



EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
411 North 8<sup>th</sup>/DRAWER 990  
EDINBURG, TEXAS 78541  
PH: (956) 289-2311  
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## Request for STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

NO: 21-44

TITLE: SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY(S)  
INSURANCE CLAIM RELATED LEGAL  
SERVICES

This Proposal includes the following forms:

- Intent to Bid
- Vendor Check List
- Standard Terms & Conditions
- Felony Conviction Notification
- Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
- Certification of Interested Parties Example
- Deviation Form
- Authorization for W-9/Direct Deposit
- Special Terms & Conditions
- ATTACHMENT: Proposal Forms

**CLOSING TIME/DATE:**


Closing Time: 3:30 P.M.  
Closing Date: February 8, 2021

**BUYER:**

**Claudia Longoria, Senior Buyer**  
Phone: 956-289-2311, Ext. 2135  
Fax: 956-383-7687  
Email: [d.longoria@ecisd.us](mailto:d.longoria@ecisd.us)

**DELIVER BIDS TO:**

Edinburg CISD  
Office of the Purchasing Director  
411 North 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Edinburg, TX 78541

  
Purchasing Director

Date

DATE WEBBED: January 22, 2021

\*Do not deliver Bids/CSPs/RFPs/RFQs to other ECISD locations. All Bids/CSPs/RFPs/RFQs must be delivered to the delivery address above on or before the Bids/CSPs/RFP/RFQs closing time/date. Purchasing will not be responsible for late submittals as per Board Policy CH (LOCAL).

## Vendor Certification

The undersigned, by his/her signature, represents the he/she is authorized to bind the bidder to fully comply with the terms and conditions on this bid, including all forms and attachments included herein, for the amount(s) shown on the accompanying bid form(s), if accepted within sixty (60) calendar days after bid opening. **Note: Bidder is strongly encouraged to read the entire Solicitation prior to submitting. Failure to provide the above information in its entirety may be grounds for disqualification of response.**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 1-800-\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Or: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print or type name above)

I can deliver in \_\_\_\_\_ days. Early Payment Discount \_\_\_\_\_ % if Paid in \_\_\_\_\_ Days, Net 30

## INTENT TO BID

Fax, this **page only**, if solicitation was not faxed or e-mailed directly to your company. All other solicitation documents must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and mailed to the Purchasing Department.

This page is required if solicitation was downloaded without receiving an invitation by the District. Please complete and fax to 956-383-7687 immediately in order to be added to the vendor list and receive addendums or updates regarding this solicitation. It is the intent of the Purchasing Department to ensure that all interested vendors receive addendums or updates, but it will be the vendor's responsibility to check the Purchasing site periodically. If there are addendums posted on the site and your company has not been notified by fax or e-mail, it will be the vendor's responsibility to download from Purchasing site and make sure to include with their packet.

The Edinburg CISD Purchasing solicitations and addendums are available on line at [www.ecisd.us](http://www.ecisd.us).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS 2: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WEB SITE: \_\_\_\_\_

## VENDOR CHECK LIST

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|---|---------|--------|
| 1. Signed Standard Terms & Conditions                             | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| 2. Signed Felony Conviction Notification                          | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| 3. Signed Conflict of Interest Questionnaire                      | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| 4. Signed Deviation Form  | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| 5. Read and understood Special Terms & Conditions                 | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| 6. Filled out Bid Form  | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| 7. Completed & submitted W9/Authorization for Direct Deposit Form | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| 8. Signed Certification of Interested Parties (Form 1295)         | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| 9. Completed & signed Vendor Check List                           | ___ Yes | ___ No |

I have read all the specifications and general bid requirements and do hereby certify that all items submitted meet all specifications, conditions, and instructions of said solicitation, and will follow District policy DBD (Local). The signature below confirms that our company will enter into a binding contract with Edinburg CISD for item(s) awarded to our company.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print/Type Signature Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Title



**STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS**

(REVISED SEPTEMBER 2018)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY, AND RETURN THE SIGNATURE PAGE WITH YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL.

The following terms and conditions are requirements that are binding upon the vendor awarded the bid and they communicate the Edinburg School District's expectations in regard to the bidder's performance in connection with the district's purchase.

