

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 – 3:00 P.M.CST

INTERPRETATION SERVICES

RFP #002-15-16

Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS; GENERAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES FOR:
INTERPRETATION SERVICES

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Section 1.0 - NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Proposal Deadline: September 2, 2015 – 3:00 P.M. CST

RFP #002-15-16 - Interpretation Services

All Proposals must be sealed and addressed to Donna Brennan, Buyer, Purchasing Services, GCISD, at 3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue, Grapevine, Texas 76051.

Proposals will not be publicly opened.

All Proposals must be plainly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope as follows:

**“RFP #002-15-16:
Interpretation Services
Attention: Do not open until 3:00 P.M. CST – September 2, 2015”**

You are hereby invited by Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District to submit a Proposal for INTERPRETATION SERVICES. Proposals will be accepted in the Purchasing Services Department, at 3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue, Grapevine, Texas 76051 at 3:00 P.M. CST on September 2, 2015. The enclosed Proposal Response Form must be used to record and submit your Proposal. It and any other requested information shall be submitted within a sealed envelope clearly marked with **“RFP #002-15-16 - Interpretation Services.”**

Any Proposal received later than the specified time, whether delivered in person or by mail, shall be disqualified. Proposals may be submitted on any/or all items unless stated otherwise. The District reserves the right to reject any/all Proposals and to accept any Proposal deemed most advantageous to the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District and to waive any formalities in the Request for Proposal process.

Timetable:

Release RFP:	Thursday, August 13, 2015
Deadline for Submittal of Proposal:	3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2015
Deadline for questions related to this RFP:	Wednesday, August 26, 2015
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees:	Monday, September 21, 2015
Board Meeting:	Monday, September 28, 2015
Effective Date:	Thursday, October 1, 2015

Donna Brennan
Buyer, Purchasing Services
Grapevine-Colleyville ISD

Section 2.0 - STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

2.1 The Invitation to Propose, terms and conditions, the specifications, the received Proposal, and the subsequent Board Approval form the contract and they shall be fully part of the contract, as if thereto attached, or therein repeated. These documents represent the entire agreement between the successful proposer and the District and supersede any prior discussions or negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral.

2.2 Proposers are cautioned to read this invitation carefully, to complete all entries, and submit all documents or information requested. Failing to do so may be materially non-responsive and result in non-consideration of the Proposal.

2.3 Prices and/or discounts submitted for this Proposal will be held firm for the initial term of the contract. After the initial contract term, the District reserves the right to extend the contract for four additional one-year periods, upon the agreement of both the successful vendor and the District. Renewing the contract would imply doing so under the same terms and conditions. A price and/or discount re-determination may be considered by the District only at the anniversary date of the contract.

2.4 Proposal contracts are considered to be in force during the period stipulated by the Proposal or until replaced by a subsequent Request for Proposal for the same product or services.

2.5 If for any fiscal year (currently July 1 thru June 30) of this contract, the Board of Trustees for any reason fails to appropriate funds for these goods, the District will notify the vendor immediately and will no longer be obligated under the contract.

2.6 The successful vendor(s) may cancel the contract only at the end of the plan year by giving the school district written notice ninety (90) days prior to the end of the plan year.

2.7 The District reserves the right to cancel a part or this entire contract at any time during the term with cause. Notification will be submitted in writing no less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date.

2.8 Proposals received after the date and time specified will not be considered. The District is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail carrier, etc., and the date/time stamp shall be the official time of receipt. Proposals may not be submitted or received by facsimile or email.

2.9 The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals and to waive any formalities or technicalities if deemed in the best interest of the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District. The District also reserves the right as sole judge of quality and equality.

2.10 Proposals meeting the requirements of the Request for Proposal shall be considered. Proposers taking exception to the specifications, or offering substitutions shall state these exceptions plainly on the Proposal document.

2.11 Any interpretations, corrections, additions, or changes to the Request for Proposal and the Specifications will be made by addenda or an amendment to the Proposal. The sole issuing authority of addenda or amendment(s) shall be vested in the District's Purchasing Agent. Addenda or amendment(s) will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Invitation to Propose.

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2.12 No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by the vendor to another vendor. Any attempted assignment or delegation by the vendor shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes.

2.13 Each Proposer, by making his/her Proposal, represents that he has read and understands the Invitation to Propose. Failure to respond to this Proposal may remove your company from future Proposal notifications.

2.14 The District is exempt from payment of any Texas Sales Tax or Federal Excise Tax allowed by law.

2.15 All District property and facilities are a drug free zone. No one may use, consume, carry, transport, or exchange tobacco, cigarettes, or illegal drugs while in a school district building or while on school district property. Any person on school property shall not use or possess tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or other smokeless tobacco products. Employees shall be designated to ensure appropriate conduct of participants and others while on school premises. Any person on school property shall not use or possess tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or other smokeless products. The proposing company and its employees shall adhere to this policy.

2.16 Each proposer must give notice to the District if a person, owner, or operator of the business has been convicted of a felony. The District may terminate a contract with a person or business if the District determines that the person or business failed to give such notice or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction.

2.17 If, at any time, the vendor fails to fulfill or abide by the terms, conditions, or specifications of the contract, the District reserves the right upon written notice to the vendor to the following remedies (though not just limited to these): purchase the products elsewhere, cancel the contract, and/or award to the next qualified proposer.

2.18 Should the vendor fail to perform by providing the Proposal product at the price submitted, and/or if the vendor is unable to provide the Proposal product within a specified time frame, The District will recover by purchasing the product elsewhere. Damages will be assessed against the defaulting vendor for the difference between the prices paid for the product on the open market less the original Proposal price, assuming the purchase price is higher than the original awarded Proposal price. Damages may also be assessed for the cost of procuring the product elsewhere and expenses incurred due to the delay caused by not having the specified goods. If the open market price is less than the Proposal price, damages for delay and interim substitutes may be assessed.

2.19 The Uniform Commercial Code shall govern the agreement between the seller and The District created by this Proposal. 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 as effective and in force on the date of this agreement. Proposers are advised that all District contracts are subject to all legal requirements provided for in the Local, State, and Federal statutes.

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2.20 Proposers shall submit all questions concerning this Proposal to Donna Brennan by email at donna.brennan@gcisd.net. A reply in the form of written addendum will be sent to all proposers known to have received an Invitation to Propose, if the answer provides clarification or will have an impact on the Proposal responses. The District's Purchasing Clerk shall be copied on all questions by emailing donna.brennan@gcisd.net. The deadline for submitting questions in conjunction with this RFP is 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

2.21 Vendors who do not propose are requested to notify the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District Purchasing Department in writing if they wish to receive future Proposals. Failure to do so may result in their being deleted from our vendor list.

2.22 By signing this Proposal, a proposer affirms that he/she 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 a public servant in connection with the Proposal submitted.

2.23 By signing this Proposal, a proposer affirms that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the Proposal has been arrived at independently, and is submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give them an unfair advantage over other proposers in the award of this Proposal.

2.24 PROPOSER SHALL NOTE any and all relationships that might be a conflict of interest and include such information with the Proposal.

2.25 For an alternate product Proposal item to be considered, a brochure or detailed specification must be attached to the specification price sheet explaining how the product deviates from the specifications. Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District reserves the right to make final decisions as to comparable items.

Section 3.0 - SUBMISSIONS & EVALUATIONS

3.1 Your Proposal, in order to be considered, must include the properly executed Proposal Response Form, Affidavit, Statement of Compliance, Felony Conviction Notification, References and those other items and/or attachments as specified in this Proposal set. All responses must be legible and signed in order to be considered.

