



# EDINBURG CISD

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## Request for QUALIFICATIONS

NO: 23-89

TITLE: EXTERNAL AUDITOR

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

**CLOSING TIME/DATE:**

Closing Time: 3:00 P.M.

Closing Date: May 4, 2023

**BUYER:**

**ClaudDina 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

 4/14/23  
Purchasing Director Date

DATE WEBBED: April 14, 2023

\*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 that 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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

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13. **Warranty Products:** Seller warrants that the goods furnished will conform to the specifications, drawings and descriptions listed in the proposal 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.
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.

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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 proposal 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 Proposal Forms:** Proposal not submitted on District's proposal 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:** It will be the Vendors responsibility to check the Purchasing website periodically for any and all addendums. 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 proposal 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 proposal 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 proposal that meets all mandatory specifications stated within. Because of the variations in manufacturer's construction, the bidder must compare their product proposal 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 proposal 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 proposal 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 proposal prices, discounts, terms and conditions remain the same. In no instance shall this extension be considered automatic.
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.

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- 41. **Evaluation Factors:** The proposal award shall be based on the following evaluation factors:
  - a. the purchase price;
  - b. the reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services;
  - c. the quality of the vendor's goods or services;
  - d. the extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs;
  - e. the vendor's past relationship with the district;
  - f. 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 proposal or proposal, the bidder certifies that:
  - a. This bid or proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other bidder or with any competitor;
  - b. This bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of proposals, or proposals for this project, to any other bidder, competitor or potential competitor;
  - c. No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a proposal or proposal;
  - d. The person signing this proposal 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 proposal is/are: (Please print name(s) below. If not applicable, please indicate N/A.)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

49.1 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.

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Pursuant to Federal Rule (A) above, when ECISD expends federal funds, ECISD reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.2 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.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (B) above, when ECISD expends federal funds, ECISD reserves the right to immediately terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process in the event of a breach or default of the agreement by Vendor in the event Vendor fails to: (1) meet schedules, deadlines, and/or delivery dates within the time specified in the procurement solicitation, contract, and/or a purchase order; (2) make any payments owed; or (3) otherwise perform in accordance with the contract and/or the procurement solicitation. ECISD also reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately, with written notice to vendor, for convenience, if ECISD believes, in its sole discretion that it is in the best interest of ECISD to do so. Vendor will be compensated for work performed and accepted and goods accepted by ECISD as of the termination date if the contract is terminated for convenience of ECISD. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and ECISD reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in ECISD's best interest.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.3 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."

Pursuant to Federal Rule (C) above, when ECISD expends federal funds on any federally assisted construction contract, the equal opportunity clause is incorporated by reference herein.

Does Vendor agree to abide by the above? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.4 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.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (D) above, when ECISD expends federal funds during the term of an award for all contracts and subgrants for construction or repair, Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.5 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 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.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (E) above, when ECISD expends federal funds, Vendor certifies that Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act during the term of an award for all contracts by ECISD resulting from this procurement process.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.6 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

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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.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (F) above, when federal funds are expended by ECISD, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by ECISD resulting from this procurement process, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (F)above.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.7 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).

Pursuant to Federal Rule (G) above, when federal funds are expended by ECISD, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by ECISD resulting from this procurement process, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (G)above.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.8 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.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (H) above, when federal funds are expended by ECISD, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by ECISD resulting from this procurement process, Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.9 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or proposal 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.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (I) above, when federal funds are expended by ECISD, Vendor certifies that during the term and after the awarded term of an award for all contracts by ECISD resulting from this procurement process, the vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). The undersigned further certifies that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid for 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, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a 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, or an employee of a Member of Congress 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 award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.10 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.

Does Vendor agree to this guideline? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor



**RFQ 23-89, EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

- 49.11 §200.216 Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.
- (a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grand funds to:
    - (1) Procure or obtain;
    - (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
    - (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
      - (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
      - (ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
      - (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.
  - (b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

Pursuant to the Federal Rules above, vendor certifies that it will not enter into a contract with the District to provide any of the prohibited equipment listed above.

