

1. Are teletherapy companies allowed to respond? **At this time, we are not looking for teletherapy companies, but you are welcome to place a bid for on-site services.**
2. Within each area (i.e. SLP, OT, etc.) will multiple vendors be awarded? **Multiple vendors may be awarded, but not necessarily.**
3. For questions other applicants ask, will those and their responses be posted for viewing? **Responses to questions will be posted under the bid on the website if there are any to post.**
4. We do not have an office in the State of Texas. Is it your preference for a company to have an office in the State of Texas? **Yes, we prefer someone in Texas as providers from Texas generally understand the laws and regulations more thoroughly than do those outside of Texas.**
5. Could you please let me know the projected weekly hours of service for the healthcare professionals? **Projected weekly hours is difficult as it varies; however, between direct and indirect hours, the OT/COTA and the PT average about 8 hours a week**
6. If the hours are on an As Needed Basis or Part-Time, can you please let me know the number of weekly hours that the healthcare professionals worked during the 2019-20 academic year? I am aware that the hours might not be the same for the 2020-21 academic year. However, this will provide us with a better understanding on how we should calculate our cost proposal for Teague Independent School District. **We do not do as needed. The students have a schedule and the students are to be seen on that schedule. We have 4 campuses and we do not miss sessions unless the student is not here.**
7. How many healthcare professionals do you foresee needing for the 2020-21 school year? **We need an OT and a PT. We also need an OT who currently use a COTA to help with therapy. We are taking bids on a speech language pathologist, LSSP and special education counselor as well. Finally, we are taking bids of contract diagnosticans to help our employed diagnostician.**
8. For what grades will the healthcare professionals provide services for and what will be the caseload? **All grade levels. We generally give a two-week term out in the case that an employee is located.**
9. How many working days will the healthcare professionals work during the school year (For Example: 180 days or less)? **Less than 180. Probably once or twice a week at most.**
10. Are resumes required at the time of proposal submission or only upon award? **Resumes should be included in proposal submission.**
11. If Teague Independent School District will find a permanent employee of the district and our services will no longer be needed, will the school provide the awarded vendor with a 30 day out termination written notice? **We generally give a two week notice of contract termination, but that could be negotiated.**

12. Do you require vendors to guarantee the provision of therapy services, or is it understood that vendors will begin recruiting on a best efforts basis upon contract award? **We require a guarantee.**

13. Can we incur in any penalties or be liable for any damages for not having a healthcare professional available upon your school's request in a timely manner or would your school terminate the RFP contract with our company? **Teague ISD would likely terminate the contract.**

14. To complete the provision of therapy services, are Testing/Evaluation Materials provided by Teague Independent School District or the Vendor? **For evaluation we have speech material, OT/PT materials are provided by the contractor.**

15. Will your school provide laptops/computers and/or an email account to the contracted providers during their assignment? **Contractor should provide their own equipment and email.**

16. Who will be the representative from Teague Independent School District to determine which materials/equipment are required for the therapy services? **Catherine Schmidt, Director, Cindy Ploch, diagnostician**

17. Will therapists have access to internet capabilities, computers/laptops/iPads, office supplies, fax/copy machine at Teague Independent School District? **Yes, therapist will have access to internet, but all other supplies should be provided by contractor. Use of supplies while on-site would be allowed for Teague ISD services only.**

18. Are the healthcare professionals expected to travel between schools to provide services? If so, at what school locations will the healthcare professionals travel between? **Yes, they will be expected to travel; however, the schools are less than 2 miles apart.**

19. Are the contracted providers expected to travel between schools to provide services? If so, at what school locations will the contracted providers travel between? **Yes, they will be expected to travel; however, the schools are less than 2 miles apart.**

20. Would the district pay for mileage travelling between school campuses on the same day? If so, what will be the district IRS Standard Rate? **Yes, they will be expected to travel; however, the schools are less than 2 miles apart.**

21. When is the anticipated award date? **Teague ISD should make a decision by June 30, 2020.**

22. What are the required documents for the therapists to start working at Teague Independent School District? For Example: Fingerprint, State License, Criminal Background Check, TB Test, or any other specific Certifications or immunizations. **All of the above.**

23. What is the annual expenditure available or projected for this RFP contract?
Determined by student need.

24. Can you provide the current incumbent vendor(s) providing services? What is the incumbent vendor(s) current fee rate(s)? Has your current vendor(s) been able to satisfy your service needs? **See below. Yes.**

Diagnostician	\$50/hour
PPCD	\$50/hour
LSSP	\$780/day
Professional Counselor	\$75/hour
Certified Behavior Analyst	\$75/hour
OT	\$75/hour
OTA	\$65/hour
PT	\$75/hour
Speech Therapist	\$63/hour