3.2 In evaluating Proposals submitted, the following considerations will be taken into account (but not limited to): price, quality, suitability for intended use, probability of continuous availability, time of service, delivery and vendor reputation. It is not the policy of the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District to purchase on the basis of price alone. The District reserves the right to conduct any tests, evaluations or comparisons it deems necessary to complete the evaluation process.

3.3 Proposers may be required to furnish evidence in writing that they maintain a permanent and adequate place of business and have adequate equipment, finances, and personnel to furnish the products offered satisfactorily and expeditiously and that they are authorized agents and can provide the products they propose to furnish.

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3.4 Vendors taking exception to the terms and conditions or specific actions of this Proposal shall state the exceptions plainly on the exception page of this Proposal document, *Form No. 2012-13 - STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE/DEVIATION FORM*. If no exceptions are indicated on the submitted form, it will be assumed that your Proposal complies with our document.

Section 4.0 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

4.1 Proposers must complete all forms and provide all information asked for under each item. Failure to comply may result in rejection of the Proposal at the District's option.

4.2 Proposals deposited with the District cannot be withdrawn prior to the time set for Proposal Deadline. Request for non-consideration of Proposals must be made in writing to the Purchasing Agent and received by the District prior to the time set for opening Proposals. After other Proposals are opened, the Proposal for which non-consideration is requested may be returned unopened. The Proposal may not be withdrawn after the Proposals have been opened, and the proposers, in submitting the same, warrants and guarantees that this Proposal has been carefully reviewed and checked and that it is in all things true and accurate and free of mistakes and that such Proposal will not and cannot be withdrawn because of any mistake or mistaken assumption of fact committed by the proposers.

4.3 Proposals will be tabulated for comparison on the basis of the Proposal prices and guaranties shown in the Proposal. Until final award of the Contract, the District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive technicalities, or proceed to do the work otherwise in the best interest of the District.

4.4 Proposals may be considered irregular if they show any omissions, alteration of form, additions, or conditions not called for, unauthorized alternate Proposals or irregularities of any kind. However, the District reserves the right to waive any irregularities and to make the award in the best interests of the District.

4.5 The successful proposer may not assign his rights and duties under the award without the written consent from the District. Such consent shall not relieve the assignor of liability in event of default by his assignee.

4.6 Proposals will be received only at the following address:

**Donna Brennan, Buyer Purchasing Services Grapevine-Colleyville ISD
3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue
Grapevine, Texas 76051
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4.7 All Proposals must be at the above address by September 2, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. CST. An original and three (3) copies must be provided. In addition to the one (1) original and three (3) copies, vendors must provide a copy of their proposal in an electronic format on a USB flash drive. The electronic version shall be one (1) file that replicates your original proposal, including required signatures. Do NOT send individual files of each section or page of your proposal as the electronic version. All Proposals received after the prescribed deadline, regardless of the mode of delivery, shall be returned unopened. Questions regarding the specifications must be faxed or e-mailed to Donna Brennan via email at donna.brennan@gcisd.net. All questions should be submitted in writing and shall copy the Purchasing Clerk at donna.brennan@gcisd.net. The deadline for submitting questions in conjunction with this Request for Proposals is 3:00 p.m. on August 26, 2015.

4.8 The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, in whole or in part, to waive any informality in any Proposal, to declare inadequate or inappropriate any proposer failing to meet the specifications, and to accept the Proposal which, in its discretion, is in the best interest of the District.

Section 5.0 - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

5.1 Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District has approximately 13,920 enrolled students and 1,746 full time employees.

5.2 The Grapevine-Colleyville ISD is located in Tarrant County, Texas, in the Dallas - Fort Worth Metroplex. It consists of 11 elementary schools (K-5), four middle schools (6-8), four high schools (9-12), and two alternative schools. The District also operates an Early Childhood Development Center.

5.3 The student population and school listing is provided in the chart below and continued on the following page:

Enrollment by Campus:	
Elementary Schools	Enrollment
Bear Creek Elementary	777
Bransford Elementary	426
Cannon Elementary	553
Colleyville Elementary	455
Dove Elementary	546
Glenhope Elementary	441
Grapevine Elementary	548
Heritage Elementary	455
O.C. Taylor Elementary	456
Silver Lake Elementary	592
Timberline Elementary	716
Total Elementary Students	5,965
Middle Schools	Enrollment
Colleyville Middle	725
Cross Timbers Middle	799
Grapevine Middle	758
Heritage Middle	926
Total Middle School Students	3,208
High Schools	Enrollment
Colleyville Heritage High	2,167
Grapevine High	1,911
iUniversity Prep (Online campus)	400
Collegiate Academy at TCCC	215
Total High School Students	4,693
Alternate Campuses	Enrollment
Bridges and VISTA	54
Total Enrollment	13,920

5.4 The total number of employees and breakdown are as follows:

Line #	Description	Qty.
8.4.1	Administrative Campus Personnel (Principals, Asst. Principals, Counselors, Nurses, Librarians):	108
8.4.2	Teachers:	778
8.4.3	Campus Auxiliary Employees (Custodial, Nutrition, Campus Assigned Maintenance Personnel):	286
8.4.4	Central Administrators:	44
8.4.5	Central Staff Auxiliary Employees:	69
8.4.6	Transportation Employees:	60
8.4.7	Other:	401
Total		1,746

5.5 Additional information:

5.5.1 Additional information about Grapevine-Colleyville ISD can be obtained on its website from the following link: <http://www.gcisd-k12.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>

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Section 6.0 – RECOMMENDED TIMETABLE

Recommended Time Table for Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District

Distribute Specifications

August 13, 2015

Proposal Deadline

September 2, 2015- 3:00 PM CST

Evaluation Period

September 2-4, 2015

Vendor Interviews (if required)

September 9-11, 2015

Board Award

September 28, 2015

Effective Date

October 1, 2015

Section 7.0 – Specifications/Scope of Work:

7.0 SPECIFICATIONS:

7.1 The Grapevine-Colleyville ISD is accepting Proposals from qualified firms to provide INTERPRETATION SERVICES on an as-needed basis under a multi-year contractual agreement. The term of the agreement shall be a one (1) year agreement with four (4) one (1) year extension clauses. All fees for items required in the Specification and/or Scope of Work/Services, or other reimbursement arrangements must be disclosed. **The Special Education Director, or designee, will be the named primary contact for Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District and will coordinate the purchases or services utilized under any contract resulting from this Request for Proposals.** The terms and conditions of this RFP will become part of any sub-sequent contract and in case of conflict; the terms/conditions of the RFP take precedence over the “standard” contract or binder regardless of any language to the contrary in the “standard” contract or binder.

7.1.1 The current agreement in force expires on September 30, 2015. The new agreement shall be effective on October 1, 2015 for the first year, and shall renew each year for four years on October 1st. The effective agreement date for the initial agreement will be determined based on the date of award.

7.1.2 Requested service and rates must be guaranteed for a minimum period of twelve (12) months.

7.1.3 After the initial term, the District reserves the right to extend the contract for four (4) additional one-year periods if the vendor and the District mutually agree. Renewing the agreement would imply doing so under the same terms and conditions. A fee increase may be considered by the District only at the anniversary date of the contract, but shall not exceed 5% of the previous term’s fee for any single year for the same services.

7.1.4 Three months prior to the expiration of this contract, the vendor shall provide to the District’s Purchasing Department an offer to renew the contract. This offer must be in writing and shall include any proposals for fee increases.

