

Request For Qualifications Addendum

Addendum #1: 6- SPED0723 Instructional & Related Services : Vendor Questions

Date: 6/20/23

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To: All Prospective Vendors

1. **Question:** Our company was awarded last year via #RFP-SPED2022 Instructional & Related Services. Do we need to respond to the new RFQ?

Answer: Renewals for awarded vendors through #RFP-SPED-2022 Instructional & Related Services are in the process of going to June Board. Current vendors under this RFQ do not need to respond to 6-SPED0723.

2. **Question:** I am currently seeking a position as an AI teacher or teacher of the Deaf in the Rio Grande Valley. I came across a request for qualifications (RFQ) #6 SPED - 0723 special education instructional and related services web page on the internet. If there are any opportunities in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing area, please let me know.

Answer: Please reference the Scope of Work within the RFQ. This solicitation is open to Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and Ohio. The RFQ may be found on IDEA's website:



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<https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/>

4. **Question:** My company is a publisher of psychological assessments used by your Educational Services teams consisting of rating scales for social, emotional, and academic behaviors. Would it be appropriate to respond to this bid?

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5. **Question:** We would be interested in responding for all four states and I wanted to know if we would be able to submit a response for all states in one proposal or if we need to respond to each state individually.

Answer: We would require one submission per state as the services required for each state differ. All RFQs for Texas, Ohio, Louisiana, and Florida can be found on IDEA's website: <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/>. Please ensure your company submits the correct RFQ for each state.

6. **Question:** To confirm, we can submit our bid via Public Purchase? If we submit electronically, we DO NOT need to send in a hard copy?

Answer: A hard copy is not required if submitting on Public Purchase.

7. **Question:** The RFQ documents for each region state that we can submit via Public Purchase. To confirm, if we submit electronically, do we still need to send in a hard paper copy?




12. **Question:** How many RBTs and BCBA's are you looking for in each location?

Answer: Varies by state/region/identified needs.

13. **Question:** Who are your current vendors and what are their rates?

Answer: Please refer to the answer provided for Question 10 of this addendum.

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Answer: Evaluation criteria and max points for each criterion can be found within the Evaluation Criteria section of the RFQ

18. **Question:** When is the estimated contract award date, and how will the district communicate award status to vendors?

Answer: Please refer to the RFQ timeline within the RFQ. Selected vendors will tentatively be presented to IDEA's Board of Directors in July. All communication will be sent via email.


19. **Question:** How many vendors does the district expect to award a contract to for the services requested in this solicitation?

Answer: Varies by state/region/identified needs.

20. **Question:** What is the expected amount of fulltime, vendor supplied SPED Teachers, School Psychologists, Social Workers, SLP's, OT's, PT's, RN's, LPN's and SLI's needed during the 2023-24 SY?

Answer: Varies by region, depending on need identified at the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year.

21. **Question:** Can the district please describe the supplies and materials that contracted providers will have access to at the district? (WiFi, computer access, testing material, office supplies, etc.)?



27. **Question:** Can the district please clarify who will provide oversight/supervision of contracted clinical/therapy personnel?

Answer: Supervision will not be provided by district personnel. For example, a contract Speech Therapy Assistant will need to provide their own supervision from the vendor.

28. **Question:** Are any of the nursing services in a 1:1 capacity?

Answer: All services along with their requirements/specifications can be found in the Scope of Work section of the RFQ.

29. **Question:** Can the district confirm that updated medical orders will be provided for all students requiring clinical support?


Answer: Yes, district process will be followed.

30. **Question:** Is nursing support on transportation required for any students requiring 1:1 clinical care? If yes, can the district please confirm that transportation protocol and safety procedures will be provided to vendor?

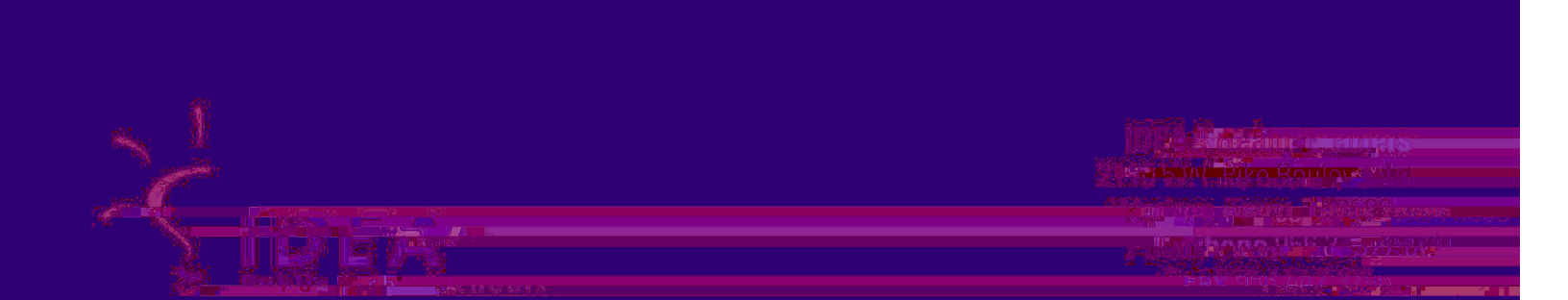
Answer: If applicable, this training will be provided to the vendor.

