

# Garland Independent School District

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

April 21, 2017

FOR: ONSITE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM

PROPOSAL #184-17



### RFP Submission Schedule:

**Date:** May 9, 2017

**Time:** 10:30 A.M. CST

**Location:** Garland Independent School District  
Purchasing Department  
501 S. Jupiter, Garland, Texas 75042

# 1. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

## 1.1 Submission of Proposals

### 1.1.1. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATIONS

For clarification of the specification(s) of this Request for Proposal, proposers may contact: Janet Curtis-Fuller, Buyer, at [jcfuller@garlandisd.net](mailto:jcfuller@garlandisd.net)

The individual listed above may be contacted for clarification of specification(s) only. No authority is intended or implied that specification(s) may be amended or alternates accepted prior to opening without written approval of the Garland ISD Director of Purchasing.

### 1.1.2. SUBMITTING QUESTIONS

Suppliers finding errors, requests for additional information, omissions, or corrections shall contact the Purchasing Department Questions by submitting an email to [bids@garlandisd.net](mailto:bids@garlandisd.net) and a copy to [jcfuller@garlandisd.net](mailto:jcfuller@garlandisd.net) no later than April 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

### 1.1.3. ADDENDA

All addenda will be issued as amendments to the Bid(s). All addenda will be posted by April 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. It is the supplier's responsibility to check the district's website (<http://www.garlandisd.net/connect/do-business/current-opportunities>) and all electronic notifications for addendums prior to submitting responses.

### 1.1.4. NUMBER OF COPIES

PLEASE PROVIDE ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND TWO (2) COPIES OF PROPOSAL RESPONSE! ENSURE THE ORIGINAL AND COPIES ARE CLEARLY LABELED.

### 1.1.5. DELIVERY OF PROPOSAL

Hand-carried proposals or proposals submitted via carrier service are to be delivered to:

**Garland ISD Purchasing Department**  
501 S. Jupiter, Garland, Texas 75042

Proposals submitted via the U. S. Postal Service are to be mailed to:

**Garland ISD Purchasing Department**  
P. O. Box 469026, Garland, Texas 75046-9026

Clearly mark all Proposal envelopes as instructed on the front page. Allow sufficient transit time.

**NOTE: Delivery of Proposal envelope to other Departments within the Garland Independent School District is not considered as delivery to the Purchasing Department.**

**1.1.6. SIGNED ORIGINAL**

Once completed and signed, return your Proposal form to the Garland ISD Purchasing Department (as instructed above).

**1.1.7. LATE SUBMISSIONS**

Proposals received at the GISD Purchasing Department after the time and date specified above will not be considered and will be filed unopened. The Garland ISD shall not be held liable for late proposals.

**1.1.8. OTHER FORMS OF SUBMISSION**

Oral or telegraphic proposals transmitted via the District's facsimile machine are not acceptable. **DO NOT FAX OR EMAIL YOUR PROPOSALS. Only forms provided by the Garland ISD Purchasing Department may be submitted with this proposal unless written instructions permit additional pages.**

**1.1.9. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

Proposals must be signed by an authorized individual to contractually bind their firm when submitting the Proposal. Failure to sign the Proposal will be considered as a "mistake in Proposal", and the Proposal will be rejected as "non-responsive".

**1.1.10. WITHDRAWING PROPOSALS**

No Proposal may be withdrawn prior to opening of proposals without written request (addressed to the Garland ISD Director of Purchasing) by an authorized agent of the proposing firm and upon written approval by the District. Proposals become the property of Garland ISD upon receipt.

**1.1.11. DEVIATIONS**

Any and all deviations to this competitive solicitation proposed by the Proposal must be listed on the Compliance Form, not on a cover letter, catalog, etc.

**1.1.12. PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Garland Independent School District is a public entity subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 552). Responses to this invitation may be subject to release as public information unless the response or specific parts of the response are accepted from public disclosure under such Act. Proposers should consult with their legal counsel regarding disclosure issues and take the appropriate precautions to safeguard trade secrets or any other confidential or proprietary information before responding to this invitation. The District assumes no liability or responsibility for release of any information not properly identified and documented in accordance with the enclosed Confidential Information Declaration & Copyright Authorization Form. The District assumes no liability or responsibility for release of any information that the Texas Attorney General or a court of law determines to be subject to release.

**1.1.13. COPYRIGHT PROTECTION**

Proposals asserted to be copyright protected in their entirety may, in the District's sole discretion, be rejected as non-conforming. Proposers who submit copyrighted materials as part of their Proposal must review and complete the Confidential Information Declaration & Copyright Authorization Form. Proposers submitting

copyrighted materials should consult with their legal counsel regarding copyright and disclosure issues. By submitting copyrighted materials and completing the Confidential Information Declaration and Copyright Authorization Form, proposers grant the District authorization to reproduce and provide copies of such information and agree to waive any and all claims against the District regarding the release of such copyrighted information including, but not limited to, any claim of copyright infringement when released in response to a valid request for information under the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552. In the event a proposer is unable to grant such authorization and waiver, copyrighted materials must not be included in the Proposal.

