUATION

The evaluation criteria and the relative weights for scoring are provided below, the evaluation team will consider the following elements in the evaluation process. **Purchase price is not the only criteria that will be used in the evaluation process.**

1. Proposal Total Cost	30%
Calculation as per offerors' ratio to the lowest price received	
Average Score	
2. Vendor's technical & interface capabilities	25%
Technical Capability-Demonstrated ability of proposed system to accurately track buses in real-time and report real-time data.	
Interface Capability- Demonstrated ability to interface with IDEA's current routing system	
Timeline & Milestones-deadline July 1, 2021	
Average Score	
3. Support & Warranty	20%
Warranty of goods and/or past relationship with IDEA or other vendor(s) on warranty provided and service support.	
Average Score	
4. Vendor's qualifications & past performance	15%
The respondent's type of services provided to other organizations, list (3) references in the reference sheet with detailed information .	
Average Score	
5. Completeness of Bid	10%
Completeness of the bid-including original signature and forms completed	
Average Score	

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.

NOTE: IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to request Best and Final Offers (BAFO) from all responsive respondents.

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 delivered to and received prior to the deadline, see RFP Calendar section (p.6).

Sandra Martinez, Transportation Finance & Procurement Manager

Carlos Castaneda, Managing Director of Transportation

IDEA Public Schools

2115 W. Pike Blvd

Weslaco, TX 78596

(956) 377-8000

Attn: RFP #24-RFP-TRN-2021

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:

Transportation

A Proposal Submitted in Response to

IDEA Public Schools

Request for Proposals # RFP #24-RFP-TRN-2021

Submitted by:

(Full Legal Name of Respondent)

On:

(Date of Proposal Submission)

RFP RESPONSE FORMAT AND CONTENT

1. Page/Items to return/include.

- Bid Information Page
- Title Page
- Table of Contents
- Additional Requirements
- Attachments as described on page 19, additional regions required for FL & LA

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

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Ownership: Proposal must include name and Social Security Number of each person with at least 25% ownership of the business entity submitting the qualifications.

NAME: _____ **SSN:** _____

NAME: _____ **SSN:** _____

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 C** 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. Detailed Reference Sheet (3 minimum) listing type of service and product
2. Proof of Insurance or Bonding
3. Calendar/Milestones for installation, onsite training, implementation-deadline July 1, 2021
4. Technical Capability-demonstrated ability of proposed system
5. Interface Capability-demonstrated ability to interface with IDEA's current routing system
6. Costs/Price per vehicle (see pg 9 for Costs & Fees submitted)
7. Description of warranty, and/or past relationship with IDEA or other vendor(s) on warranty provided and servicing of product, if needed.
8. Vendor's past relationship with district or other educational institutions
9. Attachment A - Certification of Respondent
10. Attachment B - Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace
11. Attachment C –Conflict of Interest
12. Attachment D - Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination
13. Attachment F- Certification Regarding Lobbying
14. Attachment G- Certification Regarding Debarment

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
	CONTACT PERSON		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
	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
	CONTACT PERSON		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
	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
	CONTACT PERSON		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
	PRODUCTS/SERVICES USED			
	DESCRIBE AND DOCUMENT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SIMILAR TYPE OF WORK			

ATTACHMENT “A”

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 “B”**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 "C"

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 “D”

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 "E"**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 411.0845, 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 it 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 “F”**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 "G"**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: _____

END OF IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS RFP

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