31. **Question:** Is the district willing to accept mutual indemnification?

Answer: Mutual indemnification may be proposed. If awarded, the proposed mutual



32. **Question:** Will any deviations or changes to the terms be accepted?



Answer: We are not able to disclose vendor details/pricing. In the event you would like to request open records, we encourage you to visit our website at <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/> and reference the Open Records Request section for further details.

38. **Question:** Will the district accept a rate range or a flat rate (i.e. - \$75/hr. versus \$75/hr.)?

Answer: Rate range is acceptable. If awarded, a caseload will be shared with vendor, vendor will then need to provide a quote of potential services with the identified rate (rate within that range and rationale of selected rate)


39. **Question:** Do you require resumes and license verifications of potential contracted candidates to be included in our submission? If so, can we provide sample resumes with personal information redacted?

Answer: Yes, resumes and certifications must be submitted with each statement of qualification. Samples are not available at this time. Please refer to the Scope of Work section within the RFQ to reference the requirements of each discipline.

40. **Question:** How will the vendors be notified of an award?

Answer: All communication will be sent via email. Please ensure you provide your email address with your submission.

41. **Question:** Do you anticipate awarding one or multiple vendors?



Answer: Please refer to the Scope of Work section within the RFQ. Qualified Respondent will be placed on a list of qualified vendors available for campus/departmental use.”

42. **Question:** Is the vendor expected to have a clinic or local office?

Answer: No.

43. **Question:** Will assigned candidates have access to materials, supplies, equipment, evaluation kits, and protocols provided by your schools?

Answer: Awarded vendors should have their own materials, supplies, equipment, equipment, evaluation kits, and protocols

44. **Question:** Will assigned candidates have access to computers/laptops and printers?

Answer: No, the district will not provide computers/laptops and printers.


45. **Question:** Will the district reimburse for mileage traveled between school campuses on the same day?

Answer: No.

46. **Question:** Are clinicians required to directly bill Medicaid for reimbursement?

Answer: Yes, via district's platform, Frontline.

47. **Question:** Is the district open to utilizing Clinical Fellows? If so, are we required to provide supervision?



Answer: Clinical Fellows are acceptable, but supervision will need to be provided by the awarded vendor.

48. **Question:** Will the district accept and consider submissions from staffing agencies?

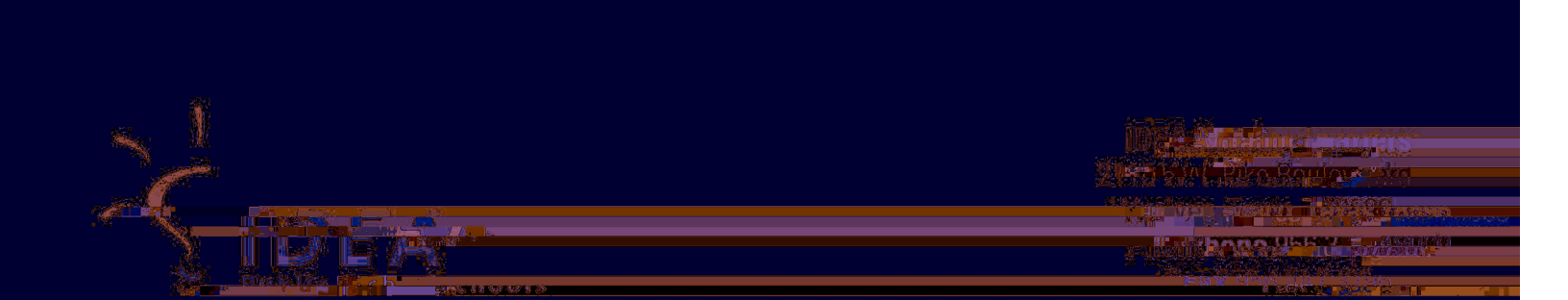
Answer: Yes.

49. **Question:** Is the district open to using teletherapy?

Answer: Teletherapy may be provided only as backup for urgently needed services that cannot be provided by an inperson provider.

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Answer:



Answer: Employee Perspective preferred.

63. **Question:** The last day to submit the bids for speech therapy would be 6/27/2023? If so, all the information needed to be submitted is on the Website under the open solicitations for SPED, is that correct, or would I need to go into the officer for additional information?

Answer: Please refer to the RFQ Timeline within the RFQ document. For clarification on how to submit a bid and the requirements for submission, please refer to Part II- Statement of Qualifications Response within the RFQ document.

64. **Question:** We were having trouble finding the RFQ/Bid on the public purchasing site. I wasn't sure if we were maybe typing in the wrong thing, but wanted to check and see if there were any tips/direction on the best route to find it.

Answer: Here is the link to Public Purchase:

<https://www.publicpurchase.com/gems/browse/home>. If you are not registered, you must register to respond to bid opportunities on Public Purchase.

End of Addendum