7.1.5 The District reserves the right to reject any or all of the requests for fee increases as it deems to be in the best interest of the District.

7.1.6 A contract is in force during the period stipulated by the proposal or until replaced by a subsequent proposal for the same product and/or services.

7.1.7 If, for any fiscal year (July 1 thru June 30) of this contract, the Board of Trustees fails to appropriate funds for any reason for these goods/services, the District will notify the vendor immediately and will no longer be obligated under the contract.

7.1.8 Proposals received in the District’s Purchasing Office after the date and time specified will not be considered. The District is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, carrier, etc., and the date/time stamp in the Purchasing Office shall be the official time of receipt. Proposals may not be submitted by facsimile.

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7.1.9 For evaluation purposes, respondents shall submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of your proposal. In addition, vendors shall include one (1) electronic (PDF format on USB flash drive) copy of the proposal response forms.

7.1.10 The District reserves the right to negotiate, accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any formalities or technicalities if deemed in the best interest of the District. The District also reserves the right as sole judge of quality and equality.

7.1.11 Proposals meeting the requirements of the RFP shall be considered. Respondent's taking exception to the specifications or offering substitutions shall state these exceptions plainly on the proposal document.

7.1.12 Respondents shall bear the burden of proof of compliance with this proposal and specifications.

7.1.13 Any interpretations, corrections, or changes to this RFP and the specifications will be made by addendum or an amendment to the proposal. The sole issuing authority of addenda or an amendment shall be vested in the District's Purchasing Department. Addenda or amendments will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the request for proposal.

7.1.14 Each respondent agrees to hold their offer open for acceptance by the District for no less than sixty (60) days from the request for proposal response date and time.

7.1.15 Under this contract, the Special Education Director, Laura Hill, will have the responsibility to ensure compliance with contract requirements. The Special Education Department serves as the liaison between the District's Purchasing Department, which has the overall contract administration responsibilities, and the successful vendor.

7.1.16 No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by the vendor to another vendor. Any attempted assignment or delegation by the vendor shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes.

7.1.17 Each respondent, by making his proposal, represents that he/she has read and understands the request for proposal.

7.1.18 The successful respondent must be able to accept purchase orders via facsimile.

7.1.19 Invoices shall indicate the District's purchase order number. Invoices shall be issued for only items received or services rendered and shall include all back-up reports to substantiate any fees due to the successful vendor. Any payment made under this agreement shall not be due until the invoice(s) are submitted after delivery. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 2251.021, payments will be made within thirty (30) days. All invoices shall be mailed directly to: **Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, Attn: Financial Services, 3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue, Grapevine, Texas 76051.**

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7.1.20 The District is exempt from payment of any Texas Sales Tax or Federal Excise Tax allowed by law. A Tax Exempt Certificate will be provided to the successful vendor upon request.

7.1.21 All District property and facilities are a drug free zone. No one may use, consume, carry, transport, or exchange tobacco, cigarettes, or illegal drugs while in a school district building or while on school district property. Any person on school property shall not use or possess tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or other smokeless tobacco products. Employees shall be designated to ensure appropriate conduct of participants and others while on school premises. Any person on school property shall not use or possess tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or other smokeless products. The proposing company and its employees shall adhere to this policy.

7.1.22 Each respondent must give notice to the District if a person, owner, or operator of the business has been convicted of a felony. The District may terminate a contract with a person or business if the District determines that the person or business failed to give such notice or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction.

7.1.23 Each respondent must give notice to the District if a person, owner or operator of the business 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). The District may terminate a contract with a person or business if the District determines that the person or business failed to give such notice or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. (Felony Conviction Notification is enclosed with this RFP).

7.1.24 If, at any time, the vendor fails to fulfill or abide by the terms, conditions or specifications of the contract, the District reserves the right, upon written notice to the vendor to cancel the contract.

7.1.25 The District reserves the right to cancel this contract at any time during the term without cause. Notification will be submitted in writing no less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date.

7.1.26 Both parties agree that the venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall be in Tarrant County, Texas.

7.1.27 Please note that a gift to a public servant is a Class A misdemeanor offense if the recipient is a government employee who exercises some influence in the purchasing process of the governmental body. This would certainly apply to anyone who helps establish specifications or is involved in product selection or directs a purchase.

7.1.28 Respondents shall note any and all relationships that might be a conflict of interest and include such information with the proposal.

7.1.29 The Uniform Commercial Code shall govern this contract. 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 as effective and in force on the date of this agreement. Vendors are advised that all District contracts are subject to all legal requirements provided for in the Local, State and Federal statutes.

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7.1.30 A Conflict of Interest Questionnaire should be 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 government entity and the person meets requirements under 176.006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Records Administrator not later than the 7th 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. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. Additional information may be obtained from the Texas Ethics Commission's website at <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>. For convenience, the vendor questionnaire is attached with this RFP. Completed forms may be faxed to the GCISD Purchasing Services Department at 817-251-6507.

7.1.31 The District reserves the right to utilize other District contracts, State of Texas contracts, contracts awarded by other governmental agencies, other school boards, or cooperative agreements in lieu of any offer received or award made as a result of this proposal, if it is in its best interest to do so.

7.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided, Offeror shall defend, indemnify, and hold The District harmless from any and all claims, liability, loss and expenses, including reasonable costs, collection expenses, and attorneys' fees, which arise by reason of the acts or omission of the Offeror, its agents or employees in the performance of its obligations under the contract. This clause shall survive the termination of any contract. Companies must accept self-billing and if not must supply a monthly list billing by the 10th of the month. Changes made to the billing, including additions and terminations must be in a timely and prudent manner.

7.3 The District shall have the right to terminate for default all of any part of this contract if proposer breaches any of the terms hereof or if the proposer becomes insolvent or files any petition in bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies that The District may have in law or equity, specifically including, but not limited to the right to collect for damages or demand specific performance.

7.4 Questions regarding the specifications must be e-mailed to Donna Brennan at donna.brennan@gcisd.net. For a copy of the RFP in electronic format please email your request to the Purchasing Clerk at donna.brennan@gcisd.net.

7.5 Provide a list of personnel, including resumes, certifications and expertise, which will be providing services to GCISD under this agreement.

7.6 SCOPE OF WORK:

7.6.1 The Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District is seeking a to establish a business relationship with multiple vendors who provide services relating to oral interpretation, translation services and any additional special needs interpretation services (i.e., sign language or Braille services) or any other interpretation service as deemed necessary by the District.

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7.6.2 The scope of work under this contract will be broken down into three parts: oral interpretation; written document translation; and additional services that might include such items as transcription, audio/visual, voice over work, and desktop publishing.

Respondents are to complete the section on the Proposal Response Form for the Interpretation Services they can provide the District. For instance, if your company only provides written documentation translation, just complete the section and submit schedules and information for written document translation.

7.6.3 **Oral Interpretation:**

7.6.3.1 Required for any and all languages, but not limited to only Spanish. Specific need in the District is for translators in Russian, Hindu, Vietnamese, Farsi and French and possibly other languages as deemed necessary.

7.6.3.2 Respondents would be needed to attend special meetings, specifically with special needs students, to interpret proceedings in accordance with federal regulations SBOE/commissioner rules and local policies and procedures.

7.6.3.3 Respondents may be asked to walk with assessment personnel administering standardized testing to students and oral interpretation may be needed on a case-by-case basis.

