Request for Proposals (RFP)

Direct Instruction in Reading Mastery and Corrective Reading Curriculum Grades Pre-K-2

#6-RFP-GNRL-2021 DI Reading Mastery & Corrective Reading Closing Date:

for Reading Mastery and Corrective Reading Curriculgrades Prek training to Prek-2 classroom teachers, eteachers, resident teac accordance with the specifications d terms outlined in this Solicitation

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PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION AND OVERVIEW

1. Introduction and Purpose

IDEA Public Schools (herein after referred to as IDEA or the district) is seeking proposals from firms

- **f.** IDEA reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, award service contracts as may appear advantageous to the district, and waive all formalities in the procurement process. Written notice of award mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful Vendor(s) results in a binding contract without further action by either party. IDEA further reserves the right to tender its own contract for services.
- **g.** All supplemental information required by the RFP must be included with the Proposal. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may disqualify Vendor from consideration.

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6. Completeness

Proposals will represent a true and correct statement and shall contain no cause for claim of omission or error. Request for withdrawal of a Proposal is allowed based on proof of mechanical error; however, Vendor may be removed from approved vendor list.

7. False/Misleading Statements

Proposals which contain false or misleading statements, or which provide references which do not support an attribute or capability of the proposed system or service, may be rejected. If, in the opinion of IDEA, such information was intended to mislead IDEA in its evaluation of the Proposal and the attribute, condition, or capability as a requirement of the RFP, the Proposal shall be rejected.

8. Proposal Signature

The Proposal must be signed by an individual with proper authority. The signature should indicate the title or position that the individual holds in the firm (if applicable).

9. Selection of Vendor(s)

IDEA may award this RFP to multiple Vendors or to the Vendor IDEA determines, in its sole discretion, provides the best value to IDEA, based upon the evaluation of proposals. Thus, the result will not be determined by price alone but upon the applicable criteria as listed under EVALUATION CRITERIA.

A contract or letter agreement for Direct Instruction in Reading Mastery and Corrective Reading curriculum services may be executed with successful vendors as a result of this process, and the successful vendor(s) agree(s) that fulfillment of the award under this RFP is conditioned on agreement to and compliance with the terms of this RFP and any subsequent written agreement or contract.

10. Contract Period

The agreement resulting from this solicitation will be in effect for an initial term of one year (1) from the date of award or such date established by the agreement. The parties by mutual consent may renew the agreement for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods. In addition, the district reserves the right to extend the contract for an additional sixty (60) days beyond the final expiration date if necessary, to ensure no lapse in service.

11. Administrative Procedure for Bidder Complaints

Members of the public having complaints regarding the IDEA's purchasing procedures or operations may present their complaints or concerns to the District by written to the following address.

IDEA Public Schools, Attn. Purchasing Dept. 2115 West Pike Blvd Weslaco, TX 78596 (956) 377 8000

- **5.** The schedule for in-field coaching site visits will be driven by district needs. For In-field coaching site visits, the district will request a specific number of days per identified campus and identify target and blackout dates for schools. This information will be provided to the vendor as soon as the contract is awarded and the vendor will be expected to respond with site visit schedules within 10 days of receiving the information.
- **6.** The district shall determine who is eligible for advanced professional development based on experience, record of results and prior training.
- 7. Professional development services for teachers shall include co-teachers and resident teachers (and any other teaching position title designated by the district).
- **8.** Professional development services for leaders shall include district personnel assigned to coach or manage teachers and leaders and/or designated as attendees by the district.
- 9. Because of our rapid expansion, the district seeks to increase its capacity to implement Direct Instruction with district personnel as trainers and coaches. Therefore, the proposal should specifically address IDEA leader and teacher trainer-of-trainers modules in the building b6 (ed)-45 (n t)-5.1 (h9)

