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GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
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ADDENDUM #1, RFP # 242-20-01

ORACLE BUDGET AND PLANNING CONSULTANT

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THE DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMITTAL OF RESPONSES IS UNCHANGED

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FOLLOWING

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Director of Purchasing

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#	Question	Answer
1	What's been the experience (a summary of the history/developments) thus far with PBCS?	April, 2018 – original implementation and go-live April, 2020 – overhauled position planning/budgeting functionality
2	How long has Garland ISD been utilizing PBCS? Who originally implemented the solution?	In production since April, 2018, GISD has utilized PBCS for 3 consecutive budget cycles (FY19 – FY21). Implementation partner was Applications Software Technology Corporation.
3	Where is Garland ISD in the lifecycle of PBCS?	Streamlining, enhancing, and stabilizing; maximizing ROI
4	What top areas is Garland aiming looking to improve within PBCS? (if any known currently or anticipated?)	Streamline/overhaul of GL Line Item functionality. Also the potential for a customization to address budget transfer entry, approval, and integration/automation with the Oracle E-Business Suite.
5	What prompted the RFP need for PBCS?	GISD is seeking outside consulting experience to streamline and improve the Line Item functionality and implementation of PBCS and prepare for FY22 budget development cycle.
6	What's the current support team for Garland ISD? Roles (internal vs. external, etc).	Within the Division of Finance, the Budget department and Oracle Technology Group (ERP department) work together to support District planning and budgeting operations via Oracle PBCS. In this regard, we have a number of resources in both Business and IT which are able to direct, support and enhance the business solution.
7	What systems does PBCS integrate with today? What's automated integrations vs. manual integrations?	PBCS is currently integrated with GISD's on premise Oracle E-Business Suite using EPM Automate. The integration is with the GL (Budget/Actuals) and various HR position, earnings, deductions, costing, and structural data. Both sets of integrations are inbound to PBCS.
8	What other cloud platforms does Garland ISD utilize for finance or general IT management?	GISD does not currently use any other finance related cloud platforms. Financials are managed in the on premise Oracle E-Business Suite. GISD is currently in the process of implementing Oracle Fusion Sourcing and Oracle Fusion Procurement Contracts.
9	Is the RFP permitted to be provided digitally either in addition or in place of the physical copies?	Per RFP section 1.1.4 Number of Copies – please provide one (1) original proposal response and one (1) copy submitted on flash drive.
10	Would Garland ISD consider exploring larger set of consulting services around data integration, visualization, cloud services, student performance coupled with the planning and budgeting process?	No.
11	How open/strict are the 5x K-12 references, would the ISD seriously consider bids from vendors who have strong references from the B2B and B2C space?	Firms submitting shall have at least five references of successful PBCS engagements, with a preference for public sector (SLED), K-12 of similar size and scope. References from private sector or commercial industry will be weighted accordingly.