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Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

22-TXAUDIT-0226

**Professional Auditing Services in
Texas**

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PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

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IDEA Public Schools (herein referred to as IDEA or the organization) is seeking Statement of Qualifications from qualified independent certified public accounting firms to conduct IDEA's annual audits in accordance with Texas Education Code (Tex. Ed. Code) Section 12.111(a)(11) and 44.008, Texas Administrative Code, Title 19 (19 TAC), §100.1067(c), Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, §200.501(a), and the TEA's Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (FASRG), Modules 2 for our Texas open-enrollment charter school and its related nonprofit entity, IPS Enterprises, Inc (IPS), of which IDEA is its sole corporate member under Chapter 22 of the Texas Business Organizations Code. The qualified Respondent(s) must be a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Governmental Audit Quality Center (GAQC), adhere to GAQC's membership requirements, collectively have the knowledge, skills, and experience to be competent for the audit being conducted, including thorough knowledge of Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAGAS), Texas public school district environments, public sector, and nonprofit sector.

Additionally, on behalf of its affiliates, IDEA Florida, LLC (IDEA Florida) and IPS Cincinnati, LLC (IPS Cincinnati), IDEA is seeking review services conforming with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Standards issued by the AICPA. The reviews for IPS Florida and IPS Cincinnati will be separate engagements from the annual audit of IDEA and its subsidiary, IPS.

The qualified Respondent(s) must be able to provide goods and/or services with the utmost diligence, cooperation, and ethical behavior in addition to being knowledgeable of industry standards of practice, ensuring effective project planning, management, and execution. The chosen Respondent(s) will audit IDEA's (and IPS') financial statements and conduct a review of IPS Florida's and IPS Cincinnati's financial statements for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2026, and anticipated for the four (4) fiscal years thereafter**. The chosen Respondent(s) must also demonstrate high levels of trust, competence, integrity, and adherence to professional audit standards applicable to charter schools and nonprofit corporations.

IDEA reserves the right to revise and amend this RFQ prior to the date set for the receipt of the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). Respondents are requested to clarify any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error(s) in the RFQ 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 with a complete copy of the RFQ. It is the responsibility of each respondent, prior to submitting the SOQ, to contact IDEA to determine if addenda were issued and, if so, to obtain such addenda for attachment to the SOQ. IDEA reserves the right to waive any requirement or technicality as it determines appropriate or in its best interest. Addenda are posted to IDEA's website at: [Bid Opportunities & RFPs - IDEA Public Schools](#)

PART II – REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TIMELINE

All dates and times are tentative and subject to change.

First Advertisement Date/Issue Date:	Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Second Advertisement Date:	Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Pre-Qualification Meeting:	Tuesday, December 16, 2025 @ 1:00 PM CST
Respondent Question Cut-Off Date:	Wednesday, December 17, 2025, no later than 12:00 PM CST
Questions Response from IDEA:	Friday, December 19, 2025
Statement of Qualifications Due Date & Time:	Friday, January 9, 2026, no later than 12:00 PM CST
Anticipated Evaluation Period:	Wednesday, January 17, 2026 – Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Anticipated Board Meeting & Approval:	February 2026
Initial Proposed Contract Term:	July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027
Renewal option #1:	July 1, 2027-June 30, 2028
Renewal option #2:	July 1, 2028-June 30, 2029
Renewal option #3:	July 1, 2029-June 30, 2030
Renewal option #4:	July 1, 2030-June 30, 2031

Pre-Qualification Meeting

A virtual pre-qualification meeting will be held at 1:00 PM CST via TEAMS video conference on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted in writing to solicitations@ideapublicschools.org no later than 12:00 PM CST on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. **The subject line must read “Questions-RFQ 22-TXAUDIT-0226 Professional Auditing Services in Texas”.** Respondents are responsible for reviewing questions and answers prior to submitting a SOQ. Oral communications regarding this RFQ shall not be binding and shall in no way excuse a Respondent of the obligations set forth in this solicitation. While the pre-qualification meeting is non-mandatory, it is highly encouraged that all potential respondents participate and attend. **Join TEAMS Meeting:** [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 294 834 208 280 02
Passcode: dU3Rk99n

SOQ Submission: The SOQ may be submitted using the [Public Purchase](#) or [Self-Service](#) website, or by sending one (1) clearly identified hard copy ORIGINAL of the SOQ to:

IDEA Public Schools
RFQ #22-TXAUDIT-0226 Professional Auditing Services in Texas
Attn: Purchasing Department
2115 West Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596

The SOQ must be received by IDEA by the specified due date and time outlined in the timeline. Each SOQ must be sealed and marked with the relevant information; failure to do so may result in the SOQ not being considered.

Note: Faxed or emailed statements of qualifications will not be accepted. Acceptance Period is 120 days from the date of the SOQ submission deadline unless otherwise stated in writing.

Funding Type: IDEA, IPS Florida, and IPS Cincinnati will utilize **state** funds and local support to finance any purchases of goods and/or services through the contract(s) awarded to the successful Vendor(s) through this RFQ, including any purchase orders issued under said contract(s).

Eligible Respondents: Respondents must not be debarred or suspended by federal or state-funded agencies and must have the legal authority to transact business in Texas. Additionally, respondents must affirmatively demonstrate responsibility and good standing, which may be considered as part of the performance evaluation criteria. Finally, for the audit of IDEA and IPS, respondents must meet the requirements set forth at 19 TAC §109.23(d) and Tex. Ed. Code §48.008(a).

Respondents may withdraw their SOQ in writing at any time prior to the submission deadline, without penalty or prejudice.