## 1.2 Award/Evaluation of Proposals

### 1.2.1. WAIVING INFORMALITIES

The Garland Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor proposal formalities/technicalities and award the proposal deemed to be most advantageous to the District. It should be understood that the district will start negotiating a contract with the firm which receives the highest rating. If a contract cannot be negotiated, the district will commence negotiation with the next highest ranking vendor until a contract is negotiated or all submittals rejected.

### 1.2.2. TIE PROPOSALS/EVALUATION FACTORS

Tie proposals, which are **equal in all respects**, shall be resolved and awarded in accordance with Local Government Code (Texas) Para. 271.901. Otherwise proposals, which reflect a tie in price, only may be awarded pursuant to the permissible factors listed in Texas Education Code, Subchapter B, Sec. 44.031(b) and set forth below:

1. the purchase price;
2. the reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services;
3. the quality of the vendor's goods or services;
4. the extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs;
5. the vendor's past relationship with the district;
6. the impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses;
7. the total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services; [and]
8. for a contract for goods and services, other than goods and services related to telecommunications and information services, building construction and maintenance, or instructional materials, whether the vendor or the vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:
  - a. has its principal place of business in this state; or
  - b. employs at least 500 persons in this state; and
9. **Per Texas Education Code, Subchapter B, Sec. 44.031(b) \*ALL CONTENTS PROVIDED IN THIS SOLICITATION, WILL BE CONSIDERED AS AN EVALUATION FACTOR! \***
10. In compliance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle D, Section 2155.074, Section 2155.075, Section 2156.007, Section 2157.003 and Section 2157.125, and Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Chapter 113.6, information obtained from the Texas Building and

Procurement Commission's Proposer Performance Tracking System may be used in evaluating responses to solicitations for goods and services to determine the best value for the Garland Independent School District.  
[www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/vendor\\_performance](http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/vendor_performance)

### **1.2.3. BOARD OF TRUSTEE APPROVAL**

Proposal results will be presented to the GISD Board of Trustees for consideration (if total amount awarded exceeds \$75,000) at the earliest opportunity following the official opening date.

### **1.2.4. FELONY CONVICTIONS**

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).

### **1.2.5. PRODUCT LITERATURE**

Descriptive and illustrative literature covering the requested program may be furnished.

## **2. CERTIFICATIONS**

### **2.1. CERTIFICATION AFFIRMATIONS**

By signing this Request for Proposal, the signed proposer affirms and certifies that its company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual's response to this proposal is in all respects compliant with all provisions in this section.

#### **2.1.1. ANTI-COLLUSION AND FRAUD**

Proposer affirms that its company, corporation, firm, partnership or individuals response to this proposal is in all respects bona fide, fair and was not made with collusion or fraud with any person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other legal entity engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.

#### **2.1.2. 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 Excluded Parties List System 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." The Excluded Parties List System in SAM 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. Proposer certifies that the individual and/or firm on whose behalf this proposal is submitted is not listed on the Federal Government's excluded parties list (SAM).

#### **2.1.3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

Proposer hereby certifies that it (or its firm hereby represented) is legally authorized to conduct business in Texas and has complied with any and all federal, state, or other laws or regulations applicable to any purchase resulting from this Request for

Proposal, including, but not limited to, copyright and/or patent laws and anti-collusion law.

**2.1.4. PUBLIC INFORMATION**

By submitting a response to this request, proposer represents that it is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code, Disclosure of Certain Relationships with Local Government Officers; Providing Public Access to Certain Information. A list of local government Officers may be obtained at <http://www.garlandisd.net/content/conflict-disclosure>. Failure to comply with this provision may result in the bid being considered non-responsive.

**2.1.5. FUNDING AGREEMENTS**

Proposer certifies that if the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or sub-recipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or sub-recipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

**2.1.6. CLEAN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION ACT**

Proposer certifies that it is in compliance with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended.

**2.1.7. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT**

Proposer hereby certifies that it (or its firm hereby represented) that it is compliant with Certification of Compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act - When federal Funds are expended by Garland ISD for any contract resulting from this procurement process, the Supplier certifies that the Supplier will be in compliance with 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).

**2.1.8. RECORD RETENTION REQUIRMENTS**

Proposer certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.333 for a period of three years after grantees or sub-grantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other depending matters.

**2.1.9. RECOVERED MATERIALS**

Certify that the percentage of recovered materials to be used in the performance of the contract will be at least the amount required by applicable specifications or other contractual requirements, and estimate the percentage of total material utilized for the performance of the contract which is recovered materials, in accordance 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.

#### **2.1.10. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING REQUIREMENTS**

Proposer certifies no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or 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 imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code.

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 proposer shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/grants/sfillin.pdf>

### **3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **3.1. CASH PAYMENTS AND DISCOUNTS**

Cash/prompt payment discounts offered will not be considered in determining the award but will be taken if earned.

#### **3.2. PURCHASE ORDERS AND CONFIRMATION**

The Garland Independent School District will email purchase orders in lieu of facsimile transmission. In addition to purchase orders, all solicitation notices, and award notifications will be communicated by email.