7.6.4 **Written Document Translation Services:**

7.6.4.1 Required for any and all languages, but not limited to only Spanish. Services to include all types of transcription of various types of District documentation, forms, educational materials, personnel documents, as well as others as deemed necessary.

7.6.5 **Additional Services:**

7.6.5.1 These services could include any additional translation or interpretation services that do not apply to oral interpretation or written document translation services. Such as: sign language interpretation or braille translation.

7.6.6 The successful vendor(s) will obtain criminal history record information that relates to an employee, if the employee has or will have continuing responsibilities related to oral interpretation and translation services. The vendor(s) shall certify to the District, prior to the employee beginning work that criminal history record information has been obtained.

If the vendor is the owner or sole operator of the business entity, that individual may not self-certify regarding the criminal history record information and its review.

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7.6.7 Respondents shall submit on the Proposal Response Form an hourly fee schedule to include travel time, the types of services their company can provide and the range of expertise for each position.

7.6.8 Respondent must state on the Proposal Response Form if they require a limited time minimum charge, i.e., two-hour minimum charge.

7.6.9 Respondents may be required to show proof of expertise of each translator or interpreter. Native speakers or college degreed with at least one (1) year experience in interpretation and/or translation is preferred.

7.6.10 Respondent must state on the Proposal Response Form if there is a time limit on cancellation of interpretation services and state what their terms are in the event of a cancellation of a meeting or interpretation/translation service.

7.6.11 Respondent completing the Proposal Response Form for translation or additional services will state their hourly fee schedule or fee per page schedule, the types of services their company can provide and the range of expertise for each position.

7.7 Evaluation and Award:

7.7.1 The school district will evaluate and compare those proposals that are complete as to form and information.

7.7.2 The school district shall evaluate various factors to determine which vendor will be selected based on, but not limited to the following and not necessarily in this order:

7.8.2.1 The cost sharing proposal for reimbursement and settlement fees;

7.8.2.2 The expertise of service providers;

7.8.2.3 The reputation of the vendor and insurance company;

7.8.2.4 The extent to which the coverage meets or exceeds the District's stated needs;

7.8.2.5 The vendor's past relationship with the District;

7.8.2.6 The training and support of the program;

7.8.2.7 And any other relevant factor specifically listed in the request for proposals.

7.8 The District anticipates awarding this contract to multiple vendors.

7.8.1 Negotiations may be a part of this process; therefore the services, and/or specifications of the proposed may be altered during the negotiation period. However, respondents are cautioned to submit their most competitive pricing the first time through on the Response Form. If all other requirements are met initially there may not be any need for negotiation with any respondent.

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7.8.2 The Board of Trustees for the District is expected to take action on this proposal no later than September 28, 2015. If awarded, the successful vendor will receive a written notification of acceptance by award letter mailed or otherwise furnished, which when received by the vendor results in a binding contract without further action by either party.

Section 8.0 – References

8.1 Provide in your Proposal at least three examples of documented success in INTERPRETATION SERVICES delivery services provided to other school districts (preferred) or organizations that are being proposed in your offer. Include contact name and number in order for this information to be verified. This is to be provided in the Proposal Questionnaire located in the Required Forms section of this RFP document.

8.2 Provide at least three references from school districts that your firm has provided INTERPRETATION SERVICES delivery services provided to, including the name, phone number and e-mail address of the primary contact at each district. This is to be provided in the Proposal Questionnaire located in the Required Forms section of this RFP document.

Section 9.0 – Proposal Format:

9.1 Submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of your proposal clearly marked in a sealed opaque container prior to the time and date specified on this RFP must be provided. In addition to the one original and three copies, vendors must provide a copy of their proposal in an electronic format on a USB flash drive. The electronic version shall be one (1) file that replicates your original proposal, including required signatures. Do NOT send individual files of each section or page of your proposal as the electronic version.

9.2 Please organize your response to this RFP in the following manner:

- 9.2.1 Cover Sheet and Shipping Label (if needed)
- 9.2.2 Tab 1: Required Forms
- 9.2.3 Tab 2: Price Form
- 9.2.4 Tab 3: Proposal Questionnaire/Company Background
- 9.2.5 Tab 4: Personnel
- 9.2.6 Tab 5: References
- 9.2.7 Tab 6: Company Experience
- 9.2.8 Tab 7: Detailed description of services/deliverables

Section 10.0 – Contract Provisions:

10.1 OPENING OF PROPOSAL: At the designated time and date, all Proposals will be opened and listed. Responses received after opening time will be deemed non-responsive and will be returned unopened. The Proposals will be reviewed by District evaluation team to ascertain which Proposals address all requirements for the Request for Proposals. Proposals determined to be technically non-responsive or not as responsive as other Proposals are subject to elimination at this point. The team may interview selected vendors to clarify specific matters presented in the Proposals. These discussions will allow the vendor to elaborate on his/her Proposal and to request other pertinent information. The evaluation team will use information gained during these discussions and information presented in the Proposal to rank vendors in accordance with criteria stated in the Request for Proposals and make their recommendation for award of any resulting contract.

10.2 AWARD OF CONTRACT:

10.2.1 Award of Contract, if it be awarded, will be made by the District to the Proposer whose Proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the District, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors. It is estimated that the recommended that award may be made within ninety (90) days after the opening of the Proposals, but not before the District's next monthly meeting. No award will be made until after investigations are made as to the responsibilities of the Proposers.

10.2.2 The District reserves the right to solicit additional information from the Proposers, or any one Proposer, should the District deem such information necessary.

10.2.3 The Award of Contract may be to one, all, some, or none of the Proposers at the sole discretion of the District.

10.3 USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS:

10.3.1 The proposer awarded a contract by the District must be the prime contractor performing the primary functions of the contract. If any portion of the contract is to be subcontracted, it must be clearly set forth in the proposal document as to what part(s) are to be subcontracted, the reasons for the subcontracting, and a listing of subcontractors. Acceptance or rejection of a proposer's request to use subcontractors is at the sole discretion of the District. The District reserves the right to reject any proposal to function as the prime Contractor on the awarded contract. When approved, the subcontractor(s) shall agree to and be bound by all terms, conditions and specifications of the awarded contract and the proposer shall be responsible for proper performance of the contract by its subcontractor(s).

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10.3.2 With prior approval of the District, the prime contractor may enter into subcontracts and joint participation agreements with others for the performance of portions of resultant agreement. The prime contractor shall at all times be responsible for the acts and errors or omissions of its subcontractors or joint participants and persons directly or indirectly employed by them. Nothing in this contract shall constitute any contractual relationship between any others and the District or any obligation on the part of the District to pay, or to be responsible for the payment of, any sums to the subcontractors.

10.3.3 The provisions of resultant agreement shall apply to all subcontractors in the same manner as to the prime contractor. In particular, the District will not pay, even indirectly, the fees and expenses of a subcontractor that do not conform to the limitations and documentation requirements of resultant agreement.

10.3.4 Upon written request from the District, the contractor shall supply the District with subcontractor agreements.

10.4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

10.4.1 PRICE:

The Proposer shall complete all forms and information submittals in the attachments, and submit with the Proposal.

10.4.2 TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Terms of payment to the Proposer will be in accordance with the terms of the Agreement based on invoices submitted to and approved by the District. Invoices shall be fully documented in accordance with the Agreement. Invoices must reflect only the amount due for that portion of the services performed, materials and equipment furnished for the period covered by each invoice. Proposer agrees to waive any/all interest charges on overdue invoices.