PART III – BACKGROUND & SCOPE OF SERVICES

Introduction: IDEA is a Texas non-profit corporation and a tax-exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Pursuant to Chapter 12, Subchapter D of the Texas Education Code and its Contract for Charter with the Texas State Board of Education, as renewed by the Commissioner of Education, IDEA is an open-enrollment charter holder, governmental unit, instrumentality of the state, and part of the Texas public school system. IDEA transforms education by preparing graduates to succeed in college and life. IDEA is a growing network of high-performing charter schools serving students located throughout Texas in the Austin, El Paso, Houston, Permian Basin, Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, Dallas, Tarrant County, and other present and future regions in Texas.

Additionally, IDEA operates an in-district charter pursuant to a contract with Midland Independent School District authorized under Tex. Ed. Code Chapter 12, Subchapter C. The in-district charter is an organizational unit of IDEA but is not a separate legal entity and constitutes a non-charter activity under 19 TAC §100.1067(e).

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 in every three students is the first in their family to go to college. Since the first graduating class in 2007, nearly 100% of seniors have been accepted and matriculated to a college or university every year. Thanks to a rigorous path to college, 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.

IPS is a Texas non-profit corporation, a tax-exempt organization pursuant to IRC Section 501(c)(3) and a 509(a)(3) supporting organization of IDEA. IDEA is the sole corporate member of IPS with final authority over IPS governance, management, operations, and finances. IPS provides charter management services and has issued tax-exempt bonds and leases educational facilities to IDEA's network of charter holder/charter schools in Florida and Ohio. While IPS operates charter schools in other states, IPS constitutes a non-charter activity of IDEA's Texas charter school operations under 19 TAC §100.1067(e).

IPS Florida is a Florida limited liability company providing charter management services to affiliated charter schools in Jacksonville and Tampa Bay, Florida.

IPS Cincinnati is an Ohio limited liability company providing charter management services to affiliated charter schools in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Scope of Work

IDEA seeks SOQs from Texas licensed and qualified CPA firms conforming with the requirements under 19 TAC §109.23(d)(2) to annually audit IDEA's financial and programmatic operations, in accordance with 19 TAC §100.1067(c), as specified *Part I – General Information and Instructions* for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2026, and the four (4) fiscal years thereafter**. Additionally, on behalf of IPS Florida and IPS Cincinnati, IDEA seeks SOQs for licensed and qualified CPA firms to provide review services. Future engagement options will be recognized through four (4) one-year extensions after the first year ending June 30, 2026. The audit and review services are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in this RFQ. This RFQ will result in the engagement of a CPA firm(s) to conduct the annual audit of the financial and programmatic operations of IDEA's open-enrollment charter, as required under Tex. Ed. Code Section 12.111(a)(11) and 44.008, 19 TAC §100.1067(c), and FASRG Module 2. Additionally, in accordance with FASRG Module 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the annual audit will include IDEA's in-district

charter and IPS. Moreover, the annual audit will include an audit of IDEA's and IPS' expenditure of funds received under various Federal awards as required under 2 CFR 200, Subpart F. Finally, IDEA will engage a CPA firm to provide review services for IPS Florida and IPS Cincinnati. The engagement will not include audits of the actual charter school entities in Ohio and Florida as those audits are conducted pursuant to separate engagements under the specific laws governing those charter schools.

Respondents must demonstrate prior experience and expertise in conducting professional auditing services for K-12 public and/or charter schools in Texas.

The table below specifies the contract and audit years that are required for this RFQ:

Contract Year	Audit Year
2026-2027	2025-2026
2027-2028	2026-2027
2028-2029	2027-2028
2029-2030	2028-2029
2030-2031	2029-2030

Nature of Services Required

IDEA desires the auditor to express an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of its consolidated financial statements in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

A. Auditing Standards to Be Followed

To meet the requirements of this RFQ, the audit must be performed in accordance with:

- Generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) as set forth by the AICPA
- GAGAS as promulgated by the U.S. Government Accountability Office
- The requirements established by the Texas Education Agency in FASRG Module 2
- The single audit requirements under 2 CFR 200, Subpart F and the applicable Compliance Supplement

B. Review Standards to be Followed

Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Standards issued by the AICPA

C. Reports to Be Issued

Following the completion of the audit of the fiscal year's financial statements, the auditor shall issue the following reports:

1. Independent Auditors' Report conforming with GAAS
2. Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

3. Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance
4. The various statements, schedules, notes, and other disclosures required under FASRG Module 2
5. Accountant's Review Report on Single Year Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States
6. Accompanying statements, schedules, notes, and other disclosures for the review report

The auditor must prepare the reports under bullets 2 and 3 above pursuant to the requirements set forth under 2 CFR 200, Subpart F and the *Government Auditing Standards*.

The auditors must make an immediate, written report of all irregularities and illegal acts of which they become aware to IDEA and IDEA's Board of Directors.

D. Form 990

IDEA also intends for the CPA firm to complete the annual Form 990 for submission to the IRS.

Description of IDEA Public Schools Charter Schools

E. Name and Telephone Number of Contact Persons

The auditor's primary contact with the IDEA will be **Abe Barela, VP of Accounting, (956) 271-0400**.

F. Background Information

IDEA was organized as a Texas nonprofit corporation in January 2000 and received its tax-exempt determination under IRC Section 501(c)(3) in June 2000. Also in June 2000, IDEA was awarded an open-enrollment charter by the Texas State Board of Education. Subsequently, IDEA opened its doors to students in August 2007. IDEA submitted a petition for the renewal of its open-enrollment charter at the end of each term of its contract with the State of Texas, which the Commissioner of Education has renewed each time. Currently, IDEA's Contract for Subchapter D Open-Enrollment Charter has a term ending on June 30, 2035. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or the 2025-2026 school year, IDEA enrolled 79,430 students at its 125 campuses of its open-enrollment charter.