1. **Seller of Package Goods:** Seller will package goods in accordance with good commercial practice. Each shipping container shall be clearly and permanently packed as follows:
  - a. Seller's name and address:
  - b. Consignee's name, address and purchase order or purchase release number and the supply agreement number if applicable;
  - c. Container number and total number of containers, e.g. box 1 of 4 boxes; and the number of the container bearing the packing slip.
  - d. Seller shall bear cost of packaging unless otherwise provided.
  - e. Goods shall be suitably packed to secure lowest transportation costs and to conform to requirements of common carriers and any applicable specifications.
  - f. Buyer's count or weight shall be final and conclusive on shipments not accompanied by packing lists.
2. **Shipment under Reservation Prohibited:** Seller is not authorized to ship the goods under reservation and no tender of a bill of lading will operate as a tender of goods.
3. **Title and Risk of Loss:** The title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to Buyer until Buyer actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery.
4. **Delivery Terms and Transportation Charges:** F.O.B. Destination Freight Prepaid unless terms are specified otherwise in bid:
5. **No Placement of Defective Tender:** Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of this contract as to time of delivery, quality and the like. If a tender is made which does not fully conform, this shall constitute a breach and Seller shall not have the right to substitute a conforming tender provided, where the time for performance has not yet expired, the Seller may reasonably notify Buyer of his intention to cure and may then make a conforming tender within the contract time but not afterward.
6. **Place of Delivery:** The place of delivery shall be that set forth on the purchase order. Any change thereto shall be effected by modification as provided for in Clause 20, "Modifications," hereof. The terms of this agreement are "no arrival, no sale."
7. **Invoices:** Seller shall submit separate invoices, in duplicate, on each purchase order after each delivery. Invoices shall indicate the purchase order number, shall be itemized and transportation charges, if any, shall be listed separately. A copy of the bill of lading, and the freight weight bill when applicable, should be attached to the invoice. Mail to:
 

**Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District**  
**Attn.: Accounts Payable Department**  
**Drawer 990**  
**Edinburg, Texas 78540-0990**
8. **Payments:** The payment shall not be due until the above instruments are submitted after delivery. Suppliers should keep the Accounts Payable Department advised of any changes in your remittance addresses.
9. **Taxes:** Do not include Federal Excise, State or City Sales Tax. School District shall furnish tax exemption certificate, if required.
10. **Gratuities:** The Buyer may, by written notice to the Seller, cancel this contract without liability to Seller if it is determined by Buyer that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Seller, or any agent, or representative of the Seller, to any officer or employee of the School District with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or the making or any determinations with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this contract is canceled by Buyer pursuant to this provision, Buyer shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Seller in providing such gratuities.
11. **Special Tools and Test Equipment:** If the price stated on the face hereof includes the cost of any special tooling or special test equipment fabricated or required by Seller for the purpose of filling this order, such special tooling equipment and any process sheets related thereto shall become the property of the Buyer and to the extent feasible shall be identified by the Seller as such.
12. **Warranty Price:** The price to be paid by the Buyer shall be that contained in Seller's bid which Seller warrants to be no higher than Seller's current prices on orders by others for products of the kind and specification covered by this agreement for similar quantities under similar or like conditions and methods of purchase. In the event Seller breaches this warranty, the prices of the items shall be reduced to the Seller's current prices on orders by others, or in the alternative, Buyer may cancel this contract without liability to Seller for breach or Seller's actual expense. The Seller warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Seller for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Buyer shall have the right in addition to any other right or rights to cancel this contract without liability and to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.



