RFP 24.05 – Speech Language Pathology
Addendum No. 1 – Q&A

24.05 Questions	Answers
What is the estimated number of positions (part time vs full time)	Depending, right now we are needing full time SLPs
Is a local office required? Is there a preference for local vendors?	No. No.
Are you open to teletherapy?	We are open, but prefer in-person SLPs
Are you looking for a particular number of FTE supports for your students? If so, how many?	We are needing about 8 FTE SLPs
Are you currently working with any agencies providing Speech Language Pathology (SLP) services to your District?	Yes
Have these vendors been able to meet all of your SLP needs?	Yes, they provided in person SLPs
How many SLP(FTE) do you anticipate needing for the upcoming 23/24 school year?	8-10 FTE SLPS
Do you require that clinician resumes and/or licensure be submitted with the proposal or after award?	Yes, at the time of submission. Please reference page 10 in the RFP documents.
How many hours are in a typical school day (i.e., how many hours are therapists allowed to be on-site and billing)?	Approximately 8 Hours per day.
How many work days are they assigned for the school year?	Approximately 180 days.
What is the average caseload by discipline in your District?	We operate on a workload. Depending on if the SLP only supervises and conducts IEP/Evaluations up to 100 students' case management. If they do everything (therapy, no supervision, evals, IEP), around 50-60.
How will vendors be notified of award?	Email
Do you anticipate awarding one or multiple vendors?	Multiple Vendors
Will assigned therapists have access to therapy materials, supplies, equipment, evaluation kits, and protocols provided by your schools?	Yes
Will assigned therapists have access to computers/ laptops and printers provided by your schools?	They will have access to printers, but will need laptops

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Are we required to provide any technology (i.e., laptops, printers, access to teletherapy platform)?	Laptops
Is the contracting agency able to bill for both direct and indirect treatment time (paperwork, meeting, teacher consultations, etc.)?	Yes, direct and indirect treatment, of no more than 7.5 hours per day of billing
Do contractors have to travel between schools during the workday? If so, are they required to clock out during travel between schools OR are they able to stay clocked in during travel between schools?	Possibly, but not usually during the day.
Will the district accept electronic signatures on documentation?	Yes
Can pricing increase during the 4-year term of the contract?	If an increase is possible over the 4-year term, please include the percentage of increase in the "other" section of the proposal form. Otherwise, the District will assume the rate will stay the same.
The district requires 3 copies of our submittal, is this 1 original and 2 copies?	Yes
May we ship all of our responses together to the district (SLI, OT, PT, LSSP, and/or SLP)?	They will need to be sealed and labeled separately in their own packages, but can all be shipped in the same box.
Will the district accept contract exceptions or modifications?	Any exceptions or modifications will need to be included in the "other" section of the proposal form. If not included, the District will assume that all terms and conditions are agreed to.
What role will be generally overseeing this role?	Director of Special Services
Will those roles be responsible for writing protocols, policies, or procedures?	SLP will follow BISD policies and procedures
Would the district consider mutual indemnification or slight modification of indemnity language?	Any exceptions or modifications will need to be included in the "other" section of the proposal form. If not included, the District will assume that all terms and conditions are agreed to.
We cannot provide training to teachers and staff. Is this acceptable to the district?	Does this mean you can't provide trainings to SLP? If so, it's acceptable as we will have a lead person supporting
We cannot supervise interns or graduate students. Is this acceptable to the district?	We do prefer if you provide a CF-SLP, they have a supervisor
Regarding Interpreter Requirements on Page 9, Item #2. Associates Degree or 60 accredited college hours, is there an educational prerequisite “in addition to” or “in lieu of” RDI and BEI certifications?	No. Not unless stated in RFP package.
May we attach pricing sheets to Exhibit A?	Yes

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Can BISD clarify whether bids are submitted through a specific bid portal in addition to hard copies sent to the address noted in the solicitation?	All submissions are delivered by postal mail or hand delivered. There is not a bid portal to submit.
Can out of state vendors submit bids? It seems that bidders without BISD experience will automatically receive lower score totals.	Yes, out of state vendors can submit.
Can we provide our own terms and conditions regarding cancellation, travel, and minimums?	Any exceptions or modifications will need to be included in the "other" section of the proposal form. If not included, the District will assume that all terms and conditions are agreed to.
Is there an incumbent?	There are current Vendors providing services to the District, but contracts are expiring.

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