



Request for Proposals (RFP)

#2-RFP-GNRL-2022 Full Day Pre-K Partnership Services

Closing Date:

8:00 AM CST

Friday, October 15th, 2021

IDEA Public Schools is seeking proposals for qualified and experienced organizations who can partner with IDEA Public Schools to provide a full day Pre-Kindergarten Program at select schools in the Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio and El Paso in school year 2022-2023. The purpose of these partnerships is to build and sustain a diverse delivery system of high-quality Pre-K programs to support Kindergarten readiness. IDEA Public Schools seeks partners who meet the requirements of the high-quality Pre-Kindergarten Program established by Texas House Bill 3 in 2019.

IDEA Public Schools reserves the right to revise and amend the specifications prior to the date set for the receipt of proposals. Respondents are requested to clarify any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error(s) in the RFP in writing. Revisions or amendments, if any, will be made by issuing an addendum. Every effort will be made to send addenda issued to the parties known to have been furnished a complete copy of the RFP. It is the responsibility of each Vendor, prior to submitting the Proposal, to contact IDEA to determine if addenda were issued and, if so, to obtain such addenda for attachment to the Proposal.

Inquiries and requests for information affecting the solicitation must be submitted in writing and shall be directed to Jennifer Ornelas, Procurement Analyst, at Jennifer.ornelas@ideapublicschools.org. All inquiries via email should have the subject line read: Questions - #2-RFP-GNRL-2022-Full Day Pre-K Partnership Services. To provide IDEA Public Schools and affiliated entities (IDEA), sufficient time to adequately prepare responses to vendor inquiries, all questions must be submitted by **October 5, 2021 by 3:00 PM (CST)**. Contact with IDEA Public Schools personnel other than Jennifer Ornelas or designee regarding this solicitation may be a reason for elimination from the selection process. Any prospective respondent detecting conflict or ambiguity in the RFP should notify the Procurement Analyst, in writing, setting forth the grounds of the alleged conflict or ambiguity and requesting the issuance of a clarifying addendum.

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Procurement Analyst

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PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Introduction and Purpose

IDEA Public Schools prepares students from underserved communities for success in college and citizenship. We are a growing network of 137 high-performing charter schools serving approximately 78,000 students located throughout the Austin, El Paso, Houston, Permian Basin, Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, Tarrant County in Texas, as well as locations in Louisiana and Florida. IDEA Public Schools is planning to expand to Jacksonville, FL in 2022, Cincinnati, OH in 2022, and Arkansas in 2023. Although IDEA’s growth is rapid, it is also well planned and carefully planned. Schools begin with select grade levels, and grow as students advance to eventually reach full scale as a Pre-K-12 campus.

The mission of IDEA Public Schools is College for All. IDEA serves primarily low-income students in underserved areas of both rural and urban communities. Over 80% of IDEA students are considered low-income and one of every three students is the first in their family to go to college. Since our first

graduating class in 2007, 100% of our seniors have been accepted and matriculated to a college or university every year for fourteen consecutive years. Thanks to a rigorous path to college that begins in Pre-K, IDEA students attend selective universities throughout the country, win national awards and scholarships, and complete college at a rate six times the national average for low-income students.

IDEA Public Schools (therein after referred to as IDEA) is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced **Full Day Pre-K Partnership Services** providers for eligible four (4) year old students (per the Texas Education Agency requirements and the High Quality Prekindergarten Program Requirements, Texas Education Code §29.164-172). For IDEA to be able to continue toward its mission of College for All, organizations must be aligned with its mission and be able to guide and execute a strategy to ensure that 100% of our Pre-Kindergarten programs are fully enrolled and staffed before the first day of school. Providers must have a proven track record in student recruitment, education, and commitment to ensuring all children begin school ready to learn and succeed in their educational journey as life-long learners. The provider will collaborate with IDEA, teachers, and management to lead the Full Day Pre-K Partnership program.

2. Objectives

IDEA Public Schools is seeking proposals from organizations to provide Full Day Pre-K Partnership Services that promote school readiness.

- I. Gain a thorough understanding of the organization's capability in order to select, implement and deliver the full day Pre-K partnership services that will meet the needs of the school and is in compliance with applicable requirements.
- II. Gain a thorough understanding of the organization's proposed costs. Including, but not limited to: a per student cost, cost of additional services provided, professional development costs, assessment costs, and curriculum costs.
- III. To select a partnership with an implementation history that will meet IDEA Public Schools' needs and one who is committed to creating effective transitions between programs by aligning the educational curriculum, assessments, and professional development in order to maximize student engagement and learning.

Additionally, in order to maximize student engagement and learning, before a district or open-enrollment charter school may construct, repurpose, or lease a classroom facility, or issue bonds for the construction or repurposing of a classroom facility, the district or school must solicit and consider proposals for partnerships with public and private community-based childcare providers who meet one of the following eligibility requirements, as required under House Bill 3:

- Are a Texas Rising Star program provider with a three-star certification or higher;
- Are nationally accredited;
- Are a Head Start program provider;
- Are a Texas School Ready participant; or
- Meet the requirements under Section 29.1532.
 - Section 29.1532: if a school district contracts with a private entity for the operation of the district's prekindergarten program, the program must at a minimum comply with applicable child-care licensing standards adopted by the

3. Proposal Submissions

Proposals should be prepared in such a way as to demonstrate a straightforward, concise delineation of capabilities that satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance and Pre-K partnership planning.