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13. **Warranty Products:** Seller warrants that the goods furnished will conform to the specifications, drawings and descriptions listed in the bid invitation and to the sample(s) furnished by Seller, if any. In the event of a conflict between the specifications, drawings and descriptions, the specifications shall govern. Seller shall not limit or exclude any implied warranties and any attempt to do so shall render this contract voidable at the option of the Buyer.
14. **Safety Warranty:** Seller warrants that the product sold to Buyer shall conform to the standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970. In the event the product does not conform to OSHA standards, Buyer may return the product for correction or replacement at the Seller's expense. In the event Seller fails to make the appropriate correction within 15 working days, correction made by Buyer will be at Seller's expense.
15. **No Warranty by Buyer against Infringements:** As part of this contract for sale, Seller agrees to ascertain whether goods manufactured in accordance with the specifications attached to this agreement will give rise to the rightful claim of any third person by way of infringement or the like. Buyer makes no warranty that the production of goods according to the specification will not give rise to such a claim, and in no event shall Buyer be liable to Seller for indemnification in the event that Seller is sued on the grounds of infringement or the like. If Seller is of the opinion that an infringement or the like will result, the Seller will notify Buyer to this effect in writing within two weeks after the signing of this agreement. If Buyer does not receive notice and is subsequently held liable for the infringement or the like, Seller will hold Buyer harmless. If Seller in good faith ascertains that production of the goods in accordance with the specifications will result in infringement or the like, this contract shall be null and void except that Buyer will pay Seller the reasonable cost of his search as to infringements.
16. **Right of Inspection:** Buyer shall have the right to inspect the goods at delivery before accepting them.
17. **Cancellation:** Buyer shall have the right to cancel for default all or any part of the undelivered portion of this order if Seller breaches any of the terms hereof including warranties of Seller or if the Seller becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of cancellation is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies, which Buyer may have in law or equity.
18. **Termination:** The performance of work under this order may be terminated in whole or in part by the Buyer in accordance with this provision. Termination of work there under shall be effected by the delivery to the Seller of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance of work under the order is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of rights of Buyer set forth in Clause 15, herein.
19. **Force Majeure:** If by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term Force Majeure as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemy, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; land sinkage; lighting; earthquake; fires; hurricanes; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; arrests; restraint of government and people; civil disturbances; explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty.
20. **Assignment Delegation:** No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Seller without the written permission of the Buyer. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Seller shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph.
21. **Waiver:** No claim or right arising out of a breach of this contract can be discharged in whole or in part by 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.
22. **Modifications:** This contract can be modified or rescinded only by a writing signed by both parties to the contract or their duly authorized agents.
23. **Interpretation Parole Evidence:** This writing is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and is intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in this agreement. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this agreement shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of this agreement 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 this agreement, the definition contained in the Code is to control.
24. **Applicable Law:** This agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. 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 effective and in force on the date of this agreement.
25. **Advertising:** Seller shall not advertise or publish, without Buyer's prior consent, the fact that Buyer has entered into this contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper requests for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state or local government.



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26. **Right to Assurance:** Whenever one party to this contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform he/she may demand that the other party give written assurance of his/hers business intent to perform. In the event that a demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the contract.
27. **Venue:** Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Hidalgo County, Texas.
28. **Prohibition Against Personal Interest in Contracts:** Any board member which has any substantial interest, either direct or indirect, in any business entity seeking to contract with the district, shall, before any vote or decision on any matter involving the business entity, file an affidavit stating the nature and extent of interest and shall abstain from any participation in the matter. This is not required if the vote or decision will not have any special effect on the entity other than its effect on the public. However, if a majority of the governing body are also required to file, and do file similar affidavits, then the member is not required to abstain from further participation. Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code. Chapter 171.
29. **Penalties for Non-Performance:** If, at any time, the contractor fails to fulfill or abide by the terms, conditions, or specifications of the contract, the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District reserves the right to:
- Purchase on the open market and charge the contractor the difference between contract and actual purchase price, or
  - Deduct such charges from existing invoice totals due at the time, or
  - Cancel the contract within thirty (30) days written notification of intent
30. **Right to Investigate:**
- Capacity
  - Financial Information
  - Business Records (Federally Funded Contracts)
31. **Bidder Qualification:** Bidders not on the District's bid list, may be required to prove their qualifications concerning the following criteria:
- Financial capabilities
  - Bonding status
  - Contractual history (references)
  - Ability to fulfill and abide by the terms and specifications
  - Quality and stability of product and sources
32. **District Bid Forms:** Bid proposal not submitted on District's bid forms will be rejected. Faxed or e-mail submittals will not be accepted. These forms of submittals will be destroyed or deleted and the vendor will be notified immediately.
33. **Addendums:** In the event that it becomes necessary to clarify or revise this solicitation, such clarification or revision will be by an addendum. Any addendum will be posted on the District's Purchasing Website. It will be the vendor's responsibility to check the site for any and all addendums. Any addendums to this solicitation shall become part of this solicitation. It is also at the Districts discretion to fax or email addendums as deemed necessary.
34. **Delinquent School Taxes:** The Edinburg CISD shall not do business with any individual or company that is delinquent in the payment of their school taxes. In accordance with law, the District shall not enter into a contract or other transaction with a person indebted to the District, nor shall the District award a contract to or enter into a transaction with an apparent low Contractor or successful proposer indebted to the District.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not a delinquent taxpayer to the Edinburg CISD.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a delinquent taxpayer to Edinburg ISD (your bid may be disqualified if your debt is not cleared prior to award.)
35. **"OR EQUAL" Products:** Whenever an article or material is defined by describing a proprietary product or by using the name of a manufacturer, the term "or equal", if not inserted, shall be implied. The specified article or material shall be understood as indicating the type, function, minimum standard of design, efficiency, and quality desired and shall not be construed as to exclude other manufactured products of comparable quality, design and efficiency. The District reserves the right to waive any or all technicalities, and shall be the sole judge in determining equality, technicalities and formalities. Bidders offering substitute items must indicate manufacturer's name and model number.
36. **Deviation(s)** – Any deviation(s) to the specification(s) shall be listed on a separate sheet(s) of paper and attached to the bid response form identifying the section number, component(s) with deviation(s) and a clearly defined explanation for the deviation(s). It is the bidder's responsibility to submit a bid that meets all mandatory specifications stated within. Because of the variations in manufacturer's construction, the bidder must compare their product bid with the required listed minimum specifications and identify any deviations. Failure to properly identify deviations may render the bidder's proposal non-responsive and not capable of consideration for award. Bidders should note that a descriptive brochure of the model bid may not be sufficient or acceptable as proper identification of deviations from the written specifications.
37. **Right to award:** The District reserves the right to award the bid in its entirety, partially, or reject it. The District reserves the right to buy any and/or all supplies from any vendor.
38. **Right to increase or decrease quantities:** The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of articles called for in any item of the specifications or to eliminate items entirely. Bidder's proposal will be adjusted in accordance with the unit price quoted therein.
39. **Renewal Option for Term Contracts:** There will be a renewal option to extend this term contracts, if applicable, for an additional one (1) year period if all parties agree to the renewal in writing and all bid prices, discounts, terms and conditions remain the same. In no instance shall this extension be considered automatic.