Does Vendor agree to this guideline? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- 49.12 §200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements.
- (a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.
  - (b) For purposes of this section:
    - (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
    - (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Pursuant to the Federal Rule above, vendor certifies that it will, to the greatest extent practicable, enter into contracts with the District with items produced within the United States, as outlined above, and will include this requirement in any subawards for any District contract that is entered into.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

50. RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL FUNDS: When federal funds are expended by ECISD for any contract resulting from this procurement process, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.334. Vendor further certifies that it will retain all records as required by 2 CFR § 200.334 for a period of three years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

51. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT: When ECISD expends federal funds for any contract resulting from this procurement process, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.; 49 C.F.R. Part 18).

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

52. CERTIFICATION OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT: It is the policy of ECISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, limited English proficiency or handicapping conditions in its programs. Vendor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this Contract, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions and privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of age (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification), sex (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification) or race, color, religion, national origin, or ancestry. Vendor further agrees that every subcontract entered into for the performance of this Contract shall contain a provision requiring non-discrimination in employment herein specified, binding upon each subcontractor. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of the Contract.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

**RFQ 23-89, EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

53. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICA PROVISIONS: ECISD has a preference for domestic end products for supplies acquired for use in the United States when spending federal funds (purchases that are made with non-federal funds or grants are excluded from the Buy America Act). Vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Buy America Act.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

54. CERTIFICATION OF ACCESS TO RECORDS – 2 C.F.R. §200.337: Vendor agrees that the District’s Inspector General or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Vendor that are directly pertinent to Vendor’s discharge of its obligations under the Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to Vendor’s personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

55. CERTIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION FAR 22.18, 74 FR 2731, 48 CFR 52.222-54: As applicable, and as a condition for the award of any Federal contract at \$150,000 or greater, Vendor certifies that vendor is enrolled in, and is currently participating in, E-Verify or any other equivalent electronic verification of work authorization program operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in conjunction with the contracted services. A breach in compliance with immigration laws and regulations shall be deemed a material breach of the contract and may be subject to penalties up to and including termination of the contract.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

56. CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CERTIFICATIONS, LICENSING, AND REGULATIONS: As applicable to federal funds contracts, all contractors must meet applicable local, state, and federal health and safety certifications, licensing, or regulations which include, but are not limited, to facility use, food establishment, and authorized providers.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

57. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH S/M/WBE/LABOR SURPLUS, 2 CFR 200.321: As applicable with certain federal funds contracts, requires contractors to encourage and facilitate participation by small businesses, minority owned firms, and women’s business enterprises, whenever to the maximum extent possible

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

58. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS FAMILY CODE: Pursuant to Texas Family Code, Section 231.006, a child support obligor who is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying child support or a business entity in which the child support obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least twenty-five percent (25%) is not eligible to receive payments from State funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services until all arrearages have been paid; the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to the existing delinquency; or a court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments. The undersigned proposer certifies that he or she, as the proposing individual, or the proposing business entity named in this contract, proposal or application, is not ineligible under Section 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, to receive the specified grant, loan or payment, and acknowledges that a contract resulting from this solicitation may be terminated and payment may be withheld if the certification provided herein is found to be inaccurate. NOTE: Owners not owning at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the business entity submitting this proposal need not execute this certification and acknowledgement.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

59. CERTIFICATION OF HOUSE BILL 89, SECTION 2270.001 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: Vendor agrees that, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270: Vendor does not boycott Israel currently; and Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

60. CERTIFICATION OF SENATE BILL 252, SECTION 2252 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: Vendor agrees that, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270: Vendor does not engage in business with Iran, Sudan, or foreign terrorist organizations and will not during the term of the contract

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

61. CERTIFICATION OF SENATE BILL 13, SECTIONS 809 AND 2274 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: Prohibition of Boycott Energy Companies. In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2274, Professional (Contractor) verifies that it does not Boycott Energy Companies and agrees that during the term of this Agreement will not Boycott Energy Companies as that term is defined in Texas Government Code Section 809.001, as amended. This section does not apply if Professional (or Contractor) is a sole proprietor, a nonprofit entity, or a governmental entity; and only applies if: (i) Professional (or Contractor) has ten (10) or more fulltime employees and (ii) this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more to be paid under the terms of this Agreement.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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62. CERTIFICATION OF SENATE BILL 19, SECTION 2274 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2274, Professional (Contractor) verifies that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (ii) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. This section only applies if: (i) Professional (or Contractor) has ten (10) or more fulltime employees and (ii) this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more to be paid under the terms of this Agreement; and does not apply: (i) if Professional (or Contractor) is a sole proprietor, a non-profit entity, or a governmental entity; (ii) to a contract with a sole-source provider; or (iii) to a contract for which none of the proposals from a company were able to provide the required certification.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