Orders will be placed as items are approved for purchase and funds become available.

#### **3.3. CHANGE ORDERS**

The District and District's representative, without invalidating the contract, may make changes by altering, adding to, or deducting from the Purchase Order; the contract sum being adjusted accordingly. No extra work or change shall be made unless in pursuance of a written order from the District and any claim for an addition to the contract sum will not be valid unless so ordered. Changes and amendments will be communicated by sending a copy of the purchase order.

**IT IS THE PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TRACK PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER(S) & APPLICABLE REVISIONS. DOUBLE SHIPMENTS INCURRED WILL BE RETURNED AT THE VENDOR'S EXPENSE.**

### 3.4. PAYMENTS VIA ACH

Garland ISD will make all payments via ACH. Awarded supplier will be required to submit banking information on a form provided by the district at: <http://www.garlandisd.net/content/how-do-business-us>. Payment will be made within 30 days after the later of, receipt of goods/services and a properly submitted invoice. The district considers an invoice properly submitted when the following conditions are met:

- 3.4.1. Invoice is received at the address indicated on the purchase order
- 3.4.2. Pricing on the invoice matches the price on the purchase order
- 3.4.3. Include a description of the goods or services furnished, the purchase order number, invoice number and any applicable cash discount.
- 3.4.4. Quantities on the invoice do not exceed those specified on the Purchase Order
- 3.4.5. Unique invoice number used for each billing
- 3.4.6. Merchandise has been received.
- 3.4.7. Description of goods and services, and unit of measure, on the invoice, shall match the description on the Purchase Order.

**NOTE: Awarded Companies are expected to ship goods and/or perform services in the same week in which they are invoiced. Invoicing procedures for each awarded company will be incorporated into the proposer's performance rating.**

### 3.5. CHANGING QUANTITIES

Quantities may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the District.

**\*Quantities listed herein are best estimates only and cannot be guaranteed.**

### 3.6. NO SMOKING POLICY

No smoking or use of any tobacco products is permitted on school property.

### 3.7. CHOICE OF LAW/VENUE

This Request for Proposal and any resulting award(s) shall be interpreted within the laws of the State of Texas and the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). In case of discrepancies between the laws of the state of Texas and the UCC, the laws of Texas will prevail. Venue for any legal action filed relative to this Request for Proposal or any resulting purchase orders shall be in Dallas County, Texas.

### 3.8. INVALID PROVISIONS

In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this Request For Proposal (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 Proposal (or any resulting purchase order) shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision(s) had never been contained herein.



### **3.9. QUALITY OF WORKMANSHIP**

If problems with quality or workmanship arise on items received, the supplying vendor is responsible for replacing any/or all items at no cost to the Garland ISD. The supplying vendor will also be responsible for returning to the designated campus or department to pick up the items in question. Garland ISD will not be responsible for shipping items back to vendors.

### **3.10. OVERCHARGE CLAIMS**

Successful proposer(s) hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for overcharges associated with any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USCA Section 1 et. seq., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Tex. Bus. & Com. Code, Section 15.01 et. seq.

### **3.11. PURCHASE ORDER SHORTAGES**

If applicable to "Food Service" commodities, when/if a vendor "shorts" a purchase order, the vendor must advise Food Service at (972) 494-8322 immediately. If the shortage(s) cannot be delivered within five (5) working days, the affected Purchase Order will be CLOSED and a new Purchase Order issued for a later delivery – if the item(s) is still required. A backorder delivered more than five (5) working days after receipt of initial delivery will be rejected by the GISD and will be returned to the vendor at the vendor's expense.

### **3.12. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING**

Garland ISD's fiscal year is September 1 through August 31. Funds are available for the current fiscal year only. Should the Garland ISD Board of Trustees not approve funds for this service, any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal will automatically terminate on the last day of the school fiscal year for which funds have been appropriated at no further cost or obligation to the District.

### **3.13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

It is understood that in the performance of any services herein provided, for Contractor shall be, and is, an independent contractor, and is not an agent or employee of the District and shall furnish such services in its own manner and method, except as required by this contract. Further, Contractor has, and shall retain the right to exercise full control over the employment, direction, compensation, and discharge of all persons employed by Contractor in the performance of the services hereunder. Contractor shall be solely responsible for, and shall indemnify, defend, and save the District harmless, from all matters relating to the payment of its employees, including compliance with Social Security, withholding, and all other wages, salaries, benefits, taxes, exactions, and regulations of any nature whatsoever.

### **3.14. CANCELLATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

The Garland Independent School District reserves the right to cancel any contract (purchase order) resulting from this Request for Proposal at any time, for any reason (or for no reason) with a thirty (30) day written notice to the contractor(s). Contractor 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 contractor(s) shall be deemed to be delivered when mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed to the bidder's address appearing on the face of the Request for Proposal (or as subsequently revised or changed). Any compensation due the contractor(s) will be limited to items received and/or services performed and accepted by the District.