I. To be considered, the Proposal must be prepared according to the following specifications and should include the following information and content:

- a. Title Page
- b. Section I – Preface
- c. Section II – Summary of Experience
- d. Section III – Proposal Response to Scope of Service and Performance Requirements
- e. Cost Summary
- f. References
- g. Required Forms
- h. Additional Documentation

II. Proposals shall be submitted via the web-based software, Tyler Munis Self Service. A signed, submitted proposal submitted via Tyler Munis constitutes an offer to perform work and/or deliver the products specified in the proposal solicitation. [Click here](#) to access the site in a web browser.

III. To be eligible for consideration, electronically locked proposals should be received via [Tyler Munis](#) or by mail to the IDEA Public Schools Headquarters no later than **8:00 AM CST on October 15, 2021** along with the requisite signature pages and certification forms.

All proposals must be received by the deadline. Proposals submitted after the opening time and date will **not** be accepted. Fax or email proposals will **not** be accepted.

- I. IDEA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, award service contracts as may appear advantageous to IDEA and waive all formalities in the procurement process. Written notice of award mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful Vendor(s) results in a binding contract without further action by either party. IDEA further reserves the right to tender its own contract for services.
- II. All supplemental information required by the RFP must be included with the Proposal. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may disqualify Vendor from consideration.
- III. All costs incurred in the preparation and submission of the RFP response shall be borne solely by the Vendor. Where Vendors may be required to perform a presentation, give demonstrations, and provide samples and/or technical literature, or participate in any interview process as related to this RFP, all costs shall be borne by the Vendor.

- IV. Vendor shall provide information on any costs that IDEA may incur related to the requested services. Vendor must specify all costs (e.g., administrative fees, processing fees, etc.) associated with providing the services requested herein. Vendor will provide a complete fee and cost detail supporting all elements of its Proposal. The cost detail must include a narrative for each fee or cost element. If Vendor does not expect IDEA to incur any costs, the Proposal shall state “No costs to IDEA.”
- V. IDEA is exempt from federal excise tax, state, and local tax. Do not include tax in cost projections. Any taxes included in cost projections will not be included in the tabulation of any awards.
- VI. Any Proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be irrevocable upon the closing time and remain open for acceptance for 90 days from the closing date whether or not another RFP has been accepted.
- VII. Submission of a Proposal shall be construed to mean that the Vendor agrees to carry out all conditions set forth in this document. Any proposed variation from the specifications, terms, and conditions shall be clearly identified. Please provide details of any non-compliance with stated conditions. If no changes are indicated, IDEA shall expect to receive the service(s) exactly as specified.
- VIII. IDEA reserves the right to select any offer it deems the best value, regardless of price.
- IX. IDEA may accept multiple offers for the same services.
- X. RFP Timeline

RFP Issue Date:	September 29, 2021
Respondent Question Cut-Off Date:	October 5, 2021 at 3:00PM (CST)
Addendum Issue Date:	October 8, 2021
Proposal Due Date & Time:	October 15, 2021 at 8:00AM (CST)
Evaluation Period	October 15-21, 2021
Board Meeting	October 22, 2021

Required Forms (Certifications and Representations)

Vendor shall execute the required forms included with this RFP.

RFP Clarification

Questions must be submitted via email to **Jennifer Ornelas, Procurement Analyst at Jennifer.ornelas@ideapublicschools.org**. The email subject line should read: **Questions - #2-RFP-GNRL-2022 – Full Day Pre-K Partnership Services**. Questions submitted by respondents and answers prepared by IDEA, along with Addenda to this RFP, if applicable, will be posted on the [Tyler Munis Self Service](#) website.

Oral answers provided by IDEA, or its agents shall not be binding. No modification or amendment to this RFP shall be valid unless it is set forth in writing, via a signed addendum or amendment from IDEA.

Proposer Responsibility

IDEA expects Vendors to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this RFP. Vendor's failure or omission to examine any relevant form, article, site, or document will not relieve Vendor from any obligation regarding this RFP. By submitting a Proposal, Vendor is presumed to concur with all terms, conditions, and specifications of this RFP. Any exception must be clearly defined and referenced to the proper paragraph in this RFP. Objections considered by IDEA as excessive or affecting vital terms may reduce or eliminate Vendor's prospects for award.

Completeness

Proposals will represent a true and correct statement and shall contain no cause for claim of omission or error. Request for withdrawal of a Proposal is allowed based on proof of mechanical error; however, Vendor may be removed from approved vendor list.

False/Misleading Statements

Proposals which contain false or misleading statements, or which provide references which do not support an attribute or capability of the proposed system or service, may be rejected. If, in the opinion of IDEA, such information was intended to mislead IDEA in its evaluation of the Proposal and the attribute, condition, or capability as a requirement of the RFP, the Proposal shall be rejected.

Proposal Signatures

The Proposal must be signed by an individual with proper authority. The signature should indicate the title or position that the individual holds in the partner (if applicable).

Selection of Vendor(s)

IDEA may award this RFP to multiple Vendors or to the Vendor IDEA determines, in its sole discretion, provides the best value to IDEA, based upon the evaluation of proposals. Thus, the result will not be determined by price alone but upon the applicable criteria as listed under Evaluation Criteria referenced in this RFP.

A contract or letter agreement for Full Day Pre-K Partnerships may be executed with successful vendor(s) as a result of this process, and the successful vendor(s) agree(s) that fulfillment of the award under this RFP is conditioned on agreement to and compliance with the terms of this RFP and any subsequent written agreement or contract.