63. CERTIFICATION OF SENATE BILL 2116, SECTIONS 2274 AND 113 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: PROHIBITION ON AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROHIBITED CONTRACTS: (a) Company verifies that it will not enter into a contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure in this state with the District : (1) if, under the contract or other agreement, the company would be granted direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure in this state, excluding access specifically allowed by the governmental entity for product warranty and support purposes; and (2) if the governmental entity knows that the company is (A) owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the company is held or controlled by: (i) individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; or (ii) a company or other entity, including a governmental entity, that is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; or (B) headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country. (b) The prohibition described by Subsection (a) applies regardless of whether: (1) the company's or its parent company's securities are publicly traded; or (2) the company or its parent company is listed on a public stock exchange as: (A) Chinese, Iranian, North Korean, or Russian company; or (B) a company of a designated country. DESIGNATION OF COUNTRY AS THREAT TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) The governor, after consultation with the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety, may designate a country as a threat to critical infrastructure for purposes of this chapter.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

64. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICABILITY TO SUBCONTRACTORS: Vendor agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the Contract shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

65. CERTIFICATION OF TEC 22.0834 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION REVIEW OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES; FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION CHECKS: Vendors and all their employees that perform work and will have direct contact opportunities with ECISD students must undergo criminal history fingerprinting background checks and be approved by the District to be eligible to perform work at any District location. The District will be the final determiner of the definition of direct contact.

The vendor no longer has access to this required criminal history information to certify themselves so the approval must come from the District. Vendors must contact the District's Personnel Department to obtain instructions on how to complete this process and the Vendor or its employees will be responsible for the cost of these background checks. The Local Education Entity (LEE) Fast Pass option will be required. The District has an IdentoGO service located in its facilities that utilizes this option.

This requirement will not apply to construction, alteration, or repair to an instructional facility if the contractor uses separate sanitary facilities, installs a barrier fence, and has a policy that employees may not interact with students or enter areas used by students.

Vendor acknowledges the above requirements and will ensure required applicable background checks will be completed and approved by the District before any on site work begins by them or their employees.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

66. CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE 552.104(c) A person, including a board, may not include a provision in a contract related to a parade, concert, or other entertainment event paid for in whole or in part with public funds that prohibits or would otherwise prevent the disclosure of information relating to the receipt or expenditure of public or other funds by a board for the event. A contract provision that violates Government Code 552.104(c) is void.

Vendor acknowledges the above requirements and will not enter into such a contract with the District.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

67. CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE 2272.003(a): A district may not enter into a taxpayer resource transaction with an abortion provider or an affiliate of an abortion provider. Gov't Code 2272.003(a)

"Taxpayer resource transaction" means a sale, purchase, lease, donation of money, goods, services, or real property, or any other transaction between a governmental entity and a private entity that provides to the private entity something of value derived from state or local tax revenue, regardless of whether the governmental entity receives something of value in return. "Affiliate" means a person or entity who enters into with another person or entity a legal relationship created or governed by at least one written instrument, including a certificate of formation, a franchise agreement, standards of affiliation, bylaws, or a license, that demonstrates:

1. Common ownership, management, or control between the parties to the relationship;
2. A franchise granted by the person or entity to the affiliate; or
3. The granting or extension of a license or other agreement authorizing the affiliate to use the other person's or entity's brand name, trademark, service mark, or other registered identification mark.

Vendor agrees that it is not an abortion provider or affiliate of an abortion provider as stated above.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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68. CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE 403.1067(A) LOBBYING RESTRICTION – TOBACCO EDUCATION GRANT FUNDS: A district receiving funds or grants from the Permanent Fund for Health and Tobacco Education and Enforcement may not use the funds to pay:
1. Lobbying expenses incurred by the district;
  2. A person or entity that is required to register with the Texas Ethics Commission under Government Code Chapter 305 (Registration of Lobbyists);
  3. Any partner, employee, employer, relative, contractor, consultant, or related entity of a person or entity described by item 2; or
  4. A person or entity who has been hired to represent associations or other entities for the purpose of affecting the outcome of legislation, agency rules, ordinances, or other government policies.