In addition to its open-enrollment charter school, IDEA operates an in-district charter under a contract awarded and renewed by the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees to operate IDEA Travis Academy with an enrollment of 1,298 students in grades kindergarten through 11 for the 2025-2026 school year.

As noted above, IPS, IPS Florida and IPS Cincinnati provide charter management services to charter schools in Florida and Ohio. IPS was originally formed as a Texas limited liability company in October 2016 but was subsequently converted to a Texas nonprofit corporation in October 2019 and received its tax-exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3) effective October 2019.

IDEA's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Budgets are adopted annually, and expenditures are controlled in accordance with written policies and procedures. Similarly, IPS' fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. IPS also adopts annual budgets and controls expenses pursuant to Board policies and administrative procedures.

G. Fund Structure

IDEA currently uses the following fund types and account groups in its financial reporting:

Fund Type / Account Group	# of Individual Funds
State Funds (including general fund)	4 Funds
Federal Funds	10 Funds
Local Funds (philanthropic & other)	30 Funds
Campus Activity Fund	1 Fund under which all 125 campuses are accounted
Student Activity Fund	1 Fund under which 125 student organizations are accounted

IPS currently uses the following fund types and account groups in its financial reporting:

Fund Type / Account Group	# of Individual Funds
State Funds (including general fund)	1 Funds
Federal Funds	0 Funds
Local Funds (philanthropic & other)	10 Funds
Campus Activity Fund	0 Fund
Student Activity Fund	0 Fund

IDEA Travis Academy uses the following fund types and account groups in its financial reporting:

Fund Type / Account Group	# of Individual Funds
State Funds (including general fund)	1 Funds
Federal Funds	7 Funds
Local Funds (philanthropic & other)	4 Funds
Campus Activity Fund	1 Fund
Student Activity Fund	0 Fund

H. Annual Budget

IDEA's annual budget consists of approximately \$1.1 billion in revenue, and IDEA's current approximate net assets are valued at \$523 million. IDEA's projected revenue for the years ended June 30, 2025, and 2026 are \$1.17 Billion and \$1.2 billion, respectively.

IPS's annual budget consists of approximately \$73 million in revenue, and IPS's current approximate net assets are valued at \$5 million. IPS's projected revenue for the years ended June 30, 2025, and 2026 are \$116 Million and \$73 Million, respectively.

IDEA Travis Academy annual budget consists of approximately \$14 million in revenue, and IDEA Travis' current approximate net assets are valued at \$9 Million. IDEA's projected revenue for the years ended June 30, 2025, and 2026 are \$13.6 Million and \$14 Million, respectively.

Time Requirements

I. Time Schedule for Each Fiscal Year's Audit

IDEA and the selected CPA firm(s) will mutually agree on a timetable for the audit of each fiscal year. The schedule shall include dates for completing each of the following steps by the auditors no later than

the agreed upon date for each year of the audit. Each of the following shall be completed by the auditor no later than the dates indicated:

1. Audit Plans

The auditor must provide a detailed audit plan and a list of all schedules to be prepared by IDEA and IPS. For the 2025-26 audit, the auditor must provide a detailed audit plan and list of all schedules to be prepared by IDEA and IPS no later than two weeks from the start date of the contract. It is imperative that the auditor meet and comply with TEA's deadlines for completion of the audit and timely and complete submission to TEA as required by law. By submitting an SOQ and being engaged, the selected auditor acknowledges that a failure to timely complete the audit or to upload the completed audit and all other required submission to TEA will cause IDEA to be in material breach of its charter contract with the state, and to fail its Charter FIRST rating, and would be a material breach of the auditor's professional duties to IDEA.

2. Fieldwork

For the 2025-26 audit, the auditor must complete all field work by September 30, 2026. IDEA will establish deadlines for subsequent fiscal years.

3. Issuance of Reports and Financial Statement Attestation

For the 2025-26 audit, the auditor must have ready for publication all reports denoted in *Part III – Background & Scope of Services* of this Request for Qualifications by October 30, 2026.

Note: all dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Assistance to Be Provided to the Auditor and Report Preparation

J. Finance Department Support

IDEA's finance department will be available during the audit to assist the firm(s) by providing information, documentation, and responses to auditor inquiries and requests. The preparation of confirmations will be IDEA's responsibility.

K. Work Area, Telephones, Photocopying, and Fax Machines

For necessary on-site work, IDEA will provide the auditor with a reasonable workspace, desks and chairs. The auditor will also be provided with access to telephone lines, photocopying facilities and fax machines at no charge to the auditor.

L. Report Preparation

The auditor(s) must prepare a draft of the financial statements, required supplementary information, and related notes. The auditor must provide the draft to IDEA's **Managing Director of Accounting** for review and approval prior to issuance. Pro form, editing, report preparation, and printing, including duplicates of the annual financial reports, will be the responsibility of the Auditor.

M. Non-Confidentiality of Information

IDEA reserves the right to retain all copies of a respondent's SOQ submitted in response to this RFQ. You are hereby notified that, under Texas Government Code (Tex. Gov't. Code) Chapter 552 (Texas Public Information Act, or TOMA), an SOQ submitted in response to this solicitation is considered public information available to the public at large upon written request, as set forth in the TOMA, unless the respondent asserts an exception to the disclosure requirements of the TOMA. All information submitted must be made available to the public for examination and release, if so requested, unless the respondent asserts an exception to the disclosure requirements of the TOMA.

N. Compliance with TOMA

Respondent is hereby informed and, upon submission of an SOQ, acknowledges that the requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Tex. Gov't. Code may apply to any contract awarded pursuant to this RFQ if it is valued at more than \$1 million. In this event, respondent agrees the contract may be terminated if the respondent intentionally or knowingly fails to comply with the requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Tex. Gov't. Code, including the requirement to preserve and, upon written request, provide all contracting information, as defined under TOMA §552.003(1-a).