Partnership Responsibilities

IDEA reserves the right to cancel service(s) due to unacceptable price 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 or services of equal or greater quality.

All pricing and any award under this RFP shall be good for IDEA and any other entity purchasing through IDEA.

- a. Prices may be decreased at any time after award through written contract amendment. 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 to provide 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 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 services 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.

Contract Period

The agreement(s) resulting from this solicitation will be in effect at a date established by mutual consent of IDEA Public Schools and selected partner(s).

Administrative Procedure for Bidder Complaints

Members of the public having complaints regarding IDEA's purchasing procedures or operations may present their complaints or concerns to IDEA in writing to the following address:

**IDEA Public Schools
Attn. Purchasing Department
2115 West Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596
956-377-8000**

Insurance Requirements

Minimum Requirements: The insurance coverages specified in this Agreement are the minimum requirements, and these requirements do not lessen or limit the liability of the Contractor. The Contractor shall maintain, at its own expense, any additional kinds or amounts of insurance that it may deem necessary to cover its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement.

Worker's Compensation is required for this RFP. 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:

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| a) Worker's Compensation | \$100,000 per occurrence for each bodily injury claim
\$100,000 per occurrence for each bodily injury caused by disease claim, and
\$500,000 aggregate for all bodily injuries caused by disease |
| b) Comprehensive General Liability | \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate |
| c) Property Damage Liability (CSL)* | \$300,000 |
| d) Abuse and Molestation | \$1,000,000 |

*Combined Single Limit

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

Contractor may not commence services or work relating to the Agreement prior to placement of coverage. Contractor shall keep the required insurance coverage in force at all times during the term of the Agreement, or any extension thereof, during any warranty period, of the Agreement.

PART II – SCOPE OF WORK AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

IDEA Public Schools seeks to establish partnerships with organizations who serve students to support and promote school readiness. IDEA Public Schools seeks partners who meet the High Quality Prekindergarten Program Requirements, set forth in Texas Education Code §29.164-172. The High Quality Prekindergarten Program Requirements are attached to this RFP as Exhibit 1 .Therefore, partnerships must address the following requirements:

Location & Calendar

IDEA currently offers half-day Pre-K at the campuses listed below with a total current enrollment of 3,988 (as of August 2021). IDEA seeks partnerships to provide Full Day Pre-K services near the following campuses.

SCHOOL	REGION	ADDRESS
IDEA Alamo Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	325 Kansas Rd., Alamo, TX 78516
IDEA Amber Creek Academy	SAN ANTONIO	10170 Kriewald Rd., San Antonio, TX 78245
IDEA Brackenridge Academy	SAN ANTONIO	5555 Old Pearsall Rd., San Antonio, TX 78242
IDEA Burke Academy	SAN ANTONIO	10434 Marbach Rd., San Antonio, TX 78245

IDEA Converse Academy	SAN ANTONIO	5490 FM 1516, Converse, TX 78109
IDEA Donna Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	401 S. 1 st St., Donna, TX 78537
IDEA Edgemere Academy	EL PASO	15101 Edgemere Blvd., El Paso, TX 79938
IDEA Edinburg Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	2553 N. Roegiers Rd., Edinburg, TX 78541
IDEA Elsa Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	411 S. Fannin St., Elsa, TX 78543
IDEA Ewing Halsell	SAN ANTONIO	2523 W. Ansley Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78224
IDEA Frontier Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	2800 S. Dakota Ave., Brownsville, TX 78521
IDEA Hidden Meadow Academy	SAN ANTONIO	10138 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78251
IDEA Horizon Vista Academy	EL PASO	201 Horizon Crossing St., Horizon City, TX 79228
IDEA Ingram Hills Academy	SAN ANTONIO	3115 Majestic Dr., San Antonio, TX 78228
IDEA Encinos Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	5400 S. Ware Rd., McAllen, TX 78503
IDEA McAllen Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	201 N. Bentsen Rd., McAllen, TX 78501
IDEA Mesa Hills Academy	EL PASO	405 Wallen Dr., El Paso, TX 79912
IDEA Mesquite Hills Academy	EL PASO	11881 Dyer St., El Paso, TX 79934
IDEA Mission Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	1600 N. Schuerbach Rd., Mission, TX 78572
IDEA Najim Academy	SAN ANTONIO	926 S. WW White Rd., San Antonio, TX 78220
IDEA North Mission Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	2706 N. Holland Ave., Mission, TX 78574
IDEA Owassa Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	1000 E. Owassa Rd., Pharr, TX 78577
IDEA Pharr Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	600 E. Las Milpas Rd., Pharr, TX 78577
IDEA Quest Academy	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	14001 N. Rooth Rd., Edinburg, TX 78541

Partners must have an annual academic calendar that begins no later than IDEA Public Schools start dates (variable by region) in August 2022. All applicants must demonstrate their ability and intention to open by this date and operate a minimum 180-day school year calendar.

Eligible Students & Enrollment

Partners must have the space and staffing capacity to meet class size requirements established by the Texas Education Agency for Pre-K programs: staff-student ratios of one-to-eleven and maximum group size of twenty-two (22) students.

Partners must demonstrate willingness and ability to collaborate closely with IDEA to facilitate the registration process through IDEA's online registration system and maintain an active enrollment as determined in partnership with IDEA Public Schools.

Partners must have the capacity and are prepared to meet the recruitment and eligibility requirements for Pre-K, including but not limited to:

- Respond to requests for visits/information about Pre-K
- Contact selected families after they receive notification
- Ensure applicants meet state specified requirements and primary residence
- Complete state income verification

Partners must maintain daily attendance records and submit monthly attendance reports to IDEA Public Schools by the fifth of every month in school year 2022-2023.