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40. **Warranty & Guarantees:** Except as otherwise specified, the bidder warrants and guarantees all work against defects in materials, equipment or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of final acceptance. Upon receipt of written notice from the District of the discovery of any defects, the bidder shall remedy the defects and replace any property damaged there from occurring within the warranty and guarantee period.
41. **Evaluation Factors:** The bid award shall be based on the following evaluation factors:
- the purchase price;
  - the reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services;
  - the quality of the vendor's goods or services;
  - the extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs;
  - the vendor's past relationship with the district;
  - the total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services
42. **Non-Collusive Bidding Certification:** By submission of this bid or proposal, the bidder certifies that:
- This bid or proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other bidder or with any competitor;
  - This bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of bids, or proposals for this project, to any other bidder, competitor or potential competitor;
  - No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal;
  - The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that he has fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification, and under the penalties being applicable to the bidder as well as to the person signing in its behalf.
43. **EEOC Non-Discrimination Statement:** It is the policy of Edinburg CISD not to discriminate on the basis of sex, age, handicap, religion, race, color, or national origin in its educational programs.
44. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** Pursuant to Chapter 176, Texas Local Government Code, vendors doing or seeking to do business with Edinburg CISD must submit a Conflict of Interest disclosure form if they have a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a) with a local government entity and meet the disclosure requirements of Section 176.006(a). A person commits an offense (Class C misdemeanor) if they knowingly violate Section 176.006, Local Government Code.
45. **Certificate of Interested Parties:** All Bids, CSPs, RFPs, RFQs prior to award or award of Contract by the School Board will require that the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Form 1295 Electronic (on line) Vendor filing procedure be completed by Vendor. All Vendors being recommended to the Board of Trustees for award or renewal of award on Agenda must register and obtain a TEC Certification for the specific award. This certification Form 1295 must be electronically submitted, printed and notarized. Notarized form must be submitted as a required form for this solicitation. There is no charge for this TEC online process.
- Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Form 1295 must be completed (by firm – on line “New Form 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties Electronic Filing Application” site at: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)). The TEC website includes Question/Answers and Video instructions.
46. **Declaration of Business Location – Texas Education Code 44.031 (b)(8).** By signing below, Contractor certified the Contractor's or the Contractor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:
- \_\_\_\_ A. Has its principal place of business in the State of Texas; OR \_\_\_\_ B. Employs at least 500 persons in the State of Texas
- \_\_\_\_ C. Principal Place of business is not in the State of Texas: \_\_\_\_\_ (City,State)
47. **Owner(s) Name of Business:** By signing below, Contractor certified the owner(s) name of the business submitting bid is/are: (Please print name(s) below. If not applicable, please indicate N/A.)
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48. **Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) - Texas Education Code 44.031(b)(6) or Small and Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firm:** Contractor certified the Bidder's company is HUB certified with the State of Texas.
- \_\_\_\_ I am an Active certified HUB vendor. HUB expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Small and Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms
- \_\_\_\_ I am neither.
49. **Criminal History Record Information Review of Certain Contract Employees:** By signing below, the Contractor 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 Contractor, if awarded a contract, shall obtain criminal history record information through the



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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 contractor agrees to certify of the receipt of criminal history record information before or immediately after employing or securing the services of the employee or applicant that has or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services if the employee or applicant has or will have direct contact with students. The Contractor 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 the subcontractors has or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and has or will have direct contact with students. I further certify that my company has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that my employees and any subcontractor will not have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and will not have direct contact with students throughout the term of the Contract.