**3.15. CANCELLATION FOR CAUSE**

District shall have all remedies available at law or in equity. Where the Supplier is in default in delivery or otherwise, or has breached any terms or conditions of this contract. Garland ISD may terminate this contract in whole or in part without any adjustment, and in addition to any other remedy provided by law, may procure items or services, similar to those as to which this contract is terminated, and Supplier shall be liable to Garland ISD for any costs or such similar items or services in excess of the price or prices specified herein, provided, however, that Supplier shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated by the Garland ISD.

**3.16. AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTIES**

The Company Response to this Request for Proposal and subsequent Requests for Clarifications will be used to create a Contract Document. Proposers who require the use of a standard contract document, must incorporate the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal into the document. **Proposer agrees to provide a copy of the contract document in word format upon request.**

All prior negotiation representation and agreements, with respect thereto not incorporated in such Contract Documents, are hereby cancelled. This Agreement can be modified or amended only by a document duly executed on behalf of the parties hereto.

**3.17. DISTRICT ACCESS TO WORK AREA**

District and its representative shall at all times have access to work whether it is in preparation or in progress. Laboratory shall provide proper and safe facilities for such access and for inspection.

**3.18. HOLD HARMLESS**

**TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, SUPPLIER AND ITS AGENTS, PARTNERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONSULTANTS (COLLECTIVELY "INDEMNITORS") SHALL AND DO AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, DEFEND WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY DISTRICT, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE DISTRICT, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT, AND ITS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATORS, OTHER EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS (COLLECTIVELY "INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGMENTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, OF ANY NATURE, KIND, OR DESCRIPTION (COLLECTIVELY "LIABILITIES") OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY WHOMSOEVER ARISING OUT OF, CAUSED BY, OR RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES, OR PROVISION OF GOODS, BY VENDOR PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT, OR ANY PART THEREOF, OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS IT MAY BE LIABLE EVEN IF IT IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR OMISSION OF ANY INDEMNITEE, SO LONG AS IT IS NOT CAUSED BY THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY INDEMNITEE.**

**3.19. AUDITING CONTRACT**

Upon request by Garland ISD or Comptroller General of the United States, any duly authorized representative of Garland ISD shall, until three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement, have access to and right to examine directly pertinent books, papers, documents, accounts, and records of Seller involving transactions related to this Agreement and to examine Seller's place of business as necessary to determine whether the terms of this

Agreement are being carried out. This audit will be conducted at a location where those business documents are being held at the time of the audit request. Seller shall be required to maintain such records for three years after final payment.

**3.20. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Garland ISD shall have all remedies available at law or in equity to include reimbursement of attorneys' fees and all costs incurred in enforcing such rights. No modification of limitation of remedy shall be a part of this contract unless specifically agreed to in writing by Garland ISD's Purchasing Department.

**3.21. AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATORS**

Designated GISD Purchasing Department personnel are the only individuals allowed to negotiate contract agreements/terms & conditions and/or pricing before an award is made as well as after an award has been made. Firms hereby agree that any negotiations regarding this RFP pertaining to agreements/terms & conditions and/or pricing shall be between proposing firm and the Purchasing Department ONLY throughout the term of the contract.

**3.22. E-COMMERCE PARTNER**

Garland ISD has implemented an Oracle iSupplier module and will require the successful supplier to utilize this application. iSupplier is a collaborative application that enables Garland ISD and the supplier to communicate. The system enables suppliers to have real-time access, through a standard internet browser, to information such as bids, purchase orders, invoice status, payments, and respond to Garland ISD with order acknowledgments and change requests. Oracle also allows the supplier to input invoices through the portal if permitted by Garland ISD.

In addition to I-Supplier, Garland ISD has implemented iSourcing, which allows the supplier to receive and submit bids and quotes electronically.

iSupplier and iSourcing are provided free to suppliers. Additional information regarding this Oracle application can be obtained at <http://www.oracle.com/us/products/applications/ebusiness/procurement/index.html>.

**3.23. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party shall be liable for delay in delivery or performance or for failure to give notice of delay when such delay is due to factors beyond its control, including, but not limited to, fires, strikes, explosions, governmental regulations, court orders or decrees, or acts of nature such as flood, wind, earthquake, tornado or hurricane. If the Proposer is unable to perform any of its obligations as a result of force majeure, proposer shall immediately give written notice to the District of the date of inception of the force majeure condition and the extent to which it will affect performance.

**3.24. TEXAS HOUSE BILL 1295, CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

If the individual contract/award exceeds \$1,000,000 or goes to the Board of Trustees, the person or entity submitting this proposal must comply with House Bill 1295 which is codified in the Texas Government Code §2252.908 effective January 1, 2016, by submitting a completed and signed Form 1295, Certificate of Interested Parties within 10 days after notification of intent to award. The appropriate form and additional information is available from the Texas Ethics commission at [www.ethics.state.tx.us/index.html](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/index.html).