10.4.3 PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:

If subcontractors/suppliers are utilized, Proposer shall agree pay each subcontractor or sub consultant the appropriate share of the payment no later than the 10th calendar day after the day on which the Proposer receives payment from the District.

10.4.4 TAX EXEMPT STATUS:

The Grapevine-Colleyville ISD is a local political subdivision and exempt for all city, state, and federal sales and use taxes. However, it shall be understood the Proposer, for its purchase, lease, or rental of a motor vehicle cannot utilize this tax-exempt status.

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10.4.5 VENUE:

This Contract shall be enforceable in Tarrant County, Texas, and if legal action is necessary by either party with respect to the enforcement of any and all of its terms and conditions, exclusive venue for any legal action shall lie in Tarrant County, Texas.

10.4.6 PERFORMANCE TIME:

Time is of the essence in the performance of services detailed in this RFP. The District considers time to be that period elapsing from the date the Notice to Proceed is issued until the Proposer begins providing the necessary work and services to be performed as part of the Scope of Services.

10.4.7 If you have questions regarding the preparation of your Proposal, you may contact Donna Brennan, Buyer, Purchasing Department, 3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue, Grapevine, Texas 76051 as stated under "Written Inquiries," in Section 4.7 on page seven of this document.

10.4.7.1 Information from phone calls or through avenues other as directed above is not binding and may result in your response being disqualified.

10.4.8 NOTICE OF DELAYS:

Whenever the Proposer encounters any difficulty which is delaying or threatens to delay timely performance (including actual or potential labor disputes, service interruptions, or other), the Proposer shall immediately give notice thereof in writing to the District, stating all relevant information with respect thereto. Such notice shall not in any way constitute a basis for an extension of the delivery or performance schedule or be construed as a waiver by the District of any right or remedies to which it is entitled by law or pursuant to provisions herein. Failure to give such notice, however, may be grounds for denial of any request for an extension of the delivery or performance schedule because of such delay.

10.4.9 FORCE MAJEURE:

Proposer shall not 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, Contractor 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.

10.4.10 TERMINATION:

10.4.10.1 Termination for Cause. The District retains the right to terminate any contract resulting from this RFP at its exclusive option and at no further cost or obligation to itself for reasons of Proposer's failure to perform satisfactorily in the following areas.

- Quality of service
- Fulfillment of other contractual commitments or requirements

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10.4.10.2 Such termination action will be enacted only after the Proposer has been notified in writing by the District of its dissatisfaction and the Proposer has been given, in the District's opinion reasonable time to correct the matter of dissatisfaction.

10.4.11 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE DISTRICT:

In any contract resulting from this RFP the District retains the right to terminate the contract, in whole or in part, for convenience.

10.5 GENERAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS:

10.5.1 Performance shall commence upon execution of the contract by the Board President or designee and a written notice to proceed which must include a signed, original Purchase Order. Thereafter, all Work shall be coordinated, reviewed, and approved by the District Representative, or designee.

10.5.2 The scope of this Contract and requirements of the District as described in the RFP and Proposal shall not be considered as binding on the District, and the Scope of Services awarded actually may be less than or greater than projected.

10.5.3 Proposer warrants that all services performed under any resulting Contract will be of the type and quality specified, and the District may reject and/or refuse Services, which fall below the quality specified in the RFP and resulting Contract.

10.5.4 Failure by the Proposer to make reasonable progress in accordance with the approved performance schedule shall entitle the District to seek services from alternate sources wherever available, with the right to seek reimbursement from the Proposer for amounts, if any, paid by the District over and above the Contract price.

10.5.5 All services performed under this Contract, as required by the RFP shall be performed in the highest quality workmanship and shall in every respect meet or exceed the industry standards for this type Contract.

10.5.6 Failure of Proposer to fully comply with the terms and provisions of this Contract shall constitute grounds for declaring the Proposer in default of the Contract.

10.5.7 It is estimated that the term of the agreement shall commence no earlier than October 1, 2015.

10.5.7.1 It is estimated that the services may be procured for a one (1) year term. The actual terms of the agreement will be established in the contract. The agreement may be renewal for additional terms as stated elsewhere in this document or contract.

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10.5.8 Should the District enter into an agreement as a result of this Proposal, Proposer agrees that the District is a valued and substantial customer of the Proposer, and agrees that the District shall enjoy a "most favored customer" status, able to change rates, equipment, and participate in promotional activities of the Proposer at an equal rate to the lowest rates given to governmental, public, or individuals, and that these renegotiations will take place between the District and Proposer at times and place convenient to both.

10.5.9 Re-negotiation of rates, payments, and other necessary or desirable changes in a resulting agreement will take place between the District and Proposer at times and place convenient to both. Notwithstanding, no increase or decrease in rates or payments may be made without written consent of both parties, and countersigned by the appropriate designated representatives.

10.6 INDEMNIFICATION:

10.6.1 To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Proposer and its agents, partners employees, and consultants (collectively "Indemnitors") shall and do agree to indemnify, protect, defend with counsel approved by the District, and hold harmless the District and its affiliated enterprises, representatives of the District, and their respective officers, directors, members of the board, partners, 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 contractor pursuant to this contract, or any part thereof, which are caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Proposer or, anyone directly or indirectly employed by it 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. In the event more than one of the Indemnitors are connected with an accident or occurrence covered by this indemnification, then each of such Indemnitors shall be jointly and severally responsible to the Indemnitees for indemnification and the ultimate responsibility among such Indemnitors for the loss and expense of any such indemnification shall be settled by separate proceedings and without jeopardy to any Indemnitee. The provisions of this article shall not be construed to eliminate or reduce any other indemnification or right which the District or any of the Indemnitees has by law.

10.6.2 Proposer shall protect and indemnify the District from and against all claims, damages, judgments and loss arising from infringement or alleged infringement of any United States patent, or copyright, arising by or out of any of the services performed or goods provided hereunder or the use by Proposer or by the District at the direction of Proposer of any article or material, provided that upon becoming aware of a suit or threat of suit for patent or copyright infringement, the District shall promptly notify Proposer and Proposer shall be given full opportunity to negotiate a settlement. Proposer does not warrant against infringement by reason of the District's design of articles or the use thereof in combination with other materials or in the operation of any process. In the event of litigation, the District agrees to cooperate reasonably with Proposer and parties shall be entitled, in connection with any such litigation, to be represented by counsel at their own expense.

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10.6.3 The indemnities contained herein shall survive the termination of any agreement or purchase order for any reason whatsoever.

10.7 CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT: If a separate Contract is not written, the Contract entered into by the parties shall consist of the RFP document, the signed proposal submitted by the Proposer, the specifications including all modifications thereof, and a purchase order or letter of agreement requiring signatures of the District and the Proposer, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the Contract Documents, and will be a binding part of the final contract entered into by the selected Proposer and the District unless expressly excluded in the final agreement between the District and the Proposer.

10.7.1 Contract Modification and Amendment: The parties may adjust the specific terms of this Contract (except for pricing) where circumstances beyond the control of either party require modification or amendment. Any modification or amendment proposed by the Proposer must be in writing to the Contract Administrator. Any agreed upon modification or amendment must be in writing and signed by both parties.

10.7.2 Contract Term: The initial Contract term shall begin on the date that a contract is awarded or signed and run for a period of one (1) year from that date. With mutual written agreement of the parties this Contract may be extended for four (4) additional one-year periods.

10.7.3 Contract Data: The Contractor is required to provide the District with detailed data concerning the Contract at the completion of each contract year or at the request of the District at other times. The District reserves the right to audit the Contractor's records to verify the data. This data may include, but is not limited to services rendered and material sold to the District.