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ Some or all of my employees and/or my subcontractors will have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and will have direct contact with students. I further certify that:

1. I have obtained all required criminal history record information regarding all of my employees and/or my subcontractors. None of my employees and/or my subcontractors has any conviction or other criminal history information if a 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 Procedures; or (c) an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state. IF AVAILABLE, ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR FAST PASS RECEIPT.
2. If you received 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.

50. **Contract Provisions for contracts under Federal Awards:** By submission of this bid, Contractor agrees to comply with the following provisions.

- 50.1 Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulation Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C.1908, 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.
- 50.2 All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.
- 50.3 Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 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 Part, 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 part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."
- 50.4 Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$12,000 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 Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Finance 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 non-Federal entity 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 entity 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 (20 CFR Part 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 sub-recipient must be prohibited from including, 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 entity must repair all suspected or reported violation to the Federal awarding agency.
- 50.5 Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded 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 Part 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



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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.

- 50.6 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 sub recipient 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 sub recipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 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.
- 50.7 Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and sub grants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the award 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).
- 50.8 Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions 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." SAM Exclusions 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.
- 50.9 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 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 up to the award.
- 50.10 A an entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its 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 part 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 during 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.
51. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689): By signing below Contractor certified that neither it nor its principals are currently listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM as debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Contractor further agrees to immediately notify the District if he/she is later listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, or is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
52. Vendor must comply with H.B. No. 89 Chapter 2270. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel.

**I, the undersigned authorize agent for the company named below, certify that the information concerning Section 1-52 listed above 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 Sections 1-52 listed above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print/Type Signature Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FELONY CONVICTION NOTIFICATION**

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State of Texas Legislative Senate Bill No. 1, 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 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

I, the undersigned agent for the firm named below, certify that the information concerning notification of felony convictions has been reviewed by me and the following information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Company Official's Name (Printed)

A. My firm is a publicly-held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Official

B. My firm is not owned nor operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Official

C. My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Names of Felon(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Details of Conviction(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Official



**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE****FORM CIQ****For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity**This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by the H.B. 1491 80<sup>th</sup> Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person 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 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

1 Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

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Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006 (a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3

Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attached additional pages to this form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

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Yes

☐

No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income,

☐

Yes

☐

No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

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Yes

☐

No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section

4

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CERTIFICATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295****Definitions and Instructions for Completing Form 1295**

Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District is required to comply with House Bill 1295, which amended the Texas Government Code by adding Section 2252.908, Disclosure of Interested Parties. Section 2252.908 prohibits Edinburg CISD from entering into a contract resulting from a Bid, CSP, RFP, RFQ, Inter-local Cooperative Quote with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties – Form 1295 to Edinburg CISD at the time the business entity submits the signed contract. The Texas Ethics Commission has adopted rules requiring the business entity to file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission.

***As a “business entity,” vendors must electronically complete, print, manually fill out Unsworn Declaration portion and sign. Once form is completed, submit with your proposals or contracts even if no interested parties exist.***

Proposers must file Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295 with the Texas Ethics Commission using the following online application:  
[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

- Proposers must use the filing application on the Texas Ethics Commission's website (see link above) to enter the required information on Form 1295.
- Proposers must print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing containing a unique certification number.
- The Form 1295 must be printed and then signed by an authorized agent of the business entity.
- The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District by including a copy of the completed form with the proposal response.
- Edinburg CISD must acknowledge the receipt of the filed Form 1295 by notifying the Texas Ethics Commission of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract.
- After Edinburg CISD acknowledges the Form 1295, the Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven (7) business days after receiving notice from Edinburg CISD.

**Instructions to Vendors:**

1. Read these instructions,
2. Go to the Ethics Commission Website [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm),
3. Register and complete Form 1295 online - include the bid/proposal # and the contract/(Bid,CSP,RFQ,RFP name,
4. Print a copy of the submitted Form 1295 and sign - it will have a certification # in the top right corner,
5. Include a copy of the completed, signed Form 1295 with the proposal response.