PART IV - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. **Proposal Submission**: Proposals must be submitted using this RFP only, and must be submitted on or before the hour and date specified. Late submittals will not be accepted or reviewed. Emailed proposals will not be accepted.
- 2. **Public Record**: All Proposals become the property of IDEA. As a governmental entity, the Texas Public Information Act applies to this RFP. Accepted Proposals and any subsequent award will generally be a public record. Proprietary material must be clearly marked as such.
- 3. **Rejection/Award**: IDEA reserves the right to reject and and/or all Proposals, to award contacts as may appear advantageous to IDEA, and to waive all formalities in the procurement process.
- 4. **Evaluation of Proposals**: Proposal evaluation will be completed based on the information provided by Vendor. It is very important that Vendor provide all required information as part of the Proposal. Failure to provide necessary information and documents could result in the Proposal being rejected.
- 5. **Applicability**: These conditions are applicable and form a part of the contract documents in each supply and/or service contract, and are a part of the terms of each purchase order for items of equipment and/or service included in the specifications and solicitation forms issued herewith.
- 6. **Supplemental Information**: Supplemental information required by the RFP must be included with the Proposal. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may disqualify Vendor from consideration.
- 7. **Proposal Errors**: Proposals will represent a true and correct statement and shall contain no cause for claim of omission or error. Request for withdrawal of proposal is allowed based on proof of mechanical error; however, Vendor may be removed from consideration or from any approved vendor list.
- 8. **Changes to Proposal**: IDEA reserves the right to negotiate changes in a Proposal by any Vendor, and to reject any or all Proposals.
- 9. Use of Brand Names: The use of brand and manufacturer's names is for the purpose of brevity in establishing type and quality of merchandise and is not restrictive. Manufacturer, trade, and/or brand name must be indicated for each article and, when omitted, IDEA will consider bid to be as specified. Illustrations and complete description must be included with the Proposal if bidding other than specified.
- 10. **Undue Influence**: In order to ensure the integrity of the selection process, Vendor's officers, employees, agents, or other representatives shall not lobby or attempt to influence a vote or recommendation related to Vendor's Proposal, directly or indirectly, through any contact with IDEA board members or other school officials from the date this RFP is released until the award of a contract by IDEA. By signing this Proposal, Vendor affirms that Vendor has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to any IDEA representative in connection with the Proposal submitted.
- 11. **Gratuities**: IDEA may, by written notice to Vendor, cancel any service agreement without liability to IDEA if it is determined by IDEA that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts etc., were offered or given by Vendor, or any agent or representative of Vendor, to any officer or employee of IDEA with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or making of any determination with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this agreement is cancelled by IDEA pursuant to this provision, IDEA shall be entitled, in addition to other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of costs incurred by Vendor in providing such gratuities.
- 12. **Payment Terms**: Unless a prompt payment discount with a payment term of at least 10 days is offered and accepted by IDEA, payment terms shall be Net 30 days from date of acceptance or receipt of a properly prepared and submitted invoice, whichever is later. Vendor will invoice IDEA neither more nor less frequently than once per month.

13. **Independent Contractor**: The parties intend that Vendor, in performing the specified services, will act as an independent contractor and that nothing herein shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer or employee between IDEA and Vendor or between IDEA and Vendor's employees. Vendor will be free to contract for similar services to be performed for other entities while Vendor is under contract with IDEA. Vendor is not to be considered an agent or employee of IDEA and is not entitled to participate in any pension plans, bonus, or similar benefits that IDEA provides to its employees. IDEA and Vendor agree that Vendor and/or its employees are not covered under any IDEA insurance policy, including but not limited to IDEA'

21.	Governmental	Immunity:	

PART V: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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

- 1. Attachment A Vendor Maintenance File
- 2. Attachment B ACH Vendor Payment Enrollment Form
- 3. Attachment C W-9 Taxpayer Identification Form
- **4. Attachment D** Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
- 5. Attachment E Model SB9 Contractor Certification
- **6. Attachment F** Criminal History Review of Contractor Employees