10.8 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS: Proposer recognizes that it is engaged as an independent contractor and acknowledges that the District will have no responsibility to provide transportation, insurance or other fringe benefits normally associated with employee status. Proposer, in accordance with its status as an independent contractor, covenants and agrees that it shall conduct itself consistent with such status, that it will neither hold itself out as nor claim to be an officer, partner, employee or agent of the District by reason hereof, and that it will not by reason hereof make any claim, demand or application to or for any right or privilege applicable to an officer, partner, employee or agent of the District, including, but not limited to, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage or retirement benefits. Proposer hereby agrees to make its own arrangements for any of such benefits as it may desire and agrees that it is responsible for all income taxes required by applicable law.

10.9 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: In the execution of the Contract, the Proposer must comply with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to laws concerned with labor, environment, equal employment opportunity, safety and minimum wages. The Proposer shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances and regulations which in any manner affect the conduct of the Work, and shall indemnify and save harmless the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD and the Board of Education and its official and/or contractual representatives against any claim arising from violation of any such law, ordinance or regulation by itself or by its subcontractors, or suppliers at any tier, or its employees. When requested, competent evidence of compliance with applicable laws shall be furnished.

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10.9.1 The Proposer shall cooperate with applicable city or other governmental officials at all times where their jurisdiction prevails. The Proposer shall make application for any permits and permanent utilities that are required for the execution of a Contract.

10.10 RIGHT TO AUDIT: At any time during the term of this Contract and for a period of four (4) years thereafter the District or a duly authorized audit representative of the District, or the State of Texas, at its expense and at reasonable times, reserves the right to audit Proposer's records and books relevant to all services provided under this Contract. In the event such an audit by the District reveals any errors/overpayments by the District, the Proposer shall refund the District the full amount of such overpayments within thirty (30) days of such audit findings, or the District, at its option, reserves the right to deduct such amounts owing the District from any payments due the Proposer.

10.11 ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS: To the extent applicable to this procurement, in accordance with applicable Public Law, Proposer agrees to allow, during and for a period of not less than four (4) years after the Contract term, access to this Contract and its books, documents, and records; and contracts between Proposer and its subcontractors or related organizations, including books, documents and records relating to same, by the Comptroller General of the United States, other governmental investigative agency, or their duly authorized representative(s), legally authorized to investigate alleged fraud, overcharge, or other diversion of funds from a public school district receiving Federal and State public funds.

10.12 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: The successful Offeror, at his/her own expense, shall provide and maintain insurance with fiscally sound firms (at least an AM Best rating of A-) authorized to do business in Texas as follows. The successful Offeror may be required to provide a copy of insurance coverage according to GCISD Policy CHE (REGULATION). Insurance certificates may contain a provision, or Offeror's signature on this bid/proposal certifies, that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given GCISD. Insurance must remain in effect for the duration of this contract. In some cases, the district may be required to be named as an additional insured on the vendor's insurance coverage. If the district is to be named as an additional insured on the vendor's insurance coverage, the certificate indicating this should be provided within ten (10) calendar days from date of award at the vendor's expense. If the district requires a certificate of insurance, the bid/proposal number and title should be noted in the "Description of Operations/Locations/Vehicles/Special Items" block of the certificate and the "Certificate Holder" block of the certificate should read, "GCISD, Attn: Risk Manager, 3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue, Grapevine, Texas 76051." Additional insurance requirements may be required for construction and/or services projects and will be identified elsewhere in this document. Included in this request for Request For Proposal solicitation Item No. 17.17 of this section, is a **Commitment to Provide Insurance Form**. This form is required for contracts in the amount of \$25,000 or greater, and serves as a commitment from the prospective vendor(s) that the required insurance will be obtained and a certificate of such insurance will be furnished to GCISD that meets the insurance requirements of this contract. **This form shall be completed by the Proposer's Insurance broker/agent and returned with your proposal.**

10.12.1 WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Successful Offeror must maintain workers' compensation coverage for employees as required by all applicable Federal, State, Maritime, and local laws including Employer's Liability with a limit of at least \$100,000. If required, all vendors submitting bids or proposals shall include a copy of his/her current insurance certificate indicating coverages of the following lines of coverage in the following minimum amounts:

10.12.2 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Contracted projects of any size will be adequately insured. Anyone making a purchase and the purchasing department will verify coverage and will not waive any insurance requirements unless the risk manager has signed a request for waiver form. The chief operations officer will make final waiver approval.

Vendors will not be allowed to begin work until evidence of the required insurance is provided. Proper evidence of insurance will include certificates of insurance and/or additional insured endorsements (when proof of additional insured status is required to ensure that requested coverage has actually been procured). All payments for performance bonds and evidence of insurance will be reviewed before the vendor is awarded a contract or contemporaneously with the execution of a contract, when applicable. Submittals must be verified prior to issuing a purchase order.

Contracts and aggregate contracts below \$25,000 per year have no formal insurance submittals unless required by Purchasing and Risk Management.

All evidence of insurance must have a current issue date when submitted for review (issued within the last 30 days). All contracts must have a waiver of subrogation on the General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Worker’s Compensation.

Certificates submitted for review shall be addressed to the District at the following address:

Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District
3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue
Grapevine, Texas 76051

10.12.3 COVERAGE AMOUNTS:

The following are insurance requirements for different categories of services with contract amounts from \$25,000 - \$100,000 aggregate.

All contracts must have a waiver of subrogation on the general liability, automobile liability, and workers’ compensation.

A. Services provided by sole proprietors, with exception of medical services:

General Liability:

Bodily injury and property damage	\$500,000 combined single limits/ \$1,000,000 aggregate
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Automobile Liability:

Bodily Injury	\$250,000 per person/ \$500,000 per accident
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Property damage	\$250,000
Professional Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate

- B. Businesses providing accounting services, recreational services, student support services, technology services, legislative consulting services, communication services, professional development services, curriculum and instructional services, non-profit organizations

Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability	\$500,000 per accident / \$500,000 per employee

General Liability:

Bodily Injury and Property damage	\$500,000 combined single limits/ \$1,000,000 aggregate
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Business Automobile Liability: for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles

Bodily Injury	\$250,000 per person / \$500,000 per accident
Property damage	\$250,000
Professional Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate

- C. Medical Services, including Psychological or Counseling Services

Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability	\$500,000 per accident / \$500,000 per employee

General Liability:

Bodily injury and property damage	\$500,000 combined single limits/ \$1,000,000 aggregate
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Business Automobile Liability: (Minimum limits) for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles

Bodily Injury	\$250,000 per person / \$500,000 per accident
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Property damage	\$250,000
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Professional Liability Insurance (Malpractice)	\$1,000,000
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Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate
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D. Security Services

Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
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Employer's Liability	\$500,000 per accident / \$500,000 per employee
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General Liability:

Bodily injury and property damage	\$500,000 combined single limits/ \$1,000,000 aggregate
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Business Automobile Liability: for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles

Bodily Injury	\$250,000 per person / \$500,000 per accident
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Property damage	\$250,000
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Professional Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000
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Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate
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E. Transportation Services

Workers' Compensation Statutory Limits

Employer's Liability \$500,000 per accident /
\$500,000 per employee

General Liability:

Bodily Injury & Property damage \$500,000 combined single
limits/ \$1,000,000 aggregate

Business Automobile Liability: for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired
Automobiles

Combined Single Limits \$1,000,000

Umbrella Policy - Excess \$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate

F. Armored Car Services

Workers' Compensation Statutory Limits

Employer's Liability \$500,000 per accident /
\$500,000 per employee

General Liability:

Bodily Injury and property damage \$500,000 combined single
limits/ \$1,000,000 aggregate

Business Automobile Liability: for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles

Bodily Injury \$250,000 per person /
\$500,000 per accident

Property damage \$250,000

**All Risk Armored Car Cargo
Liability** \$1,000,000

Umbrella Policy - Excess \$1,000,000 /
\$1,000,000 aggregate

The following are insurance requirements for different categories of services with contract amounts above \$100,000.