Vendor agrees that it will not provide services listed above to the District with said funds.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

69. 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.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

70. BUY AMERICAN PROVISION FOR CHILD NUTRITION: Edinburg CISD adheres to the Buy American Provision (7 CFR 210.21) when purchasing commercial food products to be served in the district's SNP meals. This provision will be included in all solicitations for food to be used in the school nutrition programs.

Per Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-336) added a provision, Section 12(n) to the NSLA (42 USC 1760(n)), requiring School Food Authorities (SFA's) to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodity or product. Section 12(n) of the NSLA defines "domestic commodity or product" as an agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States and a food product that is processed in the United States using substantial agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. Substantial" means that over 51 percent of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically. Products from Guan, American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands are allowed under this provision as territories of the United States. The Buy American provision (7 CFR Part 210.21(d)) is one of the procurement standards SFA's must comply with when purchasing commercial food products served in the school meals programs.

Edinburg CISD will purchase domestic food products per the Buy American Provision unless:

1. The product needed is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality; or
2. Competitive bids reveal the costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic product

Edinburg CISD will maintain all documentation in regard to any food purchases that are deemed "non-domestic" to include cost comparisons if the product is available as a "domestic" product that is seen as unreasonable in cost; or if not available as a U.S. grown product the documentation will include the "country of origin."

**I, the undersigned authorize agent for the company named below, certify that the information concerning Section 1-70 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 1-70 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.

OFFICE USE ONLY

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).

Date Received

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.

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.)

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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?

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?

Yes  No

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## CERTIFICATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295

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### 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>

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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.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES</b>		<b>FORM 1295</b>	
		1 of 1	
Complete Nos 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
<b>1</b> Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.  <b>Vendor Name</b>		<b>CERTIFICATION OF FILING</b> Certificate Number:	
<b>2</b> Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.  <b>Edinburg CISD</b>		Date Filed:	
<b>3</b> Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.  <b>Use District's Proposal # &amp; Proposal Title located on cover page of solicitation</b>		Date Acknowledged:	
4		Nature of interest (check applicable)	
Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Controlling	Intermediary
<h1>Example</h1>			
<b>5</b> Check only if there is NO Interested Party. <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>6 UNSWORN DECLARATION</b>  My name is _____ and my date of birth is _____  My address is _____ <small>(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)</small>  I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____ <small>(month) (year)</small>  <div style="text-align: center;">                         _____                          Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity  <small>(Declarant)</small> </div>			





## 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 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> 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.	<b>Direct Deposit Authorization and Agreement</b> 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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The Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District is requesting qualifications from public accounting firms to perform internal audit functions for the District.

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Auditing requirements for Texas' public school districts is contained in the Texas Education Agency Financial Accountability System Resource Guide which is the authoritative document adopted by reference as a rule of the State Board of Education, through Title 19, Texas Administrative Code, Section 109.61.

The Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District has an enrollment of approximately 34,013 students in grades pre-kindergarten thru 12th on 44 campuses. The 2022-2023 budgets are \$725,220,324.00. The district received federal financial assistance for several programs including, but not limited to, National School Lunch Program, ESEA Title I Regular, ESEA Title I Migrant, ESEA Title II, IDEA-B Preschool, IDEA –B Formula, Federal Vocational, ESEA, Title II, ESEA, Title III.

**A. Purpose of the Audit**

The purpose of the Request for Proposal is to obtain the services of a public accounting firm for the annual audit for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The organization-wide audit will encompass the financial statements as required by GASB Statement No. 34 and the Texas Education Agency Financial Accountability System Resource Guide for the District for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023. The audit is to be performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and standards contained in the Texas Education Agency Financial Accountability System Resource Guide.

The financial statement audit is to determine whether (1) the financial statements present fairly the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows or changes in financial positions in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and (2) whether the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District has complied with laws and regulations for those transactions and events that may have a material effect on the financial statements. The financial related audit will also include determining whether (1) financial reports and related items are fairly presented, (2) financial information is presented in accordance with established or stated criteria, and (3) the school district has adhered to specific financial compliance requirements.