High Quality Curriculum Implementation

To promote learning across all domains of the Early Learning and Development Standards, partners must implement a high-quality early childhood curriculum that is aligned to the 2015 Texas Pre-Kindergarten Guidelines.

Curriculums will be used with fidelity to ensure a variety of rigorous learning experiences are provided that are responsive to a child's developmental and individual needs. The curriculum is planned and refined using authentic assessment data that enables and understanding of individual student learning.

All approved curriculums build on students' interests, explore topics that are relevant to the school community, embraces student's home culture, meets the needs of linguistically diverse learners, and are designed to support individualized instruction for children with special needs.

Social and Emotional Learning

All instruction within partner programs should be supportive of children's social and emotional needs. The classroom climate should be safe, respectful, welcoming, and promote positive peer relationships and self-confidence. All staff are expected to consistently model expected learning and behavioral skills for students, promoting classroom management practices that are positive and supportive, helping children develop and manage appropriate behavior and social skills. Programs must provide additional or supplemental support for children requiring targeted social and emotional strategies as needed.

Partners must implement and abide by the US Dept. of Health & Human Services and US Dept. of Education's Joint Policy Statement on Suspensions and Expulsions in early childhood settings.

Student Progress Monitoring

Assess each student's cognitive and language skills when the student enters the program and again before the student leaves the program to improve program planning and implementation, communicate with parents, and promote student readiness.

Partners are required to conduct on-going progress monitoring and an analysis of student work and observations continuously throughout the year. All programs must have an assessment plan, which outlines how assessment is supported and utilized within the classrooms, when teachers have time for reviewing, entering and reflecting on assessment data, and how the data supports and informs the instructional cycle and teaching practices.

Special Education Services

All strategies and activities ensure rigorous instruction and are differentiated to meet the needs of diverse learning.

Partners are expected to support the identification, provision, and implementation of special education services within classrooms. Partners are expected to engage, communicate, and work with families and local special education teams to support the referral process, the development of individualized education plans (IEPs), and implementation within the classroom.

Communication is two-way and occurs often between the special education team and Pre-K staff to assure that Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals and accommodations, modifications, and supplementary supports are fully integrated into all planned learning activities for identified children.

Teacher Qualifications

Partners are required to meet the state's teacher qualification requirements for high quality Pre-K programs. This requirement must be documented for any new staff prior to the start of the school year.

Partners must provide and/or participate in pre-service and on-going site-based and IDEA Public Schools-designed and facilitated professional development, training, and coaching that is informed by a measure of adult-student interactions and enables teachers to be highly knowledgeable in early childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and English language development programs, and instruction.

Family Engagement

Partners must demonstrate evidence of parent involvement in the program to ensure student needs are met. Partners must coordinate with relevant community-based services as needed to ensure student needs are met.

Partners must co-lead with IDEA Public Schools an orientation session for families prior to start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Safety

Partners must arrange and provide evidence of an annual Playground Inspection.

Program Evaluation

Partners must agree to the following performance measures that will be used to evaluate the impact of the partnership during and after school year 2022-2023:

- A. Student Enrollment
- B. Student Achievement, as informed by student progress monitoring (formative) and summative assessments
- C. Student Persistence from Pre-K to Kindergarten at IDEA Public Schools

PART III – PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposal Requirements

- 1. Provide in detail how your organization will address Full Day Pre-K Partnership Services scope of work, as outlined above, and the site location(s) where services will be offered.
- 2. Provide sample daily full day service schedule(s), curriculum and activities.
- 3. Describe how your organization will maintain consistent communication with IDEA Public Schools.

Proposal Opening

Proposal Opening is scheduled for October 15, 2021 at 8:00AM (CST). A formal “opening” will not be held and pricing 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 RFP package, and who are not debarred and/or suspended from conducting business with IDEA, 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 scope of the RFP

- Have a satisfactory record of integrity to ethics
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award
- Be in good standing with the applicable national or state associations

PART IV – SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposal Response

Proposals may be submitted using the [Tyler Munis Self Service](#) site, or by sending a hard copy to:

IDEA Public Schools
Attn. Purchasing Department
2115 West Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596
956-377-8000

Proposals sent by mail must be in a sealed envelope marked with the RFP Number and Title and include:

1. One (1) clearly identified hard copy ORIGINAL of the Proposal response.
2. Five (5) clearly identified PAPER COPIES of the proposal.
3. Five (5) copies of the proposal on FLASH DRIVES, marked with your company name.

Note: FAX or e-mail proposals will not be accepted.

The vendor's proposal itself shall be organized in the following order, with each section clearly indexed:

- a. **Section I – Preface:** The Proposer shall provide an Executive Summary of two (2) pages or less, which gives in brief, concise terms, a summation of the proposal. Please include business name, address, point of contact and contact information.
- b. **Section II – Summary of Experience:** This section shall contain the full name and address of the partner submitting the proposal.. In addition, it shall contain names, titles, certifications, and years of experience for the personnel who will lead partnership services.
- c. **Section III – Proposal Response to Scope of Service and Performance Requirements:** The Proposer shall provide a description of services and capabilities as outlined in the Scope of Service and Performance Requirements section of this RFP. Clearly state any exceptions taken to the specifications of this RFP, or any conditions of the proposal. The response shall be clear and succinct. If any service or requirement cannot be performed, the Proposer shall state 'not applicable' or 'unable to perform.'