Statement of Qualifications Submission Requirements

Respondent's SOQ should be prepared in such a way as to demonstrate a straightforward, concise delineation of capabilities that satisfy the requirements of the RFQ. Importantly, the respondent should emphasize their ability to meet the specifications and requirements in this RFQ.

To be considered, Respondents must include the following information in their submission:

1. Transmittal Letter:

- A signed letter of transmittal briefly stating the respondent's understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work within the time period specified in this RFQ, a statement declaring why the firm believes itself to be best qualified to perform the engagement and a statement that the firm's submission for this RFQ is a firm and irrevocable offer.

2. Firm Overview:

- Name, address, and contact information
- Overview of the firm's history, size, and areas of expertise

3. Firm Qualifications and Experience:

- The SOQ must disclose if the firm is a member of the AICPA GAQC, adheres to GAQC membership requirements, and collectively has the knowledge, skills, and experience to be competent for the audit being conducted, including thorough knowledge of the government auditing requirements and Texas public school district and charter school environment, public sector, or nonprofit sector, as required under 19 TAC §109.23(d)(2).
- The SOQ must disclose the size and structure of the firm's audit and tax accounting staff, the location of the office from which the work on this engagement is to be performed, background experience of auditing Texas public schools, particularly open-enrollment charter schools, and nonprofit clients and of tax accounting for nonprofit clients and the number and level of the professional staff to be employed in this engagement on a full-time basis and the number and level of the staff to be so employed on a part-time basis.
- In a joint SOQ, the principal firm should complete and sign the RFQ Signature Page – *Attachment A*, and the structure, duties and responsibilities of each firm should be clearly delineated.
- Each firm is also required to submit a copy of the report on its most recent peer review, including the related letter of comments and the firm's response to the letter of comments. This should also include a statement whether that peer review included a review of specific public school, particularly charter school, engagements.
- The firm must also provide information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audit working papers during the **past three (3) years**. In addition, the firm must provide information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the **past three (3) years** with state regulatory bodies or

professional organizations. The firm must provide an explanation for all pending, local office litigation as well as all litigation related to the firm's audits of state or local Government entities, particularly public schools and charter schools.

- The firm must also provide a statement of the firm's understanding of the work to be performed, including tax preparation and non-audit services.

4. **Similar Engagements with Other Charter Schools**


- For the firm's office that will be assigned responsibility for the audit, provide a **minimum of five (5)** public school and governmental audit engagements performed in the last **five (5) years**. Include the name, phone number, and email of the customer point of contact for each audit engagement as well as a brief description of the scope of work performed - **Attachment F**.

5. **References**

- **Minimum of three (3) verifiable references** from previous clients, including contact information, to include but not limited to projects similar in scope of work within governments, charter schools, or public schools – **Attachment E**

6. **Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience:**

- The firm should identify the principal supervisory and management staff, including engagement partners, managers, other supervisors, and specialists who would be assigned to the engagement and indicate whether each such person is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Texas in accordance with 19 TAC §109.23(d)(1)(B). The firm also should provide information on the number of years performing government audits, particularly of public schools and charter schools, as well as the auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past two (2) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this audit.
- The firm should provide as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience, and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this engagement. This should include names of partners, audit managers, and field staff who will be assigned to our audit and provide biographies. The firm also should indicate how the quality of staff over the term of the agreement will be assured.

 *As part of the SOQ, the respondent must provide resumes for the engagement partner and other partners that may perform audit and tax accounting work under this RFQ and the audit manager(s) and field staff who will be assigned to our audit and tax work.*

7. **Specific Audit Approach**

The SOQ must include a work plan, including an explanation of the audit methodology to be followed, to perform the services required in **Part III – Background & Scope of Services** of this RFQ. In developing the *Specific Audit Approach*, reference should be made to such sources of information as IDEA's budget and related materials, organization charts, manuals and programs and financial and other management information systems.

Respondents will be required to provide the following information on their *Specific Audit Approach*:

- Proposed segmentation of the engagement
- Level of staff to be assigned to each proposed segment of the engagement
- Type and extent of analytical procedures to be used in the engagement,
- Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the IDEA's internal control structure

- Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work
- Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of testing
- Proposed timeline for interim and final fieldwork and final reporting

Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems

The SOQ should identify and describe any anticipated potential audit problems, the firm's approach to resolving these problems and any special assistance that will be requested from IDEA staff or its agents.

8. Review Services

The SOQ must include a work plan, including an explanation of the review methodology to be followed, to perform the review services. The work plan should identify the documentation and information necessary to complete the review.

9. AICPA GAQC Membership

- The chosen Respondent(s) must be a member of the AICPA GAQC, adhere to GAQC's membership requirements, collectively have the knowledge, skills, and experience to be competent for the audit being conducted, including thorough knowledge of GAGAS, Texas public school district environments, public sector, and nonprofit sector.
- Proof of AICPA GAQC Membership is required to be submitted with Statement of Qualifications

10. License to Practice in Texas

- An *Affirmative Statement* must be included, indicating that the firm and all assigned supervisory professional staff are properly licensed to practice in Texas and qualified to perform public school, charter school or governmental audits.

11. Proof of Insurance:

- Evidence of professional liability insurance and any other relevant coverage as specified in **Attachment G**

12. Required Forms

- Attachments A – J
- Appendix C

PART IV – STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered, the SOQ must be prepared according to the following specifications:

- I.** Cover Letter
- II.** Table of Contents
- III.** Respondent(s)/Individual Profile
- IV.** Approach to Services and Methodology as it relates to the scope of work and deliverables
- V.** Required Forms

- a) To be eligible for consideration, electronic copies of the SOQ must be received by using the [Tyler Munis Self-Service](#) website or [Public Purchase](#) website *or* mailed to **IDEA Public Schools, Attn: Purchasing Department, 2115 W Pike Blvd, Weslaco, TX 78596** so that it may be received by the date and time due. All Statements of Qualifications are due no later than and must be received by **12:00 PM CST on Friday, January 9, 2026**, along with the requisite signature pages and completed certification forms. An SOQ submitted after the

time and date specified in this subsection (a) will **not** be accepted. A faxed or emailed SOQ will **not** be accepted.