**Definitions:**

- **Interested Party:** a person who:
  - 1) has controlling interest in a business entity with whom Edinburg CISD contracts; or
  - 2) actively participates in facilitating a contract or negotiating the terms of a contract, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity.
- **Controlling Interest** means:
  - 1) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent;
  - 2) membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or
  - 3) service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers.
- **Intermediary:** a person who actively participates in the facilitation of the contract or negotiating the contract, including a broker, advisor, attorney, or representative of or agent for the business entity who:
  - 1) receives compensation from the business entity for the person's participation;
  - 2) communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and
  - 3) is not an employee of the business entity.
- **Business Entity:** includes an entity through which business is conducted with a governmental entity or state agency, regardless of whether the entity is a for-profit or nonprofit entity.

**Resources:****Form 1295 Frequently Asked Questions:**

- [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/FAQ\\_Form1295.html](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/FAQ_Form1295.html)

**Instructional Video – First Time Business User:**

- <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/videos/Form1295/FirstLogin-Business/Form1295Login-Business.html>

**Instructional Video – How to Create a Certificate:**

- <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/videos/Form1295/CreateCertificate/CreateCertificate.html>



A person or business entity entering into a contract and/or agreement with ECISD is required by the new Government Code Statute 2252.908, to complete Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties". This form must be submitted online at [http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm). Once the online submission has been processed and a claim number has been issued, the form must be printed with the claim number, Unsworn Declaration must be manually filled out and signed. Submit form along with this solicitation documents. IF Form 1295 is not submitted along with this solicitation documents, your response may be considered "non-responsive" and may be disqualified.

Forms provided by Texas Ethics Commission      [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)      Version V1.0.3337





## Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District Substitute W-9 & Direct Deposit Authorization Form

Complete form if: 1. You are a U.S. entity (including a resident alien) 2. You are a vendor that provides goods or services to ECISD; AND 3. You will receive payment from the Edinburg Consolidated ISD	New Request <input type="checkbox"/>	Update – Select from the following: Tax ID <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Name <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Order Address <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Information <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Payment Address <input type="checkbox"/>
Individual/Company/Entity Legal Name (Must match TIN below): _____		DBA Name (IF Applicable): _____
Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) _____ - _____		OR
Federal Tax ID Number (FID) _____ - _____		SSN – Individual/Sole Proprietor _____ - _____
<b>Vendor Contact Information:</b>		
Name: _____	Title: _____	Phone: _____ Fax: _____
<b>Vendor Type – Select 5 only one of the following boxes:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Explain _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company (LLC). Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee code (if any) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____		
<b>Order Address:</b>		<b>Payment Remittance Address:</b>
Street/PO Box: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if Order Address is same as Payment Address
Second Line: _____		Street/PO Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____		Second Line: _____
		City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
<b>Banking Information:</b>		
In an effort to process your payment faster, we request that you complete the ACH enrollment section below. All fields must be completed for direct deposit setup. Attach a voided check or letter from your financial institution.		
Account Type:      Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/>	Email for Direct Deposit Notification: _____	
Bank Name: _____	ABA Routing Number: _____	
Bank Address: _____	Account Number: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____	Phone: _____ Fax: _____	
<b>W-9 Certification</b>		<b>Direct Deposit Authorization and Agreement</b>
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), AND 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, AND 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person. <b>Certification Instructions:</b> You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions, to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN.		I authorize Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District (ECISD) to initiate direct deposit of funds to the account and financial institution indicated above, and to recover funds deposited in error in necessary, in compliance with Texas and U.S. Law, and the Automatic Clearing House (ACH) rules. I understand that:  1. It is my responsibility to provide accurate and current banking information. Notification of direct deposits will be by e-mail; and it is my responsibility to provide a valid e-mail address.  2. It is my responsibility to verify payment has been credited to my account, and that ECISD assumes no liability for overdrafts for any reasons.  3. This authorization will remain in effect until; (a) a written request is received from a vendor officer to change or terminate direct deposit agreement; (b) notification is sent by my bank that the account is no longer valid.
Signature: _____ Date: _____		Signature: _____ Date: _____
Print Name/Title: _____		Print Name/Title: _____
Send completed form to: ECISD requestor or: Mail to: Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District, ATTN: Accounts Payable, PO Box 990, Edinburg, TX 78540 OR; E-mail: <a href="mailto:ECISDInvoice@ecisd.us">ECISDInvoice@ecisd.us</a> , OR; Fax: 956-383-4354. Any Questions on this form, call 956-289-2300 ext. 2074		
<b>Finance Office Use Only: Updated Record on:</b>		<b>Updated by:</b> _____
<b>Bank Code:</b> _____		<b>Vendor #:</b> _____



**SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

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**I. PURPOSE OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The Board of Trustees of the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District is in the process of accepting Statement of Qualifications for Insurance Claim Related Services. These legal services for the district will begin March 2021 or soon thereafter and end February 2023 or soon thereafter.