As part of the audit of the general purpose financial statements, the annual audit will also include obtaining an understanding of the school district's internal control and reporting any reportable conditions relating to the internal control systems coming to the attention of the auditors. To comply with Office of Management and the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200 Subpart F), a study and evaluation of the internal control structure will include internal accounting and administrative controls for all major federal financial assistance, in accordance with standards for risk assessment for major federal financial assistance. Any material weakness noted during the study and evaluation of internal accounting and administrative controls and other kind of noncompliance and questioned costs will be reported in compliance with the Single Audit Act.

As part of the audit of the general-purpose financial statements, transactions and records pertaining to federal programs will be tested for material compliance with federal laws, rules, and regulations and all instances of noncompliance will be reported to the school district.

The audit will include the performance of certain audit procedures for the purpose of reviewing the accuracy of fiscal information provided by the district through the Public Education Information Management Systems (PEIMS), as required by Section 44.008(b) of the Texas Education Code.

Additionally, the audit will include procedures applicable to compensatory education funds as required by Module 9 of the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide, if applicable.

**B. Other Requirements**

1. The accounting firm should provide an annual audit report in a form acceptable to the Texas Education Agency and within the time frame stipulated in TEC 44.008 (d) of 150 days subsequent to the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was made.
2. The Finance and Audit Committee would expect to meet with the auditor(s) at least annually. The meeting would be called by the chairman of the Finance Committee.
3. It is requested that the interested accounting firm include a detailed description of each step in the audit approach that will be taken in the audit engagement including estimated hours for each.
4. The firm upon being awarded this engagement will be expected to review the detailed audit work plan and schedule with the Director of Finance prior to commencing the audit assignment each year.
5. Financial statements developed by the Auditor must be in a form that complies with the requirements for the GFOA Certificate of Achievement, the ASBO Certificate of Excellence, and the Texas Education Agency.
6. All working papers and reports must be retained, at the auditor's expense, for a minimum of five years, unless the firm is notified in writing by the District of the need to extend the retention period. The auditor will be required to make working papers available, upon request, to auditors from the Texas Education Agency, The Government Accountability Office, or other applicable governmental agencies, they are not otherwise considered to be records open to the general public.

**C. Independent Auditor**

The proposer must demonstrate the capability to perform the annual audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and State Board of Education auditing rules. Public accounting firms that have performed annual audits for similar entities are encouraged to file a proposal.

**D. Term of the Audit Engagement**

The contract for audit services based upon Board of Trustees approval of the proposal will begin August 1, 2023 or soon thereafter and end July 31, 2024. The Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District may request to extend this agreement for two (2) more years, renewed annually, through fiscal year ending August 31, 2026 following satisfactory delivery of the services specified in the proposal and engagement letter. In no instance shall this be considered automatic and will be renewed annually.

**E. Dispute Resolution**

Disputes concerning the terms of contracted services that cannot be resolved will be brought before an independent mediation center, whose decision will be binding upon both parties.

**II. PROPOSAL CONTENT**

**A. Cover Letter**

See conditions for submission of proposal in Section III.

**B. Technical Component**

To clearly describe the public accounting firm's understanding of the work to be done, the proposer will:

1. Provide a definition of the term "generally accepted government auditing standards" with clear distinctions between these standards and generally accepted auditing standards for nongovernmental engagements.
2. Explain the proposers' approaches to performing an annual audit, including the methodology, nature, timing and extent of audit procedures to be performed.
3. Describe how the approach to performing the audit would be affected if this were a multi-year contract; and
4. Make a statement concerning the independence of the proposer, including direct and indirect financial interest, and the relationship of the proposed audit team to employees of the district and any of the board members.

**C. Management Component**

The proposer will furnish satisfactory evidence of capability to provide in a professional and timely manner the services stated in the Request for Qualifications. To meet this requirement:

1. Provide the name of the external quality control review organization of which the proposer is a member, and the proposer's length of membership. Also, state the review organization's planned frequency of peer reviews.