Cost Summary

Ancillary to the proposal, the Proposer shall provide information on any costs that IDEA may incur. The Proposer must specify all costs (e.g., administrative fees, processing fees, etc.) associated with providing the services required herein. Proposer will provide a complete fee and cost detail supporting all elements of its Proposal. The cost detail must include a narrative for each fee or cost element. If the Proposer does not expect for IDEA to incur any costs, the Proposer shall state 'No costs to IDEA.'

References

The Proposer shall submit a minimum of three (3) verifiable references. It is desired that if the Proposer has performed this type of service previously, those references be listed. It is recommended that the Proposer provide references that are similar or as closely related to this unique agreement, if possible. Each reference provided shall include:

- Reference's Name
- Contact Person
- Address, City, State, and Zip
- Contact Person Phone Number
- Contact Person Email Address
- Brief Project Scope
- Time Frame

Required Forms (Certifications and Representations)

Vendor shall execute the following required forms (located at the end of this solicitation) and return the signed originals with the proposal.

Additional Documentation

Additional pages may be included within the Proposal response but must be included within the bound copy of the Proposal response and cross-referenced as necessary. Unnecessarily lengthy documents are discouraged. IDEA reserves the right to tender its own contract.

Competitive Selection and Proposal Evaluation

This is a negotiated procurement and as such, award will not necessarily be made to the lowest priced proposal. Award will be made to the partner submitting the best responsive proposal satisfying IDEA's requirements, price, and other factors. If one vendor cannot meet all of the requirements outlined in this document, the award may be divided among several qualified vendors.

Proposals will be evaluated on criteria deemed to be in IDEA's best interest, including but not limited to:

- Purchase price
- The reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods and services
- The quality of the vendor's goods and services
- The extent to which the vendor's goods and services meet the needs of IDEA
- Vendor's past relationship, if any, with IDEA or other charter schools
- Long term cost to IDEA
- Vendor's principal place of business
- Any other relevant factor listed in the RFP

IDEA will also evaluate each proposal(s) in the areas of the proposed plan, experience/service capabilities, and value on the following pre-determined criteria. The committee evaluating the proposals submitted in response to this RFP may require any or all vendors to give an oral presentation to clarify or elaborate on their proposal. Upon completion of oral presentations or discussions, vendors may be requested to revise any or all portions of their proposals.

	Evaluation Criteria
40 Points	Cost Proposal: Proposed cost for Full Day Pre-K Partnership Services
40 Points	Vendor's Capabilities: The vendor's experience and capabilities with providing Full Day Pre-K Partnership Services as described in the Scope of Work & Performance Requirements
20 Points	References: The quality of the vendor's services
100 Points	Total Possible Score

PART V – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Proposal Submission: Proposals must be submitted using this document only and must be submitted on or before the hour and date specified. Late submittals will be returned unopened.

NOTE: Faxed or Emailed proposals will not be accepted.

Public Record: All Proposals become the property of IDEA. As a governmental entity, the Texas Public Information Act applies to this solicitation. Accepted proposals and any subsequent award will generally be a public record. Proprietary material must be clearly marked as such.

Rejection/Award: IDEA reserves the right to reject and and/or all submittals, to award contracts as may appear advantageous to IDEA, and to waive all formalities in the procurement process. Written notice of award mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful respondent results in a binding contract without further action by either party.

Evaluation of Proposals: Proposal evaluation will be completed based on the information provided by Vendor. It is very important that Vendor provide all required information as part of the Proposal. Failure to provide necessary information and documents could result in the Proposal being rejected.

Applicability: These conditions are applicable and form a part of the contract documents in each supply and/or service contract and are a part of the terms of each purchase order for items of equipment and/or service included in the specifications and solicitation forms issued herewith.

Supplemental Information: All supplemental information required by the proposal documents must be included with the proposal response. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may disqualify the vendor from consideration.

Proposal Errors: Proposals will represent a true and correct statement and shall contain no cause for claim of omission or error. Request for withdrawal of proposal is allowed based on proof of mechanical error; however, the vendor may be removed from consideration or from any approved vendor list.

Changes to Proposal: IDEA reserves the right to negotiate changes in a Proposal by any Vendor, and to reject any or all Proposals.

Use of Brand Names: The use of brand and manufacturer's names is for the purpose of brevity in establishing type and quality of merchandise and is not restrictive. Manufacturer, trade, and/or brand name must be indicated for each article and, when omitted, IDEA will consider bid to be as specified. Illustrations and complete description must be included with the bid if bidding other than specified.

Undue Influence: In order to ensure the integrity of the selection process, the vendor's officers, employees, agents, or other representatives shall not lobby or attempt to influence a vote or recommendation related to the vendor's proposal, directly or indirectly, through any contact with IDEA board members or other school officials from the date this solicitation is released until the award of a contract by IDEA. By submitting a proposal, the vendor affirms that the vendor has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to any IDEA representative in connection with the proposal submitted.

Gratuities: IDEA may, by written notice to Vendor, cancel any service agreement without liability to IDEA if it is determined by IDEA that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by Vendor, or any agent or representative of Vendor, to any officer or employee of IDEA with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determination with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this contract is cancelled by IDEA pursuant to this provision, IDEA shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Vendor in providing such gratuities.

Payment Terms: Unless a prompt payment discount with a payment term of at least 10 days is offered and accepted by IDEA, payment terms shall be Net 30 days from date of acceptance or receipt of a properly prepared and submitted invoice, whichever is later. Vendor must have the ability to execute multiple contracts and provide invoices related to each contracted entity.