All contracts over \$100,000 must have a waiver of subrogation on the general liability, automobile liability and the workers' compensation. They must also name the District as an additional insured on the general liability and automobile liability.

A. Services provided by sole proprietors, with exception of medical services

General Liability:

Bodily injury and property damage \$1,000,000 combined single limits / \$2,000,000 aggregate

Automobile Liability:

Bodily injury \$250,000 per person / \$500,000 per accident

Property damage \$250,000

Professional Errors and Omissions \$1,000,000

Umbrella Policy -Excess \$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate

B. Businesses providing accounting services, recreational services, student support services, technology services, legislative consulting services, communication services, professional development services, curriculum and instructional services, non-profit organizations

Workers' Compensation Statutory limits

Employer's Liability \$500,000 per accident / \$500,000 per employee

General Liability

Bodily injury and property damage \$1,000,000 combined single limits / \$2,000,000 aggregate

Business Automobile Liability: for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles

Bodily injury \$250,000 per person / \$500,000 per accident

Property damage \$250,000

Professional Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate

C. Medical services, including psychological or counseling services

Workers' Compensation	Statutory limits
General Liability	
Bodily injury and property damage	\$1,000,000 combined single limits / \$2,000,000 aggregate
Business Automobile Liability:	for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles
Bodily injury	\$250,000 per person / \$500,000 per accident
Property damage	\$250,000
Professional Liability Insurance (Malpractice)	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate

D. Security services

Workers' Compensation	Statutory limits
Employer's Liability	\$500,000 per accident / \$500,000 per employee
General Liability	
Bodily injury and property damage	\$1,000,000 combined single limits / \$200,000 aggregate
Business Automobile Liability:	for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles
Bodily injury	\$250,000 per person / \$500,000 per accident
Property damage	\$250,000
Professional Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000

	Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate
E.	Transportation services	
	Workers' Compensation	Statutory limits
	Employer's Liability	\$500,000 per accident / \$500,000 per employee
	General Liability	
	Bodily injury and property damage	\$1,000,000 combined single limits / \$2,000,000 aggregate
	Business Automobile Liability:	for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles
	Combined single limits	\$1,000,000
	Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate
F.	Armored car services	
	Workers' Compensation	Statutory limits
	Employer's Liability	\$500,000 per accident / \$500,000 per employee
	General Liability:	
	Bodily injury and property damage	\$1,000,000 combined single limits / \$2,000,000 aggregate
	Business Automobile Liability:	for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles
	Bodily injury	\$250,000 per person / \$500,000 per accident
	Property damage	\$250,000
	All Risk Armored Car Cargo Liability	\$1,000,000
	Umbrella Policy - Excess	\$1,000,000 / \$1,000,000 aggregate

All insurance policies proposed or obtained in satisfaction of these requirements will comply with the following general specifications, and will be maintained in compliance with these general specifications throughout the duration of the contract, or longer, if noted:

1. Each policy will be issued by a company authorized to do business in the state of Texas with an A. M. Best Company rating of at least A-
2. Liability policies will be endorsed to provide the following:

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- Name as additional insured the District, its officials, agents, and employees.
- That such insurance is primary and non-contributing to any other insurance available to the additional insured.
- All policies will be endorsed to provide 30 days' prior written notice or cancellation, nonrenewal, or reduction in coverage except ten days for nonpayment of premium.
- Should any of the required insurance be provided under a claims-made form, the contractor will maintain such coverage continuously throughout the term of this contract and without lapse, for a period of three years beyond the contract expiration, such that occurrences arising during the contract term which give rise to claims made after expiration of the contract will be covered.

Evidence of insurance must be attached to the agreement.

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Section 11.0 – Evaluation Process:

11.1 Objective criteria will be utilized to evaluate each Proposal. A major deficiency in any identified area may disqualify a Proposal submission. In assessing the relative value and quality of each Proposal, a Decision Matrix will be utilized in which point values will be assigned in a range from zero to the maximum point weighting for each classification.

11.2 Proposals received resulting from this process will be evaluated according to the criteria required of Texas Education Code §44.031 (b). This criteria is weighted according to the table included in Section 16.0.

11.3 Proposals will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee comprised of key GCISD Personnel in order to fairly evaluate all qualified Proposals. Proposals will be ranked.

11.4 Evaluations by committee members will be combined into a Committee Score and ranking and averaged to result in each proposing vendor receiving one score, which will be compared to the other Proposals.

Section 12.0 – Vendor Interviews (if required):

12.1 Due to the nature and subject matter of the training, it may be necessary to conduct interviews of the top ranked firms or individuals to learn more information and get acquainted with individuals proposed as potential service providers. If required, interviews will be scheduled with identified firms during September 9-11, 2015.

12.2 GCISD reserves the right to exclude this process if the rankings and evaluation of Proposals received results in a clearly superior service provided at a cost acceptable to the District.

Section 13.0 – Procurement Schedule:

13.1 The following procurement schedule will be utilized for this process:

Release RFP:	August 13, 2015
Deadline to Submit Questions	August 26, 2015 – 3:00 P.M.
Responses Due:	September 2, 2015 – 3:00 P.M.
Evaluation Period:	September 2-4, 2015

Section 14.0 – Board Action:

14.1 A recommendation for this purchase will be made to the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Board of Trustees at its regular Board meeting on September 28, 2015.

Section 15.0 – Contact Information:

15.1 Vendors with questions related to this Request for Proposal are required to submit questions in writing only by e-mail to Donna Brennan at donna.brennan@gcisd.net. The deadline for questions related to this Request for Proposal is 3:00 P.M. on August 26, 2015.

15.2 Vendors may not contact any member of the GCISD Board of Trustees or GCISD Administration during any portion of this procurement process, including the Evaluation Period.

Section 16.0 – Evaluation Form:

16.1 The District will consider all applicable factors in determining which Proposal is in the best interest of the District. The District reserves the right to reject any, all, or any part of the Proposals and to accept any advantage considered beneficial to the District. The District reserves the right to waive any information or minor technicalities or to accept any Proposal deemed advantageous to the District.