- b) **SOQ Guarantee:** By submitting an SOQ, respondent agrees to honor its SOQ for one hundred twenty (120) days after the due date or until an agreement is in place.
- c) All supplemental information required by the RFQ must be included with the SOQ. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may disqualify the respondent from consideration.
- d) All costs incurred in the preparation and submission of the SOQ shall be paid solely by the respondent. Where Respondents 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 RFQ, all costs shall be paid by the respondent.
- e) Any SOQ submitted in response to this RFQ will be irrevocable upon the closing time and remain open for acceptance for one hundred twenty (120) days from the closing date whether or not another SOQ has been accepted.
- f) Submission of an SOQ shall be construed to mean that the Respondent agrees to carry out all conditions set forth in this RFQ. Any proposed variation from the specifications, terms, and conditions shall be clearly identified on *Attachment H*. If no deviations or exceptions are requested and accepted by IDEA, IDEA shall expect to receive the service(s) exactly as specified.
- g) IDEA reserves the right to select any offer it determines is in the best interest of its students and the Organization on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services under this RFQ, regardless of price.
- h) IDEA may accept multiple offers for the same services. There may not be exclusivity with any selected respondent.

RFQ Clarification

Questions regarding the requirements specified in this RFQ must be submitted via email to the IDEA Public Schools Solicitations Department at solicitations@ideapublicschools.org **no later than Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 12:00 PM CST**. The email subject line should read: **Questions: RFQ-22-TXAUDIT-0226 Professional Auditing Services in Texas**. Questions submitted by respondents by the submission deadline and answers prepared by IDEA, along with any errata or addenda to this RFQ, if applicable, will be posted on the IDEA website at: <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/>, on [Public Purchase](#), and on the [Tyler Munis Self Service](#) (Texas Only) website. IDEA will not answer questions verbally and any informal oral answers provided by IDEA or its agents shall not be binding. No modification or amendment to this RFQ shall be valid unless it is set forth in writing, via a signed addendum or amendment from IDEA.

RESPONDENT RESPONSIBILITY

IDEA expects respondents to be thoroughly familiar with all requirements of this RFQ. Respondent's failure or omission to examine any relevant form, article, site, or document will not relieve respondent from any obligation regarding this RFQ. By submitting an SOQ, respondent is presumed to concur with all terms, conditions, and specifications of this RFQ. Any deviation or exception must be clearly identified and referenced to the proper paragraph in this RFQ on *Attachment H*. Objections considered by IDEA as excessive or affecting vital terms may reduce or eliminate respondent's prospects for award.

COMPLETENESS

SOQ will represent a true and correct statement and shall contain no cause for claim of omission or error. Request for withdrawal of an SOQ is allowed based on proof of mechanical error; however, respondent may be removed from approved list of RFQ participants.

FALSE/MISLEADING STATEMENTS

An SOQ which contains false or misleading statements, or which provides references which do not demonstrate the respondent's competence and qualifications to perform the solicited services, may be rejected. If, in the

opinion of IDEA, such information was intended to mislead IDEA in its evaluation of the SOQ and the attribute, condition, or capability is a requirement of the RFQ, IDEA may reject the SOQ and remove it from consideration.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS SIGNATURES

The SOQ must be signed by an individual with the delegated authority to obligate the respondent. The signature should include the full printed name of the signer and title or position that the individual holds in the firm.

SELECTION OF RESPONDENT(S)

IDEA may award this RFQ to multiple respondents, or to a single respondent, in its sole discretion, which IDEA determines is in the best interest of its students and the Organization on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services under this RFQ, based upon IDEA's evaluation of the SOQ. Thus, the result will be determined by the applicable criteria, as listed under Evaluation Criteria referenced in this RFQ. Once the SOQ is received the qualifications will be evaluated by IDEA and then interviews will be conducted (if required) with selected respondents.

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 IDEA by writing to the following address:

**IDEA Public Schools
Attn: Director of Procurement
2115 West Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596**

PART V – SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The SOQ must be submitted electronically using the [Tyler Munis Self-Service](#) website or [Public Purchase](#), *or* by sending a hard copy to:

**IDEA Public Schools
RFQ #22-TXAUDIT-0226 Professional Auditing Services in Texas
Attn: Purchasing Department
2115 West Pike Blvd
Weslaco, TX 78596**

If transmitted in hard copy, the SOQ must be in a sealed envelope marked on the outside of the envelope with the RFQ Number and Title (22-TXAUDIT-0226 Professional Auditing Services in Texas) and include:

1. One (1) clearly identified hard copy ORIGINAL of the SOQ response.
2. One (1) copy of the SOQ on FLASH DRIVE, marked with the Respondent's name.

Note: Submissions via fax or email will not be accepted.

NOTE: The respondents' SOQ itself shall be organized as identified in *Part IV – Statement of Qualification Requirements*.

PART VI – REQUIREMENTS

Statement Of Qualifications Opening

A formal "opening" will not be held. Trade secrets and confidential information contained in the SOQ shall not generally be open for public inspection, but IDEA's records are a matter of public record as discussed under L, Non-Confidentiality of Information of Part III.