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2. State whether the firm has received a peer review and whether in the most recent review an unqualified report was issued.
3. State whether the proposer is a national, regional, or local public accounting firm.
4. Provide evidence that the proposer has experience in performing school district/government audits. List current and past audit clients along with the names and telephone numbers of contact persons and number of years audit services were provided. State the average daily attendance of the public schools on the list.
5. State whether the proposer is currently under the terms of a public or private reprimand by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy and/or licensing boards of other states.
6. Describe the proposed audit team, in terms of job positions in the firm.
7. List names of staff member(s) who will direct the overall audit throughout the duration of the engagement as well as those staff members who will be responsible for planning, directing, and conducting substantial portions of the field work or reporting on this audit engagement. Include the educational background of all staff members named and professional licenses held.
8. Describe continuing professional education in governmental accounting and auditing received by the proposed audit team during the last four years.
9. Provide the names and qualifications of any needed outside specialists and consultants that will assist the proposer's staff members.
10. Describe staff rotation plans for audit team members if this is to be a multi-year contract.
11. Describe the level of assistance that will be expected from Edinburg CISD personnel, including internal audit staff and
12. Provide evidence of the ability to comply with the requirements in Sections II and IV of the Request for Proposal.

### **D. Task/Activity Plan**

The proposer will specify budgeted hours, timelines and sequence for audit procedures, and names of staff to be assigned.

### **E. Evaluation**

Criteria used to evaluate the proposer's methodologies, products, and services are shown in Attachment A.

**III. CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL**

All submittals in response to this request must meet the following conditions to be considered:

- A. Qualification must include a cover letter clearly stating the name of the firm and the name, address, and telephone number of the proposer's representative.
- B. Qualification must address each of the audit requirements as stated in this Request for Qualifications.
- C. The Edinburg CISD reserves the right to reject any and all qualification, and to negotiate portions thereof. Qualifications that address only part of the requirements contained in this Request for Qualifications will not be considered.
- D. The Edinburg CISD reserves the right to select any qualification, based on the evaluation factors.
- E. The company shall furnish such additional information that the district may reasonably require.
- F. The Edinburg CISD will not be liable for any cost incurred in the preparation of qualifications, and
- G. The Edinburg CISD may ask company to send a representative for an oral interview prior to Board of Trustee approval. The Edinburg CISD will not be liable for the costs incurred by the company in connection with such interview.
- H. Qualifications must be signed by an authorized individual to contractually bind their firm when submitting the Qualifications. Failure to sign the Qualifications will be considered as a "mistake in Qualifications" and the Qualifications will be rejected as "non-responsive".
- I. By submitting a proposal, the interested accounting firm affirms that its company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this proposal in collusion with any other bidder and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms, or conditions have not been communicated by the undersigned or by any employee or agent to any other person or firm engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.
- J. Upon notification of potential selections for award, the person or entity submitting this proposal must give 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 this conviction of a felony (this requirement does not apply to a publicly held corporation).
- K. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this Request for Qualifications (or resulting purchase order) shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such provisions shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Request for Qualifications (or any resulting purchase order) shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision(s) had never been contained herein.

**IV. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING QUALIFICATION**

A. Responses to the request for sealed qualifications should be addressed to:

Mr. Amaro Tijerina, Director of Purchasing  
Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District  
411 North 8th Ave  
Edinburg, Texas 78540

**Qualifications must be received no later than May 4, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

B. Number of Copies of RFQ Packet  
Submit one (1) Original and (1) copy. The packets are to be bound and sealed.

**V. ASSISTANCE TO PROPOSERS**

Any person wishing to obtain additional information about the request for proposal or about the operations of the Edinburg CISD may contact:

Rene R. Salinas, Asst. Supt. for Finance/Operations – [rr.salinas@ecisd.us](mailto:rr.salinas@ecisd.us)  
Sylvia D. Garcia, CPA, Director of Finance – [sy.garcia@ecisd.us](mailto:sy.garcia@ecisd.us)  
Delia C. Orellana, District Auditor – [delia.orellana@ecisd.us](mailto:delia.orellana@ecisd.us)

**VI. INSURANCE COVERAGE**

All proposals must include standard C.P.A. malpractice error and omissions insurance coverage in an amount of at least \$500,000/\$1,000,000.

Workmen's Compensation

**VII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES RFQ APPROVAL**

A proposal will be selected on or before May 23, 2023 – June 28, 2023 barring decision by the Edinburg CISD Board of Trustees to reject all proposals submitted.