16.2 The District will use the Form on the following page to score each proposal and Proposal received.

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RFP #002-15-16 – INTERPRETATION SERVICES - EVALUATION FORM

Evaluation and Selection Criteria		Value	Score
1)	The Purchase Price;		
a)	Proposed price offering for services under this request.	15 pts.	
2)	The reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services;		
a)	The respondent's demonstrated competence and experience with similar type services for districts and/or public entities.	15 pts.	
b)	The respondent's knowledge of Interpretation Services, as well as other related areas that may be applicable to the District.	10 pts.	
3)	The quality of the vendor's goods or services;		
a)	The qualifications, education, and experience of the team members proposed to provide services under this process.	20 pts.	
4)	The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs;		
a)	The respondent's variety of languages and interpretation services related to the scope of this project.	10 pts.	
5)	The vendor's past relationship with the district and other educational institutions;		
a)	Vendor's past relationship with the District or Other Districts of Like Size;	10 pts.	
6)	The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses;		
a)	This criterion does not apply as GCISD does not have a HUB inclusion policy;	0 Pts.	
7)	The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services;		
a)	Cost for annual renewal or percentage of renewal cost if multi-year program proposed.	5 Pts.	
8)	Whether the vendor or the vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:		
a)	has its principal place of business in this state; or	5 Pts.	
b)	employs at least 500 persons in this state; and	0 Pts.	
9)	Any other relevant factor specifically listed in the request for bids or Proposals.		
a)	Ease of ordering services for District.	5 pts.	
b)	The respondent's acceptance of P.O.'s and invoice requirements.	5 pts.	
	Total	100 Pts.	
Evaluator:			
Signature:		Date:	

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Section 17.0 – Required Forms

17.0 RESPONSE FORMS: Section 17.0 contains forms that are required to be completed and submitted along with your response. In order to make it easy to detect which forms are required, they are marked at the bottom of the form with the following label:

THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE RFP

Failure to complete and submit these forms is grounds for disqualification of your offer. The required forms and the purpose they fulfill are

17.1 PROPOSAL FORMS CHECKLIST: This form is used as a checklist for proposing vendors to indicate that each required form has been reviewed and address as part of your bid response. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.2 PROPOSAL FORM/BID FORM/PRICING MATRIX: This form is used to submit your offer for this proposal. This form is to complete pricing offered for this project and must be submitted with signature of person authorized to commit your company to this project at the price(s) offered. Proposers will submit pricing for the different types of flooring products used in GCISD, which will be used to evaluate and establish a pricing mechanism for which future projects will be priced. These forms must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.3 BID/PROPOSAL OFFER FORM: This is the form that authorizes the respondent to represent his/her company to extend the offer to GCISD and enter into an agreement if an award is extended to this firm. This form also serves as a statement that the offer was not prepared in collusion with any competing vendor and that the stated prices are prepared independent of any pre-arranged agreement. This form is used to further verify as to the accuracy of all information contained in the response, including but not limited the required Felony Conviction Notice. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.4 NOTICE OF NO RESPONSE FORM (If Applicable): In the event that a solicited vendor elects not to participate in this request for Competitive Sealed Proposal opportunity, completion and submission of a NOTICE OF NO RESPONSE form is helpful in evaluating its procurement processes. Please complete and return the NOTICE OF NO RESPONSE form and return it as instructed. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered, unless your firm is responding to the solicitation.

17.5 AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY AND NON-COLLUSION: This is a sworn statement that the individual presenting the offer to GCISD is authorized to represent the firm making the offer and that the firm will enter into any resulting agreement. It further afficates, under sworn statement, that the proposal was not prepared in collusion with any a competing vendor nor were price fixing and pre-arranged agreements made prior to or during the administration of this process. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.6 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE/DEVEIATION FORM: This form is a signed statement that the proposal complies with all specifications and/or scope of work contained in the solicitation document, unless listed in the Exceptions section on this form, which is provided for the express purposes of identifying exceptions being taken from the specifications and/or scope of work. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

In the absence of any deviation entry on this form, the bidder assures the District of their full compliance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Item Specifications, and all other information contained in this document. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.8 FELONY CONVICTION AND CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTICE: Texas State Law requires that persons or entities entering into business agreements with School districts must give notice to the district if the person or owner has been convicted of a felony. This form addresses this Requirement and must be submitted. NOTE: Conviction of a felony does not necessarily disqualify a vendor from receiving a Contract, but are examined on a case-by-case basis. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.9 PROPOSAL QUESTIONNAIRE: This form is used for the purpose of provided in depth information about the firm submitting the offer, including experience levels, special training and/or skills needed to provide the services or goods required of the solicitation. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.10 CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMPLIANCE FORM – This form is required in conjunction with House Bill 914, which went into law September 1, 2005 and became effective January 1, 2006. This is a two-page form, the first of which is a **Notice to Vendors** and the remaining page is the **Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**. Response to this fulfills requirements under Chapter 176, Section 176.006 (a) of the Texas Local Government Code. Vendors are required to complete this and include in their response, if applicable. If no conflict exists, vendors are required to complete and include the **NOTICE OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**, included as the last page of this section. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

NOTE: Submitting a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement does not necessarily disqualify a vendor from receiving a Contract, but are examined on a case-by-case basis.

17.11 IRS FORM W-9: This is a required form by the IRS for government entities that pay vendors in excess of \$600.00 annually in order to issue a 1099 form and is required in conjunction with the reporting requirements by the Internal Revenue Service. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.12 GCISD CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION: Texas Education Code chapter 22 requires service contractors to obtain criminal history record information regarding covered employees and to certify to the District that they have done so. Covered employees with disqualifying convictions are prohibited from serving at a school district. This form certifies that the vendors submitting will perform the required background check according to state law. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.13 EPCNT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CONSENT FORM. This form is used for vendors to indicate agreement with allowing member districts and qualifying government entities access to any resulting contract or agreement to purchase under an Interlocal Agreement. Such purchases will be made directly with the requesting school district or government entity and GCISD will not serve as a collection agency or otherwise administer purchases for or on behalf of other qualifying entities or awarded vendor(s) under any resulting agreement. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.14 RESIDENT BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION: In order for Proposal to be considered, the following information must be provided. Failure to complete may result in rejection of the Proposal. As defined by Texas House Bill 602, a "nonresident vendor" means a vendor whose principal place of business is not in Texas, but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in Texas. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

17.15 DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATE: This form is required by regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, requiring vendors competing for contracts that are funded, fully or in part, with Federal Funds, to disclose whether that vendor has been debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily been excluded from contracts of lower tiered covered transaction. Instructions on determining this information is included in the form. Vendors competing for contracts that are fully or partially funded with Federal Funds are required to disclose

Lobbying Activities in conjunction with the pursuit of business. This form is provided for Vendors to disclose any Lobbying Activity identified in the instructions provided with this form. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered, even if there is no lobbying activity to report.

17.17 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE INSURANCE FORM: This form is used for vendors to include as confirmation of their agreement to provide insurance in the required coverage, naming Grapevine-Colleyville ISD as an additional insured, if awarded a contract under this solicitation process.

18.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The responsibility for compliance with this solicitation and the subsequent contract shall be with the Bidder/Offeror.

18.1 Proposal Cover Sheet: Provided in this solicitation document is a Proposal Cover Sheet, which is to be used as the cover sheet for all proposals when responding to this RFP.

18.2 Proposal Shipping Label: If required, when shipping proposals in containers other than a standard document envelope or packaging, it may be necessary to ship them in one or more box. To accommodate for this, a shipping label is provided, which is pre-addressed and identified as a response to this solicitation.

18.2.1 NOTE: Vendors responding to this solicitation are responsible for all postage and delivery charges.

18.3 Offerors are expected to provide prompt service that is due under this contract including warranties and identified deliverables. Past performance of Offerors may be a factor in awarding future contracts.

18.4 Offerors are expected to deliver service(s)/product(s) per specifications.

18.5 Submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of your offer. In addition, vendors must supply two soft copies (electronic) in either CD Rom or flash drive with each copy of the Proposal.

18.6 The Proposer declares that in the event of the award of a contract to the undersigned to this offer will comply with the Immigration Reform & Control Act of 1986.

REMINDER: Responses to the RFP are due to the District by 3:00 P.M. on, September 2, 2015.

A District Evaluation and Selection Committee will review the responses and select the top vendor(s).

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