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Addendum No. 2

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 24-0032
SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES**

This Addendum and Clarification item forms a part of the RFP Documents and modifies the original RFP Documents issued September 14, 2023. Acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on the Addendum Form of the Request for Proposal. Failure to do so may subject proposal to disqualification.

This Addendum consists of 3 page(s).

CLARIFICATION:

1. **Question:** What agencies do you currently use for (Speech Therapy) SLP services?

Answer: Hubbard and Tennyson Enterprises, LLC.

2. **Question:** What rates do those agencies charge for SLP services?

Answer: It varies, \$65-\$70.

3. **Question:** Will this be a single or multi-award?

Answer: We may choose to award Multiple awards. The answer is based on the number of responses received to the RFP.

4. **Question:** How many hours were utilized in 2022 for SLP services?

Answer: We do not calculate by hour. We hire by full time employees.

5. **Question:** How many hours of SLP services do you anticipate for the 2023-2024 year?

Answer: We do not calculate by hour. We anticipate needing at least 6 full-time employees.

6. **Question:** How much money in 2022 was spent on SLP services?

Answer: \$200,000.00

7. **Question:** Does the district provide evaluation/testing materials to providers?

Answer: No, Providers should have all materials needed to do the job. We may have some materials available for use but it depends on the need.

8. **Question:** Does the district provide a laptop/computer to providers?

Answer: No, Providers should have all materials needed to do the job.

9. **Question:** Will you allow teletherapy SLP services for this contract?

Answer: It is not a preference, but may be considered given the need.

10. **Question:** Will the district consider proposals from companies that ONLY provide teletherapy in regards to this solicitation?

Answer: It may be considered if we do not have access to local vendors/providers.

11. **Question:** Will the district award more than 1 vendor?

Answer: See the answer to question #3.

12. **Question:** Is a local office required? Is there a preference for local vendors?

Answer: We do prefer local vendors who have staff available locally to provide services in our schools.

13. **Question:** Are there any obstacles to using Zoom in your district?

Answer: No.

14. **Question :** Under the Specifications section, letter F, *To support the Medicaid billing system processes, Providers must have an NPI-National Provider Identifier Number as well as an OPR-Ordering, Prescribing, and Referring MedicaidNumber*, our providers do have NPI numbers, however, all financial transactions are done by the districts and our providers do not bill directly, they bill under the district's umbrella. Does OPSB require providers to directly bill Medicaid?

Answer : OPSB requires Providers to document Direct Services in our third party system, and the District directly bills Medicaid for the Services.

15. **Question:** About how many SLPs are you needing for your RFP for Speech Therapy Services.

Answer: Please see answer to Question No.5.

16. **Question:** Is it a requirement for the vendor to be registered with the state/city before it can conduct any business?

Answer: No there is not a requirement to be registered with the state/ city before you can conduct any business.

17. **Question:** Is there a local preference for this bid?

Answer: There is no local preference for bid

18. **Question:** Is this a new initiative?

A)If not, who are the current vendors?

B)What is their current pricing?

Answer: This is not a new initiative.

A) Please see answer to No.1

B) Please see answer to No. 2

19. **Question:** Is the vendor required to provide equipment or supplies?

Answer: Please see answer to Questions No. 7 and 8

20. **Question:** What are the historical annual spending volumes in the project?

Answer: The annual historical spending has been \$200,000.00

21. **Question:** Is the vendor required to submit a subcontracting plan?

Answer: Yes, the Respondent is required to a subcontracting plan according to the DBE Provision requirements identified within the Instructions to Proposers, of this RFP.

No, the vendor is not required to submit subcontracting plans.

22. **Question:** Is COI required to be submitted along with the proposal or upon award?

Answer: The COI is required to be submitted along with the proposal.

End of Addendum No. 2