The Board of Trustees expects to engage an audit firm for three (3) years, renewed annually. However, the Board of Trustees expressly reserves the right to reject all bids and to review the relationship on an annual basis and to formally approve each year's extension. The Edinburg CISD reserves the right to cancel any contract resulting from this Request for Qualifications at any time, for any reason (or for no reason) within a thirty (30) day written notice to the firm. The firm may cancel any resulting contract, at any time for any reason, or for no reason with a sixty (60) day written notice. Any notice required or permitted to be delivered to the firm shall be deemed to be delivered when mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, post prepaid, and addressed to the bidder's address appearing on the face of the Request for Qualifications (of as subsequently revised or changed). Any compensation due the firm will be limited to items received and/or services performed and accepted by the District. It is possible that the Board could terminate the relationship at any time. However, the Board of Trustees does not desire or expect that to be the case and assumes that a long and satisfactory relationship will be the experience.



**ATTACHMENT A  
EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

This worksheet is to be used to document the school district's evaluation of the proposer's qualifications. Points within the ranges specified are to be assigned to the below listed criteria as a means for quantifying the relative strengths and weakness of the various proposals.

In the event that oral interviews are necessary to break a tie or for making final clarification in the evaluation process, additional points may be awarded. It should be understood that while the total score is a significant factor, the requester of the services reserves the right to consider other factors in making a final selection.

**I. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

The evaluation of professional qualifications of the proposers will be based on the following criteria:

**Mandatory Criteria**

Qualifications will not be considered for further evaluation unless there is compliance with all of the following criteria. The proposer:

- A. Must be an independent auditor properly licensed for public practice.
- B. Must meet the independence standards of Government Auditing Standards, 1994 Revision, United States General Accounting Office (GOA).
- C. Must not have a record of substandard work.
- D. Must submit a proposal meeting all of the requirements of the Request for Qualifications.
- E. Must **not** submit fees with their qualifications. The evaluation will be based on the qualification of the company submitting in their statement of qualifications to the District. Fees will be requested once the qualifications have been evaluated and ranked.
- F. Financial statements developed by the Auditor must be in a form that complies with the requirements for the GFOA Certificate of Achievement and the Texas Education Agency.

**II. STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The independent auditor will provide one (1) camera ready electronic copy in PDF format of the final comprehensive annual financial report that meets the requirements of Texas Education Agency Financial Accountability System Resource Guide and the requirements for the GFOA Certificate of Achievement and the ASBO Certificate of Excellence and a copy in pdf format.
- B. The independent auditor will be required to submit 20 copies of the final compensatory education audit, if applicable.
- C. A preliminary draft of the audit report(s) will be presented to the District prior to submission of the final draft. Timing of the submission must allow District personnel sufficient time to review the report.
- D. Satisfactory delivery of the services specified by the Request for Qualifications and the engagement letter shall be accomplished no later than the December/January meeting of the Board of Trustees for the financial audit.
- E. The independent auditor will be required to present the audit report to the Board of Trustees at the December/January meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- F. The auditor will prepare and provide one (1) copy of the Data Collection Form for Reporting on Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations.

**EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

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POINTS

**I. TECHNICAL CRITERIA**

Qualifications which have met each of the criteria in Attachment A, Section I above will be evaluated on the following criteria:

**A. Technical experience of the firm:**

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| 1. Auditing experience in Texas Public Schools   | 10 |
| 2. Auditing experience in government entities    | 10 |
| 3. Auditing experience with the Uniform Guidance | 10 |

**B. Characteristics of the staff, including consultant to be assigned to the audit:**

- |   |    |
|---|----|
| 1. Size and structure of the firm, including audit staff positions  | 5  |
| 2. Qualifications of supervisory personnel, consultants, and the field audit team                           | 15 |
| 3. General direction and supervision to be exercised over the audit team by the firm's management personnel | 15 |

**C. Clean understanding of the work to be performed:**

- |   |    |
|---|----|
| 1. Comprehensiveness of the audit work plan   | 10 |
| 2. Realistic team estimates of each major segment of the work plan, and the estimated number of hours for each staff level including consultants assigned | 5  |

**II. ORAL INTERVIEWS (IF APPLICABLE)**

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| <b>A. Interview points awarded</b> | <b>20</b> |
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<b>TOTAL AWARDED POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>
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