



RFQ #2026-2027-001 Annual Financial Audit Services

Clarification Questions and District Responses

1. Why is the FISD going out for an audit?

The District's current audit firm has notified Fredericksburg ISD that it will no longer provide audit services to school districts. As a result, the District is soliciting qualifications to select a new independent auditor for annual financial audit services.

2. Will the current auditor be allowed to bid?

Yes. The current auditor is eligible to submit qualifications; however, based on their notification that they do not intend to continue providing audit services to school districts, the District does not anticipate receiving a submission from the current auditor.

3. Were there any issues with the current auditor?

No. The District has not experienced any issues with the current auditor during the term of their engagement.

4. Were there any journal entries discovered by the auditors during the 2025 audit process?

Yes. The auditors identified a small number of duplicate journal entries that had been inadvertently recorded, along with minor adjusting entries as part of the normal audit process.

5. How many auditors and how many days were the auditors in the field for interim and final fieldwork?

The audit fieldwork was performed by approximately 3–4 auditors over a period of about one week for both interim and final phases. Because the auditors are local, a significant portion of the work was completed at their office. On-site visits to the District were primarily conducted to review original source documents, conduct interviews, and address any additional questions as needed. The remainder of the audit work was performed remotely at the auditors' offices.

6. Were there any major audit issues identified for 2025? Any anticipated ones for 2026?

For fiscal year 2024–2025, the District's Child Nutrition Program audit identified two findings related to procurement and verification. The program was also selected for inclusion in the Single Audit, and as a result, those findings were incorporated into the external audit process and corresponding corrective action was developed.

At this time, the District is not anticipating any major audit issues for fiscal year 2025–2026.

7. What part of the audit process would the FISD like to improve over the past audits?

The District's objective is to improve coordination and communication between both parties to ensure a clear and mutual understanding of required deliverables and desired timelines. This includes establishing expectations early in the audit process to support a smoother and more efficient audit experience.

8. What transition issues would the FISD be concerned about if the audit is awarded to new auditors?

The District's primary concern regarding a transition to new auditors is the additional time that may be required to complete internal control documentation and to fully understand the District's annual schedules and reporting processes. There is also uncertainty regarding the extent of audit workpapers and recurring schedules previously developed and maintained by the current auditors that the District may not be fully aware of, which could impact efficiency during the initial audit cycle.

9. Have there been any significant changes in key staff in the past year that would affect the 2026 audit?

No significant changes in key financial staff are anticipated to impact the 2026 audit. While the District has experienced a leadership transition, including an interim and newly appointed Superintendent, the core financial and accounting staff have remained in place throughout the fiscal year.

10. Are there any significant changes in federal funding anticipated for 2026?

No. The District does not anticipate any significant changes in federal funding for fiscal year 2026.

11. What were the fees for the prior year audits for the FISD?

The fees for the prior year audit services for Fredericksburg ISD were \$34,500.

12. Does the auditor draft the AFR or does the FISD?

The auditor prepares the draft Annual Financial Report (AFR), while Fredericksburg ISD is responsible for completing the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section.

13. Does the FISD track capital assets or is the auditor asked to assist with that?

FISD tracks and maintains its capital asset records internally. Auditor assistance with capital asset tracking is not currently requested.

14. When does the FISD anticipate selecting the auditor?

The District anticipates selecting an audit firm as soon as practicable following the evaluation of qualifications and completion of the selection process.

15. Due to the short turnaround between the Q&A and the final due date, would FISD consider extending the submission of proposals by a day, emailed proposals, or allowing firms to have the proposal postmarked by June 18th?

Yes. To accommodate the short turnaround between the release of the Q&A responses and the proposal due date, the District will accept proposal submissions via email. Proposals may be submitted to loriri@fisd.org.

Because District offices will be closed on Friday, June 19, 2026, the submission deadline is extended. Proposals will be accepted through Sunday, June 21, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.