## **4. PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS**

### **4.1 DISTRICT INFORMATION**

Garland Independent School District (“GISD” or “the “District”), is a K-12 Texas School System, with an enrollment of over 57,000 students. It is the second largest district in Dallas County and is considered one of the largest districts in the state of Texas. The District has 2 pre-kindergarten schools, 45 elementary schools, 13 middle schools and 7 high schools. Garland ISD also employs approximately 7,300 staff, which covers teachers and administrators at all of the schools and approximately 42 various departments operating locations in three cities, Garland, Rowlett, and Sachse.

### **4.2 PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Garland ISD is seeking a partnership to provide an Onsite Experiential Learning Program for approximately 4,000 GISD 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. This program will include in-class teacher driven curricula that will prepare students for a day-long visit to a fully interactive simulated city. Students will take on the roles of citizens, workers and consumers at the city. The program will encompass important elements of financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. The curriculum must align with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in the areas of mathematics, language arts and social studies.

### **4.3 DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**4.3.1** GISD will provide approximately 7,031 sq. feet for the experiential learning facility inside the newly constructed Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center to include up to 15 storefronts, career exploration center, staff offices and storage area. GISD will also provide space for the organization to conduct staff training.

**4.3.2** GISD has designed the facility layout of the project, in order to ensure a premier academic, architectural, and aesthetic experience that will incorporate state-of-the-art interactive technology and learning theory.

**4.3.3** The experiential learning facility will include storefront facades and finishes with painted shell on the interior. The spaces will also include data and electrical drops.

**4.3.4** Operational and maintenance costs to include custodial and utilities of the facility during school hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will be provided by the District.

**4.3.5** GISD will have oversight and the final approval for the design and build-outs proposed by all sponsoring companies.

**4.3.6** GISD will have final approval for any design and/or development of the experiential learning facility.

**4.3.7** GISD will ensure the successful implementation of the experiential learning program curricula in the classroom before students visit the facility for their capstone experience. GISD will provide adequate classroom time for the program materials to be taught in preparation for the day students will spend at the onsite experiential learning facility.

- 4.3.8 GISD will always have priority in scheduling dates students will attend the onsite facility. Dates will be confirmed by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each school year to allow other school districts the opportunity to plan and attend.
- 4.3.9 GISD will provide transportation of GISD students involved in the program to the onsite experiential learning facility.
- 4.3.10 GISD will designate an employee to serve as the liaison between the organization and GISD.
- 4.3.11 GISD will provide technology to include a server along with a computer and printer in each of the 15 storefronts and the staff office. District will also provide large screen televisions to be placed in the common area of the experiential learning facility as well as a speaker/intercom system.
- 4.3.12 GISD technology staff will provide support for all technology hardware provided by the district.

#### **4.4 COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 4.4.1 Operate onsite experiential learning facility and simulation.
- 4.4.2 Provides in-class teacher driven curricula that will prepare students for a day-long visit to a fully interactive simulated city. The curriculum must align with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in the areas of mathematics, language arts and social studies and be approved by GISD personnel.
- 4.4.3 Hire, manage and train staff for onsite experiential learning facility.
- 4.4.4 Obtain required criminal history record information through the Department of Public Safety's Fingerprint-based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas (FACT), regarding its employees assigned to work on GISD premises. The supplier is responsible for complying with Texas Education Code § 22.0834. Supplier may not commence work until all employees have been approved by the Purchasing Department.
- 4.4.5 Provide training and support to GISD teachers.
- 4.4.6 Offer up to 15 storefronts and career exploration center to include design renderings for approval by the District.
- 4.4.7 Be responsible for build out to ensure all storefronts are completed.
- 4.4.8 Be responsible for all branding and modifications to storefronts as changes occur. GISD must preapprove all branding, changes and/or modifications.
- 4.4.9 Recruit and train all workers of the facility for each day of operation. Workers will be required to follow GISD volunteer policies and procedures which will include a background check.

- 4.4.10** Work with GISD HR and Security to attend required staff training and learn safety procedures for students and volunteers.
- 4.4.11** Ensure GISD has first selection of dates for the school year at the onsite experiential learning facility; however, other districts may be recruited to participate in the program.
- 4.4.12** Secure operational funding for site-based materials through community partnerships and a per-student fee for student participation from GISD and other districts that attend the facility.
- 4.4.13** Assume responsibility for all operational and/or maintenance costs which may be incurred through organization's use of the facility outside GISD's normal school hours.
- 4.4.14** Ensure that the sponsored restaurant storefront is a working simulation for student learning. Any meetings/trainings should be approved through organization staff, as organization is responsible for the maintenance and materials in the restaurant.
- 4.4.15** Implement and operationalize the storefronts and all accompanying curriculum no later than August 1, 2017.

## **5. PROPOSAL FORMAT**

For consistency and to facilitate evaluation of all responses, vendors must organize their submittals as defined below. Any other information that may be relevant, but not applicable to the categories described herein, should be provided as an appendix to the system proposal. Any deviation to the proposed format will be used as an evaluation factor and submittals which make major deviations may be disqualified from consideration.