**RENEWAL CLAUSE:** This contract may be renewed for an additional TWO YEAR TERM CONTRACT PERIOD, renewed annually, if the vendor and the Edinburg CISD agree and no increases in cost are incurred except for the growth of the district.

Please note that Statement of Qualifications must be received on **Monday, February 8, 2021, by 3:30 p.m.** at the address below. **One (1) original and ten (10) copies** of the response must be sealed and delivered to:

Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District Attn: Purchasing Director 411 North 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Edinburg, TX 78540 RFQ 21-44, SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY(S) INSURANCE CLAIM RELATED LEGAL SERVICES
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**INQUIRIES:** All questions prior to closing date should be EMAILED to Mr. Amaro Tijerina, Director of Purchasing at [a.tijerina@ecisd.us](mailto:a.tijerina@ecisd.us), and no telephone inquiries will be accepted. Inquiries should make reference to specific section numbers of the RFQ. Firms WILL NOT be notified of additional information/addenda postings. It is the firm's responsibility to view the web page regularly, or prior to submitting a response, to ensure that no addenda or additional information have been issued for the solicitation. Firms submitting a qualification statement shall not discuss this RFQ with employees of ECISD, or members of the Board of Trustees. Communication includes but is not limited to unsolicited literature, email, faxes or phone calls related to any aspect of the RFQ. If discussion is necessary, you will be notified in writing. Failure to abide by this requirement will result in automatic disqualification of the firm at the discretion of the District.

**II. SCOPE OF WORK**

The Edinburg CISD will be selecting Attorney(s), which will be required to have a minimum 5 years of legal services experience, with a preference for experience in the representation of governmental entities and/or political subdivisions. They shall be responsible to provide the following services, but not limited to:

Documenting damage, analyzing coverage, presenting, litigating and / or arbitrating the Edinburg CISD insurance claim for property damages caused by Hurricane Hannah on a contingent fee basis. Successful applicants will be prepared to advance all case expense costs related to the same.

Preferred areas of experience include first party insurance, insurance coverage, federal and state court litigation, arbitration, general governmental/school law, investigations, real estate, business and commercial law, construction law, and other legal services that will be required.



It is preferred that the applicants detail the representation as counsel for at least 10 or more clients in arbitration related first party insurance litigation matters with individual case amounts in controversy of at least excess \$1,000,000. Applicants are preferred to demonstrate significant direct experience as counsel with litigation and/or arbitration related to international multi-insurer programs such as AmRisc, AmWINS or Velocity form insurance policies interpreted under the laws of multiple jurisdictions.

### **III. REPRESENTATION**

- a. Represent the District in cases before county, state and federal courts.
- b. Represent the District in any proceedings before arbitration hearing officers.

### **IV. OTHER SERVICES**

- a. Act as insurance claim related legal advisors either directly, by telephone, in writing or video conferencing, to the Board, Board committees, the Superintendent, District committees, and administrators.
- b. Review and/or assist in the reviewing insurance coverage of damages.
- c. Obtain documentation of all damage to Edinburg CISD facilities, and establish causation of the same.
- d. Develop legal claim presentation strategies; assist in reviewing documents, negotiating, and provide other legal assistance in Insurance claim matters.
- e. Prepare letters of opinion on legal matters.
- f. Litigate or arbitrate claims for Hurricane Hannah related damages.

### **V. SELECTION PROCESS**

The Edinburg CISD will follow the process below:

- a. First, the district will set up interviews.
- b. Second, the district will select the most highly qualified provider of these services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications.
- c. Next, the district will negotiate with the selected provider a contract at a fair and reasonable price.
- d. If a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated with the most highly qualified provider, the district shall formally end negotiations and select the **next** most highly qualified provider.
- e. The Edinburg CISD will continue the above process until a qualified provider is selected.
- f. The Edinburg CISD will present to the Board for approval.
- g. The ECISD Board of Trustees reserves the following rights, but not limited to:
  - . Starting date to be negotiated
  - . To terminate contract by giving a thirty (30) day written notice
  - . To pay for services on a monthly basis
  - . To reject any and all negotiated proposals
  - . To waive any technicalities and informalities
  - . To negotiate the terms of the proposal
  - . Selection will be based on what is determined to be in the best interest and most advantageous to ECISD
  - . Selection may be made based on past experience

**REQUIRED RESPONSE FORMAT**

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The responses to this Request for Statement of Qualifications will consist of TWELVE (12) specific information subject areas which must be completed and returned in the order indicated below with each section divided and number tabbed with the appropriate section title.

