

RFP #25-001 Questions and Answers
Speech and Language Services

1. Question - Would the district consider virtual (teletherapy) SLP services under this RFP, or does the district require only in-person/on-site services?

Answer - Preference is for face to face

2. Question - If in-person/on-site services are preferred; would the district consider proposals for virtual SLP services to use even as a last resort if ground providers are unavailable?

Answer - Possibly

3. Question - Our authorized representative is out of state. Would the district accept electronic signatures on the forms as part of the physical submission?

Answer - Yes

4. Question - The RFP did not include the Vendor Packet attached after Section 9.0 Attachments. Can you provide a copy of the vendor packet or verify if the "[New Vendor Forms Packet](#)" found on the district's website is correct?

Answer - The forms are located on the district's Website.

5. Question - Can you verify the district will not be using its separate "Agreement for Independent Contracted Services" template for this RFP since sections 3.8 and 4.43 explain what constitutes the entire agreement upon award?

Answer – We are not at liberty to answer this question currently.

6. Question - Do you prefer vendors with a physical office in Texas?

Answer - Any location is acceptable for the vendors, but we prefer service providers to be available for face to face

7. Question - Do you anticipate awarding more than one vendor under this RFP?

Answer - Depends on number of therapists. We are looking for 2 – 3.

8. Question - How many weekly hours do you anticipate needing to be performed by the SLP(s)?

Answer - 40 hours/week

9. Question – (a) Do you require resumes of potential SLPs upon proposal submission? (b) If so, would the district consider blind resumes with information withheld or marked as "Confidential" to protect their privacy?

Answer – (a) Preferred (b) Yes

10. Question – Would section 7.2.5 apply to this RFP regarding using Child Nutrition funds for SLP services?

Answer – No

11. Question - Would the district provide its students the hardware (e.g., computer, webcam, headsets, etc.), testing kits, and other therapy supplies, or materials needed for their services?

Answer - Yes

12. Question - Is there a bill rate cap or budget for the requested SLP services? If so, what is the cap or budget?

Answer – There's currently no specified budget cap

13. Question - What are the current vendor names and rates providing SLP services?

Answer – N/A

14. Question - Are you satisfied with your current vendors, or have there been challenges in the past year?

Answer - We are not at liberty to answer this question.

15. Question – Would the district consider working with vendors through a separate cooperative contract from this RFP?

Answer – All options are open for discussion.

16. Question - Would the vendor be disqualified if deviations or exceptions are identified in the submitted proposal, or would the district review, accept, or negotiate the deviations with the chosen vendor?

Answer - All deviations will be reviewed and considered.

17. Question - What is the typical shift schedule for the Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)? (hours per day and days per week)

Answer - Full time - 8 hours; 5 days/week

18. Question - Are shift hours guaranteed for the Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)?

Answer – Yes

19. Question - Will the Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) be providing services at multiple schools, and does the SMSD cover travel costs between these locations?

Answer - Possibly, but all schools are in walking distance of each other

20. Question - What is the typical caseload for the SLP?

Answer - 50 – 75, depends on whether we have 2 or 3

21. Will you accept a range in the pricing proposal?

Answer – Yes

22. What are the current rates for the incumbent providing similar services?

Answer - This request will have to be made through a public information request. Please visit SMSD website to submit your request.

23. How many hours were utilized for the Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) in previous contracts?

Answer - This request will have to be made through a public information request. Please visit SMSD website to submit your request.

24. The RFP requests services only for Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs). Could you confirm if you would like the catalog to include only SLPs, or should we also include other provider types available through our agency.

Answer - You are open to include any services you feel falls under the scope of work.

25. Please specify any additional provider roles you'd like us to include for reference.

Answer - You are open to list any provider roles you feel falls under the scope of work.

26. Could you please confirm if SMSD would be willing to accept RFP response submissions via email?

Answer - No! The response must be sealed and either hand delivered or postal mailed.