- 5.1** Include all required forms.
- 5.2** Provide proposal for complying with Section 4.4
- 5.3** Identify the fee for providing the services as identified in Section 4.4 for Garland ISD students. Explain how the Garland ISD investment in building construction and operational costs were considered in determining the fee.
- 5.4** Identify all fees charged to outside school districts using the GISD facility. Explain at what point Garland ISD would share in the revenue from outside districts and to what extent.
- 5.5** Identify experiential learning programs you have provided nationally and in Texas.
- 5.6** Identify the proposed qualifications of staff to be assigned to the GISD Onsite Experiential Learning facility.
- 5.7** Explain your company's work efforts to complete up to 15 storefronts.

- 5.8** Provide an overview of your curriculum to include:
- Curriculum outline detail
  - Organizational student learning outcomes data
  - Curriculum developers
  - Frequency of curriculum updates and enhancements
  - Technology incorporation into curriculum

**GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Instruction Sheet**

**1. Contract Term**

From May 15, 2017 (or date of award) through May 31, 2018 with the District's options to renew annually through May 31, 2027.

**2. Submitting Questions**

Suppliers finding errors, requests for additional information, omissions, or corrections shall contact the Purchasing Department Questions by submitting an email to [bids@garlandisd.net](mailto:bids@garlandisd.net) and a copy to [jfuller@garlandisd.net](mailto:jfuller@garlandisd.net) no later than April 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

**3. Addenda**

All addenda will be issued as amendments. All addenda will be posted by April 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. It is the supplier's responsibility to check the district's website (<http://www.garlandisd.net/connect/do-business/current-opportunities>) for addendums prior to submitting responses.

**4. Value of Contract**

The estimated value of this contract is \$50,000; However, this value reflects the District's estimated current requirements for one year (or time frame as otherwise specified).

**5. Required Forms**

All Required Forms **MUST** be completed and submitted with proposal.

**6. Fingerprinting Requirement:**

Suppliers who will only deliver but not enter a school building to perform services, will be required to complete and submit the **CERTIFICATION FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK FORM only**, prior to beginning services.

Suppliers who will deliver and enter a school building to perform services, will be required to complete the Criminal History Check process described below, prior to beginning services. **CERTIFICATION FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK FORM** should be completed and returned after all personnel have been fingerprinted.

**Criminal History Checks**

During the term of this agreement, the firm's employees have the potential to have continuing duties and direct contact with students. Subsequently, the supplier is responsible for complying



with Texas Education Code § 22.0834. Supplier may not commence work until all employees have been approved by the Purchasing Department.

At a minimum, the company recommended for award shall:

1. Obtain required criminal history record information, through the Department of Public Safety's Fingerprint-based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas (FACT), regarding its employees assigned to work GISD premises. The following steps should be followed to complete the process:

If you are a **sole proprietor** (one person company) you must:

- 1.1 Contact GISD Purchasing Department to obtain FAST pass.
- 1.2 Follow instructions on the FAST Pass to arrange an appointment for employees to be finger printed. Employers may select the most convenient location to their zip code.  
\*If there is not a convenient location based on your zip code, please enter 75042 and choose "Garland: Garland ISD" to schedule your fingerprint appointment.\*
- 1.3 After fingerprinting is completed, email Diane Fields, Administrative Assistant to Director of Purchasing at [Dfields@garlandisd.net](mailto:Dfields@garlandisd.net) and provide the following: RFP number, full name and date of birth for all personnel assigned to work on site during the contract term. If it is not possible to verify an employee based on the name and date of birth, it may be necessary to provide a driver's license number or state identification card.

All other **suppliers, contractors and subcontractors** must:

- 1.4 Supplier will receive award letter or signed contract from the Purchasing Department.  
**Subcontractors will obtain an award letter or contract from the general contractor, before contacting DPS.**
  - 1.5 Contact the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at (512) 424-2474, select option 2, to establish a vendor account and obtain a FAST pass. This process can take up to seven to ten business days.
  - 1.6 Follow instructions on the FAST Pass to arrange an appointment for employees to be finger printed. Employers may select the most convenient location to their zip code.  
\*If there is not a convenient location based on your zip code, please enter 75042 and choose "Garland: Garland ISD" to schedule your fingerprint appointment.\*
2. After fingerprinting is completed, email Diane Fields, Administrative Assistant to Director of Purchasing at [Dfields@garlandisd.net](mailto:Dfields@garlandisd.net) and provide the following: RFP number, full name and date of birth for all personnel assigned to work on site during

the contract term. If it is not possible to verify an employee based on the name and date of birth, it may be necessary to provide a driver's license number or state identification card.

3. If an employee is arrested while under contract, you must contact Dana Knox, GISD Human Resource Specialist of Fingerprinting/Investigations at 972-487-3213. The incident must be reported within 3 business days of the arrest.

Notify GISD Purchasing Department if employees leave employment with the firm during the contract term or cease responsibilities on GISD property

## Supplier Questionnaire

1. Is your company certified by the state of Texas or the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as a small, women-owned, or minority business? Yes   
No

If yes, provide a copy of the certification with the Request for Proposal/Bid response.