**1. COVER LETTER**

Your packet will include a cover letter at the beginning of the Statement of Qualification packet. The cover letter shall provide a summary of the information presented in the Statement of Qualification to include names, telephone and fax numbers of persons authorized to provide any clarification required. This cover letter shall also include the name of the person(s) authorized to conduct final contract negotiations on behalf of the company.

**2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- a. Full name of firm
- b. Names of all partners, shareholders and associates of firm
- c. Address, phone and fax numbers of firm's principal office
- d. Contact information for the person and office that will be providing the legal services to the District (if different than that of the firm's principal office)
- e. Form of ownership of firm: sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or combination of above
- f. History of the firm, including dates of predecessor firms (if any) and establishment of present firm
- g. Minority status of the firm, including if it is HUB certified in the State of Texas and whether it is (a) minority owned or (b) women-owned, and indicate the percentage of minority employees

**3. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- a. Provide a statement briefly explaining why the firm believes it to be the best qualified to represent the District.

**4. EXPERIENCE AND REFERENCES**

- a. Insurance claim related legal services experience
- b. Experience with school districts in the past five years
- c. Recent work experience with the District
- d. List the names, addresses and contact information of five references.  
References should be comparable sized Districts to Edinburg ISD, if possible.

**5. CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS**

- a. Provide a statement concerning the firm's ability and capacity to perform the work in relation to existing assignments. List the firm's current workload and the firm's availability to commence services immediately after being selected by the District.

**6. KEY PERSONNEL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

- a. Organizational Chart
- b. Include brief resumes of key personnel who would be assigned to this contract.  
List the education, experience, capabilities, accomplishments, Board Certifications and professional affiliations of each.
- c. Proof of professional licenses required by Federal, State, Local or other administrative bodies for performing various components of the services to be provided.
- d. An affirmative statement should be included indicating that the firm and all attorneys are licensed to practice in the State of Texas.



**7. SERVICES**

- a. Provide a summary of services proposed to be provided by your firm and services provided through collaboration with outside firms.
- b. If applicable, please include a sample agreement normally used by the firm, when providing these types of services.

**8. AVAILABILITY**

- a. Outline the procedures and time-lines by which Administration or the Superintendent or their designee will have access to legal counsel.

**9. INSURANCE**

- a. Proof of Professional Liability Insurance. The minimum acceptable insurance requirements are as follows:
  - General Liability \$1,000,000
  - Automobile Liability \$ 500,000
  - Employees Liability \$1,000,000
  - Professional Liability \$1,000,000

**10. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

- a. Provide financial statements for the past two years.

**11. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

- a. Provide a statement that the firm will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, disabilities, race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

**12. FORM A**

Include in this section FORM A (attached sample), FULLY completed and signed.

# FORM A

## Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District

### APPLICATION FOR PROVIDERS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Edinburg ISD is soliciting Qualifications Statements from attorney firms with experience in school district law related to insurance claim legal services.
2. A contract for School Board Attorney(s) Insurance Claim Related Legal Services will be placed into effect after award by the Board of Trustees.

3. Name of Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ Employer I. D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Type of organization:

Sole proprietorship (individual) \_\_\_\_\_

Partnership \_\_\_\_\_

Professional corporation \_\_\_\_\_

Corporation \_\_\_\_\_

Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) \_\_\_\_\_

Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Firm's Principal, Owner or Authorized Representative. This person must be authorized to make commitments for the firm.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Law Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience in Texas School Law \_\_\_\_\_

Will this individual be attending the Board meetings? \_\_\_\_\_



5. Other Firm Personnel (Attorneys-At-Law) who have experience in the field of Texas School Law

a) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Law Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience in Texas School Law \_\_\_\_\_

b) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Law Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience in Texas School Law \_\_\_\_\_

c) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Law Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience in Texas School Law \_\_\_\_\_

d) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Law Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience in Texas School Law \_\_\_\_\_

6. References of School District clients:

a) School District's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

b) School District's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

c) School District's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Indicate the number of past or current school district clients:

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**APPLICATION SIGNATURE**

The information provided on this application I believe to be true and representative of the firm for which it is submitted.

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Signature of firm's contact person

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Date