

	<p align="center">GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS Request for Proposals Addendum #1 4/10/2023 EC Related Services Occupational, Physical, Speech- Language, Audiology, Orientation & Mobility & Interpreting Services Purchasing Department 501 W. Washington Street Greensboro, NC 27401</p>
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Please be advised that this document serves as addendum 1 to the RFP 6566-EC related services mentioned above. The following are questions asked by vendors and the questions answered by Guilford County Schools (GCS), please see below.

For all questions that do not contain an answer, please look at the “Questions” section on page 6 of the RFP and click on the Q&A link provided.

1. What agencies do you currently use for EC Related Services?
2. What rates do those agencies charge for EC Related Services?
4. Will this be a single or multi-award?
5. How many hours of Occupational, Physical, Speech- Language, Audiology, Orientation & Mobility & Interpreting Services were utilized in 2021 and 2022?
6. How many hours of Occupational, Physical, Speech- Language, Audiology, Orientation & Mobility & Interpreting Services do you anticipate for the 2023-2024 year?
7. What is the annual spend that is projected for the contract? How will it be divided per year?
8. Does the district provide evaluation/testing materials to providers?
9. Does the district provide a laptop/computer to providers?
10. Does the district provide an email account to the contracted providers during their assignment?
11. Can you list your awarded vendors with rates for your current related services and nursing services RFP?
12. Can the district please provide the total amount of full-time, vendor supplied (SLP’s, OT’s, PT’s, Audiologists, O&M, and SLI’s) utilized during the 2022-23 SY?

13. Can the district please provide the total amount of billing, broken down by vendor and classification, for all vendor supplied (SLP's, OT's, PT's, Audiologists, O&M, and SLI's) utilized during the 2022-23 SY?
14. Can the district please describe the supplies and materials that contracted providers will have access to at the district? (WIFI, computer access, testing material, office supplies, etc.)?
15. What travel between schools is expected for these providers?
16. Will the district review other SPED service classifications if submitted with the vendor proposal?
17. What is the average caseload for the providers requested in this solicitation?
18. Will the district accept Speech Language Pathologists during their Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY)? **Yes if the agency is providing supervision.**
19. Can the district please clarify the maximum weekly allowable hours approved for providers requested in this solicitation? **37.5 hours/week though most are 35 hours**
20. Will the district accept digital proposal submissions?
21. If the vendor has been awarded a previous bid through the district, but hasn't serviced that bid, would Page 7 Section 2 apply to that vendor?
22. Can the district please clarify what "Provide consultation and training to other staff members working with students" would entail for the vendor? **Role as the therapist in the building specific to their field (ex. What age a student should produce certain sounds...)**
23. I have worked as an independent contractor for Guilford County Schools from 3/2015 to 3/2020. I had a background check initially in 3/2015, but it is my understanding that I will need to get a new background check as it is only valid for a span of 7 years, is that correct? Is there a certain Guilford County Schools form associated with the background check, or is it the state form that's listed online that needs to be submitted? Also, I assume it is best to wait to submit my proposal documents until I have received the results of the criminal background check, is that correct? **Answered via sep email.**
24. What rates won the RFP for each discipline last year? (OT, PT, Audiology, SLP, Interpreting, and O&M)
25. Will anything above \$60/hour for SLPs be rejected? **No, max limit for SLP is \$64**
26. Can the district please clarify how needs for vendor supplied contractors will be disseminated to awardees post award?
27. Can the district please provide a detailed explanation for how points will be awarded for the pricing section of this solicitation (i.e. lowest bill rate receives maximum points, and next lowest vendor receives a prorated amount; lowest bill rate receives maximum points, and the next lowest vendor receives a predetermined amount of points)?
28. When is the estimated contract award date, and how will the district communicate award status to vendors?
29. How many vendors does the district expect to award a contract to for the services requested in this solicitation?
30. Can the district please provide incumbent information and current bill rates for contracts in place for similar services?
31. What is the expected amount of full-time, vendor supplied (SLP's, OT's, PT's, Audiologists, O&M, and SLI's) needed during the 2023-24 SY?