Independent Contractor: Nothing herein shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer or employee between IDEA and the Contractor or between IDEA and the Contractor's employees. IDEA shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities of the Contractor or the Contractor's employees incurred in the performance of the contract unless otherwise herein authorized. Neither the Contractor nor its employee shall be entitled to any of the benefits established for IDEA employees, nor be covered by IDEA's Workers' Compensation Program.

Fund Availability: This agreement is conditioned upon continued funding and appropriation and allotment of funds by the Texas State Legislature and/or the Texas Education Agency (TEA) pursuant to IDEA's open enrollment charter. This Agreement is further conditioned on

continued allocation of funds by the IDEA's Board of Directors (the "Board"). If the Legislature and/or the TEA fails to appropriate or allot the necessary funds, or the Board fails to allocate the necessary funds at the end of IDEA's fiscal year, then IDEA will issue written notice to Contractor and IDEA may terminate this Agreement without further duty or obligation hereunder.

Modifications: The contract may only be modified, altered, or changed by a written agreement signed by both parties or their duly authorized agents.

INDEMNIFICATION: THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELEY THE "IDEA INDEMNITEES") IN THEIR OFFICIAL AND INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES FROM AND AGAINST ALL DAMAGE, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGEMENTS, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE, KIND, OR DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED IN INVESTIGATING, DEFENDING, OR SETTLING ANY OF THE FORGOING BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY, ARISING OUT OF, CAUSED BY, OR RESULTING FROM THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE UNDER OR BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY ACT OR OMISSION, OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ANYONE DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY THE CONTRACTOR, OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS THE CONTRACTOR MAY BE LIABLE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE ANY OTHER INDEMNIFICATION OR RIGHT WHICH ANY IDEA INDEMNITEE HAS BY LAW OR EQUITY. ALL PARTIES WILL BE ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SURVIVE TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND CONTINUE ON INDEFINITELY AND CANNOT BE WAIVED OR VARIED.

Termination. IDEA reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the vendor; (2) upon default by the vendor, for delay or nonperformance by the vendor or, (3) if it is deemed in the best interest of IDEA, for convenience.

Unsatisfactory Performance by Vendor Staff: If any person employed by Vendor fails or refuses to carry out the services contemplated in this agreement or is, in the opinion of IDEA's designated representative(s), incompetent, unfaithful, intemperate, or disorderly, or uses threatening or abusive language to an IDEA student, parent, or representative, or if otherwise unsatisfactory, he or she shall be removed from the work under this agreement immediately and shall not again provide services to IDEA except upon consent of IDEA's representative.

Criminal Background Check: All Vendors who have a contract for services with continuing duties related to the contract and have direct contact with students must coordinate and cooperate with IDEA to ensure that an appropriate criminal history record information review as required by Texas Education Code § 22.0834 is conducted for Vendor and any of Vendor's personnel who will have continuing duties related to this Agreement and will have direct contact with students. The cost of the review shall be paid by Vendor. Covered employees with disqualifying

criminal histories are prohibited from providing services to IDEA. Vendor may also be required to provide a list of personnel who will be assigned to do the work. When requested, this information must be furnished within 48 hours and shall apply to any new personnel due to employee turnover. Vendor shall certify to IDEA that all employees assigned to work under a contract have successfully passed a criminal background check, prior to assignment. Any person or persons not acceptable to IDEA shall be prohibited from working on the contract.

Enforcement: It is acknowledged and agreed that Vendor's services to IDEA are unique, which gives Vendor a peculiar value to IDEA and for the loss of which IDEA cannot be reasonably and adequately compensated in damages. Accordingly, Vendor acknowledges and agrees that a breach by Vendor of the provisions hereof will cause IDEA irreparable injury and damage. Vendor therefore expressly agrees that IDEA shall be entitled to injunctive and/or other equitable relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to prevent or otherwise restrain a breach of this agreement, but only if IDEA is not in breach of this agreement.

LIMITATIONS AND NO WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY: THE PARTIES ARE AWARE THAT THERE ARE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS ON THE AUTHORITY OF IDEA (A PUBLIC SCHOOL) TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN TYPES OF CONTRACTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO LIENS ON IDEA'S PROPERTY; DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTIES; DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES; WAIVERS, DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF LEGAL RIGHTS, REMEDIES, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES; LIMITATIONS OF PERIODS TO BRING LEGAL ACTION; GRANTING CONTROL OF LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT TO ANOTHER PARTY; LIABILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THIRD PARTIES; PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES; DISPUTE RESOLUTION; INDEMNITIES; AND CONFIDENTIALITY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "LIMITATIONS"), AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE LIMITATIONS WILL NOT BE BINDING ON IDEA EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. THE VENDOR FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES, STIPULATES AND AGREES THAT NOTHING IN THIS SOLICITATION AND/OR IN ANY RESULTING CONTRACT WITH IDEA SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL, STATUTORY OR SOVERIGN IMMUNITY FROM SUIT AND LIABILITY AVAILABLE TO IDEA UNDER APPLICABLE LAW.

Assignment/Delegation: No right or interest in this agreement shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Vendor without the written permission of IDEA. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Vendor shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this provision.

Waiver: No claim or right arising out of a breach of any contract can be discharged in whole or in part a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved party.

Interpretation of Evidence: No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trades shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in a contract. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under a contract shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of the contract, even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code is used in the contract, the definition contained in the Code is to control.

