

COMMITTEE EVALUATION REPORT

CC 02-2526

LAKEWOOD IDEA NONPUBLIC SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES FOR KIDS ON THE SPECTRUM (LINKS)

A committee of three staff members evaluated and scored the Technical and Management portions of CC 02-2526 received on 9/30/25 @ 11:00 a.m. The Cost component is evaluated and scored by the Purchasing Manager.

Two (2) responses were received and scored as follows:

Committee Members:

Scorer #1 Jane Gulics

Scorer #2 Gina Dasti

Scorer #3 Kevin Walters

COST PER CLASS	Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy	Tender Touch Education Services
2025/2026	\$374,875.00	\$425,000.00
2026/2027	\$393,618.00	25/26 PLUS Index Rate
2027/2028	\$413,299.00	26/27 PLUS Index Rate

*RFP stated the cost of years two and three could not exceed the increase in the Index Rate of the previous year.

Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy	Technical Max 30 pts	Management Max 45 pts	Cost Max 25 pts	Total Score Max 100 pts.
Scorer #1	23.5	34	25	
Scorer #2	27	35	25	
Scorer #3	24.5	34	25	
Average Score	25	34.3	25	84.3

Tender Touch Education Services	Technical Max 30 pts	Management Max 45 pts	Cost Max 25 pts	Total Score Max 100 pts.
Scorer #1	30	45	22.05	
Scorer #2	30	45	22.05	
Scorer #3	30	45	22.05	
Average Score	30	45	22.05	97.05

Tender Touch Educational Services presented a responsive and responsible proposal responding effectively to each aspect of the solicitation and supplying all requested information and documentation. They lost points based on the cost component.

Tree of Knowledge Learning Academy

Tree of Knowledge stated they would provide progress reports twice a year although the specifications stated they must be done three times per year.

TOK did not provide a location for services as required, just stating that they would provide a location. For the LINKS program.

TOK listed services geared towards in class support situations for grades K-12. The RFP is seeking services for grades K-3 classified as students with autism.

TOK provided experience in NPSSP programs and other services but not specifically for this type of LINKS program.

TOK did not supply the requisite NJDOE certifications and fingerprinting for OT, PT and Speech Therapists with Their Proposal.

TOK did not mention the required attendance logs and activity descriptions as requested.

TOK supplied resumes of BCBA, Therapy Supervisor and DIR certified staff member but without the required Certifications and fingerprinting.

TOK did not supply proof they are an approved vendor with the NJDOE for the provision of services.

TOK supplied an expired Certificate of Insurance which can be corrected.

As stated in the RFP, only one (1) provider will be awarded for these services. It is the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee that a contract for CC 02-2526 for LINKS Services be awarded to Tender Touch Educational Services with a total score of 97.05 points, for the 2025/2026, 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 school years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional years pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-42. All contracts are subject to the availability of IDEA funds.