2. References:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. The Garland ISD has entered into Inter-Local Agreements for cooperative purchasing with the following public entities: City of Garland • City of Rowlett • Ysleta ISD

The Proposer agrees to honor orders for items or services included herein which may be placed by these entities? Yes   
No

4. Several governmental entities (a membership list is available at the EPCNT web site, listed below) have indicated an interest in being included in this contract. Should these governmental entities decide to participate in this contract, would you, (the proposer) agree that all terms, conditions, specifications, and pricing would apply? Yes   
No

Several governmental entities (a membership list is available at the CTPA web site listed below) have indicated an interest in being included in this contract. Should these governmental entities decide to participate in this contract, would you, (the proposer) agree that all terms, conditions, specification, and pricing would apply? Yes   
No   
For information regarding the Central Texas Purchasing Alliance, please visit their website at the following address [www.txctpa.org](http://www.txctpa.org) .

If you (the Proposer) checked yes, the following will apply. Governmental entities utilizing Internal Governmental contracts with the Garland Independent School District will be eligible, but not obligated, to purchase materials/services under the contract(s) awarded as a result of this solicitation. All purchases by governmental entity other than Garland Independent School District will be billed directly to that governmental entity and paid by that governmental entity. Garland Independent School District will not be responsible for another governmental entity's debts. Each governmental entity will order their own material/service as needed. For information regarding the Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas, please visit their website at the following address [www.epcnt.com](http://www.epcnt.com).

5. Proposer's principal place of business (or main corporate office) is located in \_\_\_\_\_ (state).

5.1. Proposer's principal place of business is located within the boundaries of the Garland Independent School District? Yes  No

5.2. Does your firm employ at least 500 persons in the state of Texas? Yes  No

## Compliance Form

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An authorized company representative must sign this form to indicate compliance with the Sourcing Instruction Sheet, Instructions to Proposer, Award/Evaluation of Proposals, Certifications, Shipping and Delivery, Terms and Conditions and all other information contained in this solicitation. All **deviations** shall be listed on this page, with complete detailed conditions and information included or attached. The District will consider any deviations in its award decisions, and the District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid based upon any deviations indicated below or in any attachments or inclusions.

In the absence of any deviation entry on this form, the bidder assures the District of their full compliance with the Sourcing Instruction Sheet, Instructions to Proposer, Award/Evaluation of Proposals, Certifications, Shipping and Delivery, Terms and Conditions and all other information contained in this solicitation.

Please list deviations below (attach additional sheets, if needed):

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Company Name

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Address

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City

State

Zip

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Printed Name

Title

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Signature

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Email Address

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Telephone #

Fax #

**Certification for Criminal History Check**  
**(In Compliance With Texas Education Code § 22.0834(A))**

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**“Covered employee”** - A “covered employee” is a person who is an employee, applicant, agent or Subcontractor of the Contractor or of any Subcontractor of the Contractor, if (a) the person has or will have work duties related to the Project that will be performed on District property or at another location on a regular or repeated basis, (b) students are regularly present at such location, and (c) the person will have verbal or physical interaction with, or be in direct proximity to, one or more students.

**“Direct contact with students”**-The contact that results from activities that provide substantial opportunity for verbal or physical interaction with students that is not supervised by a certified educator or other professional district employee. Contact with students that results from services that do not provide substantial [the] opportunity for unsupervised interaction with a [an individual] student or students, such as addressing an assembly, officiating a sports contest, or judging an extracurricular event, is not, by itself, direct contact with students. However, direct contact with students does result from any activity that provides substantial [the] opportunity for unsupervised contact with students, which might include [such as], without limitation, the provision of [individualized] coaching, tutoring, or other services to students.

**“Disqualifying conviction”** - A “disqualifying conviction” is a conviction of (a) any felony under the Texas Penal Code, (b) any offense for which the person is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, (c) any equivalent offense under the laws of the United States or any other state, (d) any offense against a child, (e) misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance within 10 years, (f) any weapon offense, (g) theft, larceny, fraud, issuance of a bad check, theft by check above the class C misdemeanor level, or more than one offense at the class C level, (h) forgery, (i) altering an Official Document, (j) perjury, or (k) securing executing of a document by deception.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contractor”), I certify that [check one]:

None of Contractor’s employees are *covered employees*, as defined above. The service contractor shall also certify that it will take reasonable steps to ensure that the conditions or precautions that have resulted in a determination that any person is not a covered contract employee continue to exist throughout the time that the contracted services are provided.

Or

Some or all of Contractor’s employee are *covered employees*. If this box is selected, I further certify that:

- (1) Contractor has obtained all required criminal history record information, through the Texas Department of Public Safety, regarding its covered employees. None of the covered employees has a disqualifying conviction.
- (2) If Contractor receives information that a covered employee has a disqualifying conviction, Contractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify the District in writing within 3 business days that it has done so. Noncompliance by Contractor with this certification may be grounds for contract termination.