Who Is Eligible to Respond

Respondents who meet the requirements set forth under 19 TAC §109.23(d) for the audit of IDEA and can meet the requirements for quality and other terms of this RFQ, and who are not debarred and/or suspended from conducting business with IDEA are invited to respond. A prospective respondent, by submitting an SOQ, represents to IDEA that it meets the following requirements:

- For the audit of IDEA, the CPA firm and independent auditor requirements under 19 TAC §109.23(d).
- Possesses or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under this RFQ.
- Is able to comply with the required scope of the RFQ.
- Has a satisfactory record of integrity to ethics.
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.
- Be in service standing with the applicable national or state associations.

PART VII – EVALUATION CRITERIA

IDEA will evaluate each respondent's SOQ based on the criteria listed in this solicitation. The evaluation committee may take the following actions: (1) rank vendors by total score, (2) conduct interviews to allow respondents to clarify or elaborate on their SOQ, provide additional information, or discuss potential scope adjustments prior to award, (3) request revised submissions for any or all portions of the SOQ, if necessary, and (4) recommend to IDEA's Board that it make the final award to the highest-scoring respondent who is determined to have best demonstrated the competence and qualifications necessary to perform the services under this RFQ. Respondents will be scored according to the evaluation criteria outlined below:

Max Points	Explanation of Criteria	Possible Points
40 Points	Experience & Qualifications of Personnel: Audit Team Primary Contact The firm must provide resumes for partners, audit manager(s), and field staff who will be assigned to IDEA's audit under SOQ.	+0 to 20 +0 to 20
20 Points	Ability to Meet Required Timeline: Firm specified that required timeline of 10/31/26, as specified within the RFQ, can be met.	+20 (if able to meet deadline of 10/31/26) +0 (if unable to meet deadline OR if not specified in statement of qualifications)
15 Points	References: Firm has provided a minimum of three (3) verifiable references utilizing <u>Attachment E – Reference Sheet</u> for projects similar in scope of work. References have provided positive feedback on the firm's capability of meeting previous project schedules and deadlines, professionalism, quality of work, and availability to begin work.	+0 to 5 for each positive reference with the maximum number of 5 points awarded for each reference that does not disclose any concerns or issues (max 15 points)
15 Points	Experience & Qualifications of Firm: <i>Experience with Texas public schools</i> <i>Experience with charter schools</i>	+0 to 5 +0 to 5

	<p><i>Experience with governmental or nonprofit entities</i></p> <p>Firm must have a minim of 5 years' experience auditing Texas public schools, preferably open-enrollment charter schools, governmental entities, or tax-exempt nonprofit organizations.</p> <p>For the firm's office that will be assigned responsibility for the audit, a minimum of five (5) Texas public school audit engagements performed in the last five (5) years are provided on <i>Attachment F – Recent and Ongoing Projects</i> to include but not limited to name, phone number, and email of the customer point of contact for each audit engagement as well as a brief description of scope of work performed.</p>	+0 to 5
10 Points	<p>Understanding of Task & Proposed Plan:</p> <p>Firm submitted a signed letter of transmittal briefly stating the respondent's understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work within the time period specified in this RFQ, a statement declaring why the firm believes itself to be best qualified to perform the engagement and a statement that the firm's submission for this RFQ is a firm and irrevocable offer.</p>	+0 to 10

Total Possible Points: 100

PART VIII – ATTACHMENTS

The attachments listed below are required and should be included with the SOQ, along with any other forms included in this RFQ. All forms requiring a signature must be signed as indicated.

1. **Attachment A** - Title Page
2. **Attachment B** – Vendor Acknowledgement
3. **Attachment C** – Certification Regarding Lobbying
4. **Attachment D** – Debarment or Suspension Certification
5. **Attachment E** – Reference Sheet
6. **Attachment F** – Recent and Ongoing Projects
7. **Attachment G** – Evidence of Insurance
8. **Attachment H** – Deviations and Exceptions
9. **Attachment I** – Vendor Questionnaire
10. **Attachment J** – Price Sheet
11. **Appendix C** – RFQ Completion Checklist

Attachment A – Title Page



A Statement of Qualifications

Submitted in Response to:

Request for Qualifications

#22-TXAUDIT-0226

**Professional Auditing Services in
Texas**

Published by IDEA Public Schools

Submitted By:

(Full Legal Name of Respondent)

Respondent dba (if applicable): _____

Employer Identification Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Additional Requirements:

The proposal must include the name of each person with at least twenty-five percent (25%) ownership of the business.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

On:

(Date of Proposal Submission)

Attachment B – Vendor Acknowledgement

The undersigned representative of the responding organization indicated below hereby acknowledges and affirms that;

1. I am authorized to enter into a contractual relationship on behalf of the responding organization indicated below.
2. I have carefully examined and accept the general terms and conditions located at [Procurement & Contract Services – IDEA Public Schools](#) in addition to the specifications and supplemental terms and conditions (if applicable) included in this solicitation.
3. Neither the responding organization nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties of interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, or agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, corporation, or other responding organization or potential responding organization or given any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached response.
4. No attempt has been or will be made by the responding organization's officers, employees, or agents to lobby, directly or indirectly, Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools, or any employee involved in this procurement activity.
5. If all or any part of this Statement of Qualifications is accepted, the responding organization shall provide all products/services at the prices quoted and in strict compliance with all terms and conditions associated with this solicitation.
6. The responding organization is in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local codes, laws and statutes.

Respondent's Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Project Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment C – 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 will be placed when this transaction is 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 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 member of the Board of Directors, 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.
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 member of the Board of Directors, 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.
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.

Respondent’s Legal Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment D – Debarment or Suspension Certificate

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

By submitting this certificate, respondent certifies that no suspension or debarment is in place, which would otherwise preclude respondent or its owner/members/principals or employees from receiving a federally funded contract under applicable federal regulations and federal OMB Circulars.