Applicable Law: This contract shall be governed by the policies of IDEA's Board of Directors, laws of the State of Texas and the Uniform Commercial Code, without regard to the conflict of interest principles of the State of Texas. Wherever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used, it shall be construed as meaning the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Texas as effective and in force on the date of this contract. IDEA Board Policies can be accessed by contacting IDEA.

Record Keeping: IDEA, the United States Department of Education, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any other duly authorized representatives must have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of Vendor that are directly pertinent to a federal program for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

Equal Opportunity: Vendor shall comply with E.O. 11246—Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by E.O. 11375—Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity, and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR Part 60—Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.

Debarment and Suspension: Neither the vendor nor any of its officer, directors, owners, members, employees, or agents is listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs in accordance with E.O. 12549 and E.O. 12689—Debarment and Suspension. This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and vendors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549.

Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement: Vendor acknowledges and agrees that any intellectual property, processes, procedures, or product developed in furtherance of this agreement belong to IDEA as work-for-hire and all rights are reserved by IDEA and/or the federal government in accordance with applicable federal law.

Advertising: The Vendor shall not advertise or publish, without IDEA's prior consent, the fact that IDEA has entered into any contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper request for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state, or local government.

Legal Venue: Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from the contract shall lie in Hidalgo County, Texas.

Standing: Vendor **must be registered to conduct business in Texas and in good standing with the Texas Secretary of State and Comptroller.**

Ineligibility for Nonpayment of Child Support: Pursuant to Texas Family Code 231.006(d), regarding child support, the Vendor certifies that the Vendor is not ineligible to receive funds under a contract paid by state funds and acknowledges that any agreement between the successful bidder and IDEA may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

Signature Authority: By submitting the Response, the Vendor represents and warrants that the individual submitting this document and the documents made part of this Response is authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the Vendor and to bind the Vendor under any contract that may result from the submission on this Response.

Terms and Conditions Attached to Response: Any terms and conditions attached to a Response will not be considered unless specifically referred to in the Response.

PART VI – REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The attachments listed below are required and should be included with the Proposal.

ALL FORMS REQUIRING SIGNATURE MUST BE SIGNED AS INDICATED.

1. Attachment A – Title Page. This form must be completed and included as the cover sheet for Proposals submitted in response to this RFP.
2. Attachment B – Vendor Information
3. Attachment C – Vendor Certification
4. Attachment D – Proof of Insurance or Bonding
5. Attachment E – Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace
6. Attachment F – IDEA Conflict of Interest Form
7. Attachment G – Conflict of Interest Form CIQ
8. Attachment H – Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination
9. Attachment I – Bidder Certification Form
10. Attachment J – Certification Regarding Lobbying
11. Attachment K – Debarment or Suspension Certificate
12. Attachment L – Contract Provisions for Contracts Involving Federal Funds
13. Attachment M – Criminal History Certification
14. Attachment N – Reference Sheet
15. Attachment O – Proposed Pricing
16. Attachment P – W-9 Form

Attachment A – Title Page

A Proposal Submitted in Response to

IDEA

Request for Proposals

#2-RFP-GNRL-2022

Full Day Pre-K Partnerships

Submitted By:

(Full Legal Name of

Vendor)On:

(Date of Submission)

Attachment B – Vendor Information

Enter Vendor's name and address below.

1. Vendor Name: _____

2. Street Address: _____

3. City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Additional Requirements:

Proposal must include name of each person with at least 25% ownership of Vendor.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Attachment C – Vendor Certification

I, the undersigned, submit this Proposal and have read the specifications, which are a part of this RFP. My signature also certifies that I am authorized to submit this Proposal, sign as a representative for Vendor, and carry out services solicited in this RFP.

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

Printed Name and Title of Agent: _____

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address (if applicable): _____

Web Site Address (if applicable): _____

Attachment D – Proof of Insurance or Bonding

Please provide proof of insurance or bonding.

Attachment E – 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 Vendor 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, Vendor'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 Vendor's policy statement.
- Notifying the employees through Vendor's policy statement that as a condition of services to IDEA, employees shall abide by the terms of the policy statement and notifying Vendor 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 within ten (10) days of Vendor'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.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment F – IDEA Conflict of Interest Form

By signature of this Proposal, Vendor covenants and affirms that:

- No manager, employee or paid consultant of Vendor is a member of the IDEA Board of Directors or an employee of IDEA.
- No manager or paid consultant of Vendor is married to a member of the IDEA Board of Directors, IDEA's Chief Executive officer, or an employee of IDEA.
- No member of the IDEA Board of Directors, IDEA's Chief Executive Officer, or employee of IDEA is a manager or paid consultant of Vendor.
- Neither any member of the IDEA Board of Directors, IDEA's Chief Executive officer, nor any employee of IDEA owns or controls more than 10% in Vendor.
- Neither any member of the IDEA Board of Directors, IDEA's Chief Executive officer, nor any employee of IDEA receives compensation from Vendor for lobbying activities as defined in Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code.
- Vendor has disclosed within the Proposal any interest, fact or circumstance which does or may present a potential conflict of interest.
- Should Vendor fail to abide by the foregoing covenants and affirmations regarding conflict of interest, Vendor shall not be entitled to the recovery of any costs or expenses incurred in relation to any contract with IDEA and shall further be liable for any costs incurred or damages sustained by IDEA relating to that contract.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment G – Conflict of Interest Form CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

Respondent must fill-out the Conflict of Interest Form CIQ and submit with their proposal.