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Signature

Title

Date

## Confidential Information Declaration & Copyright Authorization Form

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The bidder must stamp in bold red letters the term "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROPRIETARY" on every page of any part of a bid that the bidder claims is confidential or proprietary. *Furnishing confidential or proprietary information is discouraged.* The District cannot guarantee that the District will be allowed to keep the information submitted confidential. The District may reject as non-conforming any bid that contains confidentiality claims that the District in its sole discretion considers vague or unreasonable.

All Invitations to Proposal and parts of bids that are not marked as confidential or proprietary will generally be considered public information once the contract is awarded. The District assumes no liability or responsibility for release of any information not properly marked. The District assumes no liability or responsibility for release of any information that is properly marked but is determined by the Texas Attorney General or a court of law to be subject to release. In the event that the District receives a request for disclosure of material marked "confidential" or "proprietary", the District may request a ruling from the Texas Attorney General concerning whether such material must be disclosed.

Proposals asserted to be copyright protected in their entirety are unacceptable and may, in the District's sole discretion, be disqualified as non-responsive. By submitting copyrighted materials as part of your bid, you hereby grant the District authorization to reproduce and provide copies of such information in response to a valid request for information under the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552. By submitting copyrighted materials, you are representing that you have the authority to grant such authorization for the reproduction and release of such information. You further agree to waive any and all claims against the District regarding the release of such copyrighted information including, but not limited, to any claim of copyright infringement when released in response to a valid request for information under the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552.

- Contents of this document are NOT considered Confidential or Proprietary
- Contents of this document ARE considered Confidential or Proprietary. Please identify the pages and/or sections declared Confidential or Proprietary by properly marking the pages &/or sections as confidential or proprietary and listing them below:

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The undersigned affirms that the District assumes no liability/responsibility for the release of any information if this form is not properly completed, signed and the appropriate pages clearly marked as directed. The undersigned further grants authorization for the reproduction and release of any information asserted to be copyright protected in response to a request for information under the Texas Public Information Act, and waives any and all claims regarding the release of such information.

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Printed Name

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Signature Title Date

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The Vendor shall purchase and maintain, in a company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Texas. Such insurance as will protect the Vendor and the District from claims set forth below, which may arise out of, or result from, the operations under the contract. The Vendor shall be a subscriber to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act for Workers' Compensation Insurance. The vendor shall file with the Director of Purchasing, before work is begun, certificates of such insurance which shall be subject to approval by the District as to the company providing insurance and the manner and adequacy of insurance protection. The Vendor shall, during the performance of this Agreement, keep in force the following insurance:

- a. Comprehensive General Liability\*(CGL)
    - 1) Bodily Injury \$250,000 each person, \$500,000 each occurrence,  
\$1,000,000 aggregate
    - 2) Personal Injury \$250,000 each person, \$500,000 each occurrence,  
\$1,000,000 aggregate
    - 3) Property Damage \$500,000 each occurrence
  - b. Comprehensive Automobile Liability\*(CAL)
    - 1) Bodily Injury \$500,000 each person, \$500,000 each occurrence,  
\$1,000,000 aggregate
    - 2) Property \$100,000 each occurrence
  - c. Workers' Comp. (as a subscriber to the Act) Statutory (per benefits of Texas Workers' Comp. Act)
  - d. Employer's Liability
    - 1) Each accident \$300,000
    - 2) Disease \$300,000
    - 3) Disease for each employee \$300,000
- \*In the alternate, CGL and CAL insurance coverage a combined single limit policy of \$500,000 for both property damage and bodily injury may be provided with 1 million dollar aggregate. Vendors having unsupervised access to students must have a minimum of \$100,000 claim/\$300,000 aggregate coverage for sexual abuse and molestation endorsed to their General Liability.

The Vendor shall either: (1) require each of its sub-contractors to procure and to maintain during the life of the sub-contract, Sub-contractor's Workers' Compensation Insurance as a subscriber to the act, Comprehensive General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Property Damage Liability Insurance of the type and in the same amounts as specified above, or (2) insure the activity of its sub-contractors in its own policy(ies).

All such policies of insurance shall contain a provision that they shall not be cancelled or altered nor the amount of coverage reduced until at least thirty (30) days after notice of such cancellation, alteration, or reduction has been delivered to the District.

Such policies of insurance shall be written by companies authorized by the Texas Department of Insurance to conduct business in the state and shall be satisfactory to the District. Vendor shall not commence work under this Agreement until satisfactory evidence of such insurance has been delivered to, and approved by the District.

Self-Insurance: A vendor who self-insures for workers compensation must possess a Certificate of Authority to Self-insure issued by the Texas Workers Compensation Commission as a subscriber to the Workers' Compensation Act. By signing below, the bidder/prospective Vendor certifies that it possesses such certificate, and shall furnish a copy of the Certificate of Self Insurance with Bid Invitation.

**The Certificate of Insurance must be presented prior to start of service. The policy must reflect Garland I.S.D. as "additional insured" or "co-insured".** The amount of deductibles and self-insurance retention must be shown on Certificate of Insurance.

By initialing below, the bidder certifies that it is capable of providing the type(s) and coverage of insurance required.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Initials)

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Company Name	Insured By:	Printed Name	Certificate Number
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