Respondent's Legal Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment E – Reference Sheet

Please list a **minimum of three (3) verifiable references** of clients/organizations (independent school districts, charter schools, governmental entities, or tax-exempt nonprofit corporations) that have used your services. The use of IDEA Public Schools or its affiliates as a reference is not permitted. Preferably the Respondent will list references for any projects completed in the past **five (5) years** that are similar to the scope of work in this Solicitation. If additional space is required, attach additional pages hereto. IDEA would prefer some of the references to be new customers in the last year. To demonstrate compliance with 19 TAC §109.23(d)(2)(C), Respondent should list Texas clients that are public school districts, preferably open-enrollment charter schools.

1. _____
Customer/Client School or Organization/Entity Name Dates of Contract

Street Address City State Zip

Contact Person Phone Number Email Address

Project Scope

2. _____
Customer/Client School or Organization/Entity Name Dates of Contract

Street Address City State Zip

Contact Person Phone Number Email Address

Project Scope

3. _____
Customer/Client School or Organization/Entity Name Dates of Contract

Street Address City State Zip

Contact Person Phone Number Email Address

Project Scope

Attachment F – Recent and Ongoing Projects

Respondent must identify a **minimum of five (5)** projects completed in the past **five (5) years** that are similar to the scope of work in this RFQ. If additional space is required, attach additional pages hereto.

1. _____
Company Name

Street Address City State Zip

Contact Person Phone Number Email Address

Project Start Date Project Completion Date

Brief Project Scope:

2. _____
Company Name

Street Address City State Zip

Contact Person Phone Number Email Address

Project Start Date Project Completion Date

Brief Project Scope:

3. _____
Company Name

Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Contact Person	Phone Number	Email Address
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Project Start Date	Project Completion Date
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Brief Project Scope:

4.

Company Name

Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Contact Person	Phone Number	Email Address
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Project Start Date	Project Completion Date
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Brief Project Scope:

5.

Company Name

Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Contact Person	Phone Number	Email Address
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Project Start Date

Project Completion Date

Brief Project Scope:

6.

Company Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Contact Person

Phone Number

Email Address

Project Start Date

Project Completion Date

Brief Project Scope:

Attachment G – Evidence of Insurance

Evidence of insurance with the minimum coverage specified below is required upon proposal submission.

MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGE & LIMITS FOR VENDORS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS			
Type of Contractor	Required Coverage	Required Coverage Limits	Other
Speakers, Presenters, Judges, DJ, Decoration and Photobooth Vendors (This is not an all-inclusive list)	NA	NA	Hold Harmless Agreement
Charter Bus Services	Commercial General Liability	Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000 General Aggregate: \$2,000,000 Medical Expenses: \$5,000	Additional Insured and Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement
	Automobile Liability	Combined Single Limit or Umbrella Liability (excess) \$5,000,000 Uninsured Motorist: \$100,000 Medical Payments or Personal Injury Protection: \$5,000	Additional Insured and Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement
Maintenance/Repair (painting, plumbing, HVAC, roofing, landscape, etc.) Service Providers (copier/fax service, computers, security, equipment vendors, etc.)	Commercial General Liability	Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000 General Aggregate: \$2,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury: \$500,000	Additional Insured Endorsement
	Automobile Liability Including: <input type="checkbox"/> Owned Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Owned Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Hired Vehicles (Required for vehicles driven on school property)	Combined Single Limit: \$1,000,000	
	Workers' Compensation* Employers' Liability	Limit: State- Statutory Each Occurrence: \$500,000	Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement

Vendor General Insurance Requirements	Commercial General Liability	Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000 General Aggregate: \$2,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury: \$500,000	Additional Insured Endorsement
	Automobile Liability Including: <input type="checkbox"/> Owned Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Owned Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Hired Vehicles (Required for vehicles driven on school property)	Combined Single Limit: \$1,000,000	
	Workers' Compensation* Employers' Liability	Limit: State- Statutory Each Occurrence: \$500,000	Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement

For the contractor categories below, the following coverages may apply in addition to the general insurance requirements listed above:

Welders, plumbers (work with open flames)	Fire Damage	Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000	Additional Insured Endorsement
Hazardous Materials, Waste Haulers, Pest Control, etc.	Pollution Liability (May require project-specific coverage)	Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000	Additional Insured Endorsement
Professional Services (accountants, architects, attorneys, education consultants, etc.)	Professional Liability	General Aggregate: \$2,000,000 Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000 Abuse of Molestation (If applicable) \$1,000,000	Additional Insured Endorsement
Nurses, therapists, medical providers	Professional Liability or Medical Malpractice (as applicable)	General Aggregate: \$3,000,000 Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000 Abuse of Molestation: \$1,000,000 (If applicable)	Additional Insured Endorsement
Payroll company, Data managers	Cyber Liability	Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000	Additional Insured Endorsement

The Additional Insured Endorsement language must name as follows: IDEA Public Schools, 2115 W. Pike Blvd, Weslaco, TX 78596.
Please [click here](#) to see a COI Example.

Attachment H – Deviations and Exceptions

If the undersigned respondent intends to deviate from or request an exception to the specifications listed in this RFQ, all such deviations and exceptions must be listed on this page (and attachments as necessary), with complete and detailed conditions and information included or attached. IDEA Public Schools (IDEA) will consider any deviation or exception in its RFQ award decisions and reserves the right to accept or reject any Statement of Qualifications based upon any deviations or exceptions indicated below or in any attachments or inclusions. ***Please note that deviations and exceptions are strongly discouraged and may be grounds for the rejection of respondent's Statement of Qualifications at IDEA's sole discretion.***

In the absence of any deviation or exception disclosed on this form, the respondent assures IDEA of its full compliance with the terms and conditions, specifications, and all other requirements contained in this RFQ. ☐ The Respondent, named below, hereby declares and represents that it will fully comply with the terms, conditions, specifications, and other requirements set forth in this RFQ without deviation and exception.