The Conflict of Interest Form CIQ can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/conflict/CIQ.pdf>

Attachment H – Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination

Vendor promotes employment opportunity through a 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. Vendor 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

Vendor 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.
- 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.

Vendor 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. Vendor takes positive steps to eliminate any systematic discrimination from personnel practices. Vendor 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.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment I – Bidder Certification Form

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 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. No one 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 J – Certification Regarding Lobbying

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:

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 officer 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 IDEA 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.

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 IDEA 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.

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.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment K – Debarment or Suspension Certificate

IDEA is prohibited from contracting with or making sub-awards under covered transaction to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose owners/members/principals and certain employees are suspended or debarred. Vendor must certify that it and its owners/members/principals are not suspended or debarred under federal law and rule.

By submitting signing contract and this certificate, Vendor certifies that no suspension or debarment is in place, which would otherwise preclude Vendor or its Owner/Members/Principals or employees from receiving a federally funded contract under applicable federal regulations and federal OMB Circulars.

Vendor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment L – Contract Provisions for Contracts Involving Federal Funds

With respect to the use of federal funds for the procurement of goods and services, 2 CFR 200.326 and Appendix II to 2 CFR 200 require the inclusion of the following contract provisions.

1. Remedies for Contract Breach or Violations. Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000 must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
2. Termination for Cause and Convenience. All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by THE SCHOOL including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.
3. Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR 60–1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60–1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR 1964–1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”
4. Davis-Bacon Act. When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by the school and the charter districts must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141–3144, and 3146–3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The school and the charter districts must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The school and the charter districts must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The school and the charter districts must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the school and the charter districts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as

supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

5. *Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.* If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
6. *Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.* Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the contractor to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
7. *Energy Efficiency Standards and Policies.* Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).
8. *Debarment and Suspension.* A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
9. *Byrd Anti-Lobbying.* Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each

tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier.

10. Procurement of Recovered Materials. The school, the charter districts and their contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Attachment M – Criminal History Review of Contractor Employees

Texas Education Code § 22.0834 requires entities that contract with school districts or charter schools to provide services to obtain named based criminal history and/or fingerprinting record information regarding “covered employees.”

Definitions:

“Covered Employees”: Any employee of a contractor or subcontractor who (1) has or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services and (2) has or will have direct contact with students. IDEA Public Schools (the “School”) retains the discretion to determine what constitutes direct contact with students.

“Disqualifying Criminal History”: Any conviction or other criminal information designated by the School, including one or more of the following offenses:

1. A felony or misdemeanor offense that would prevent a person from obtaining certification as an educator under Texas Education Code § 21.060, including:
 - a. Crimes involving moral turpitude;
 - b. Crimes involving any form of sexual or physical abuse or neglect of a student or minor or other illegal conduct with a student or minor;
 - c. Crimes involving felony possession or conspiracy to possess, or any misdemeanor or felony transfer, sale, distribution, or conspiracy to transfer, sell, or distribute any controlled substance defined in Chapter 481, Texas Health and Safety Code;
 - d. Crimes involving school property or funds;
 - e. Crimes involving any attempt by fraudulent or unauthorized means to obtain or alter any certificate or permit that would entitle any person to hold or obtain a position as an educator;
 - f. Crimes occurring wholly or in part on school property or at a school-sponsored activity; and
 - g. Felonies involving driving while intoxicated.
2. A felony offense under Title 5, Penal Code.
3. An offense on conviction of which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender.
4. An offense under the laws of another state or federal law that is equivalent to an offense under items (2) and (3) above where, at the time the offense occurred, the victim of the offense was under 18 years of age or was enrolled in a public school.
5. Any other offense that the School believes might compromise the safety of students, staff, or property.

All contractors must work with the School to comply with the requirements of Texas Education Code § 22.0834 prior to beginning services to the School.

CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

Please complete the information below:

I, the undersigned agent for <<Contractor Name>> (“Contractor”), certify that [check one]:

☐ None of the employees of Contractor and any subcontractors are “covered employees” as defined above. If this box is checked, I further certify that Contractor has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that the employees of Contractor and any subcontractor will not become covered employees. Contractor will maintain these precautions or conditions throughout the time the contracted services are provided.

Or

☐ Some or all of the employees of Contractor and any subcontractor are “covered employees.” If this box is checked, I further certify that:

1. If Contractor receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Contractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify the School in writing within three business days.
2. Upon request, Contractor will provide the School with the name and any other requested information regarding covered employees so that the School may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees.
3. If the School objects to the assignment of a covered employee on the basis of the covered employee’s criminal history record information, Contractor agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services to the School.
4. All covered employees hired after January 1, 2008 have completed the required background check process prior to performing any duties related to the School or having any direct contact with students.

I understand that non-compliance with this certification by Contractor may be grounds for contract termination and/or barring disqualified persons from performing the work.

Signature of Contractor Official

Date

Attachment N – 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			
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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			
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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 O – Proposed Pricing

Respondent shall provide pricing / price schedule referencing: “ATTACHMENT “O” in their submitted proposal.”

Attachment P – Respondent's W-9

The W-9 is an official form furnished by the IRS **for employers or other entities to verify the name, address, and tax identification number of an individual receiving income.** The information taken from a W-9 form is often used to generate a 1099 tax form, which is required for income tax filing purposes.

Respondent must fill-out the W-9 and submit with their proposal.

Respondent can obtain the W-9 Form at the following link:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

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