☐ The respondent, named below, hereby declares and represents that it will fully comply with the terms, conditions, specifications, and other requirements set forth in this RFQ without deviation and exception.

☐ The respondent, named below, hereby declares and represents that it will fully comply with the terms, conditions, specifications, and other requirements set forth in this RFQ except as follows:

(For additional deviations and exceptions, refer to additional pages attached herewith.)

Respondent's Legal Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Attachment I – Vendor Questionnaire

All questions must be answered with the submission of qualifications. Except as otherwise requested, provide clear, concise responses to the following items. Attach supporting documentation where applicable.

Audit of IDEA Public Schools

1. Describe, in sufficient detail to demonstrate your firm's competence and qualifications to perform the services solicited under the RFQ, the types of auditing and tax preparation services your firm has provided to open-enrollment charter schools in the **State of Texas**. If your firm has not conducted any audits of open-enrollment charter schools, describe the types of auditing services your firm has provided to Texas public school districts, governmental entities, and non-profit organizations in the **State of Texas**.

(Provide response on firm letterhead.)

2. Describe, in sufficient detail to demonstrate your firm's competence and qualifications to perform the services solicited under the RFQ, the firm's experience providing auditing services related to Texas public school district and open-enrollment charter school in accordance with the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide, nonprofit accounting, including the consolidation of financial statements, as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and generally accepted government auditing standards pursuant to the *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements under the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, Part 200, Subpart F.

(Provide response on firm letterhead.)

3. Identify the number of audits the firm completed under the experience described under bullet 2 above. Please explain the extent of those audits.

(Provide response on firm letterhead.)

4. Is the firm able to meet the timeline of 10/31/26 as specified in the RFQ? If not, please explain.

(Provide response on firm letterhead.)

Review of IPS Florida, LLC and IPS Cincinnati, LLC Financial Statements

5. Describe the firm's experience providing review services for limited liability companies, particularly charter management organizations. Note if the firm will other staff available to provide the review services that will not be engaged in the audit of IDEA.

(Provide response on firm letterhead.)

6. Identify the number of reviews the firm completed. Note if the firm completed the reviews in accordance by or before the agreed upon due date.

(Provide response on firm letterhead.)

Attachment J – Price Sheet

Attachment J – Price Sheet may be downloaded on IDEA’s website at <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/> under “Open Solicitations”. Directions on how to complete the price sheet can be found under “Directions” within the file.

Attachment J - Price Sheet

RFQ #22-TXAUDIT-0226

Professional Auditing Services in Texas



Directions:

Respondent is required to complete all cells in yellow. The sheet will automatically calculate total cost per contract year and provide a grand total.

Respondent is required to sign and date Attachment J - Price Sheet.

Item	Contract Year	Audit Year	Texas Financial Audit and Statements	Texas Tax Return (Form 990)	Florida Review Engagement (to be reviewed by Texas auditor)	Ohio Review Engagement (to be reviewed by Texas auditor)	IPSE Financial Audit and Statements	IPSE Tax Return (Form 990)	Total Cost
1	2026-2027	2025-2026							\$ -
2	2027-2028	2026-2027							\$ -
3	2028-2029	2027-2028							\$ -
4	2029-2030	2028-2029							\$ -
5	2030-2031	2029-2030							\$ -
Grand Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Information

* Cost should include Major Programs *

*Cost should factor in the four (4) reports referenced in Part III - Background & Scope of Services of the RFQ.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL	
By Signing this Bid Sheet you agree to and acknowledge the Scope of Work and Terms and Conditions stated in the provided Solicitation Document.	
Payment for services rendered will be made as specified.	
AUTHORIZED CLIENT SIGNATURE	DATE OF ACCEPTANCE (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part IX: APPENDICES

The appendices included in this section contain information relevant to this RFQ and to the preparation of a responsive Statement of Qualifications.

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Appendix A: Audit Report

IDEA's Audit Report has been provided for informational purposes only. The Audit Report may be downloaded on IDEA's website at <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/> under "Open Solicitations".

Appendix B: Compliance Report

IDEA's Compliance Report has been provided for informational purposes only. The Compliance Report may be downloaded on IDEA's website at <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/> under "Open Solicitations".

Appendix C – RFQ Completion Checklist

The documents below are **required** for the SOQ submission to be considered complete. Failure to submit the required documents may result in the SOQ being deemed nonresponsive.

- ☐ Cover Letter
- ☐ Table of Contents
- ☐ Respondent(s)/Firm Overview
- ☐ Approach to Services and Methodology/Specific Audit Approach as it relates to the scope of work and deliverables
- ☐ Transmittal Letter
- ☐ Affirmative Statement
- ☐ Most recent peer review report including related letters of comments and firm's response to letter of comments
- ☐ Results on any federal/state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits for the past three (3) years
- ☐ Information on circumstances & status of any disciplinary action taken/pending against firm for the past three (3) years
- ☐ Proof of AICPA Governmental Audit Quality Center Membership
- ☐ Resumes for partners, audit manager(s), and field staff who will be assigned to IDEA's audit
- ☐ Attachment A – Title Page
- ☐ Attachment B – Vendor Acknowledgement
- ☐ Attachment C – Certification Regarding Lobbying
- ☐ Attachment D – Debarment or Suspension Certification
- ☐ Attachment E – Reference Sheet (minimum of 3 verifiable references)
- ☐ Attachment F – Recent and Ongoing Projects
- ☐ Attachment G – Evidence of Insurance
- ☐ Attachment H – Deviations and Exceptions
- ☐ Attachment I – Vendor Questionnaire
- ☐ Attachment J – Price Sheet
- ☐ Appendix C – RFQ Completion Checklist
- ☐ **By selecting this checkbox, respondent acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions outlined in this solicitation document.**

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

END OF IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS RFQ