



To: Matt Morgan
Assistant Superintendent of Support Services

From: Kristine Johnston
Director of Purchasing

Date: September 5, 2014

Re: Technology Project Management Services
Request for Proposal #14-07-4045RFP

The following bids were received and opened at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, as advertised and specified in documents concerning **Contract #14-07-4045RFP Technology Project Management Services**. The bids received are located on page 3.

Recommendation: Education Partners Solutions, Inc.
iSphere Innovation Partners, LLC

Funding: Bond Funds

Estimated Expenditure: \$887,515.00

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Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District

Frankie Jackson
Chief Technology Officer

TO: Board of Trustees, Dr. Henry
 FROM: Ms. Frankie Jackson
 DATE: September 5, 2014
 RE: Technology Project Management Services, 14-07-4045 RFP

The District issued a request for proposal to select qualified technology consultants and/or project managers to provide independent, highly-specialized technology project management services for the implementation of the 2014 Bond Infrastructure Technology Projects.

On August 5, 2014, the District received a total of six (6) proposals from interested consultants. Attached you will find the proposal tabulation. The evaluation committee included representatives from the Technology Services and Instructional Technology Departments. Members of the evaluation committee heard oral presentations from all six interested consultants. The evaluation committee carefully evaluated the submitted proposals and hereby recommends to the Board of Trustees that the contract be awarded to Education Partners Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$127,500 and iSphere Innovation Partners, LLC in the amount of \$760,015, totaling \$887,515.

Individually and combined, Education Partners Solutions, Inc. and iSphere received the highest score based on the published evaluation criteria and provides the greatest level of expertise and experience to the District. The scope of the technology bond is multi-threaded with concurrent ongoing projects, requiring coordination with multiple vendors that provide highly-specialized, complex, technical systems. Education Partners Solutions, Inc. will serve as the technical evaluation team and will be responsible for the project management of the technical architecture and design, including vendor build of materials and implementation timelines. iSphere will provide project management services for all 2014 Bond Infrastructure Technology Projects concurrently, that includes a Project Management Office (PMO) Director, Coordinator, and onsite Project Manager. The combination of Education Partners Solutions, Inc. and iSphere will offer a high quality, low risk project management solution. Both companies are highly regarded in their field and both proposers are located in the Houston area. Their combined references include many large Texas school districts including, Houston ISD, Katy ISD, Round Rock ISD, Pasadena ISD, Lamar ISD, Temple ISD, Clear Creek ISD, McKinney ISD, Austin ISD, Dallas ISD, Fort Bend ISD, and Ysleta ISD. Additionally, Education Partners Solutions, Inc. serves on the Consortium of School Networking (www.cosn.org) as the Technical Advisor for the national Smart Education Networks by Design (SEND) program. iSphere provides project management services for the Texas Education Agency and the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

Frankie Jackson

cc: Paula Ross
 Becky Cook
 Stuart Snow

Technology Services Project Management Service (14-07-4045RFP)
 Proposal Tabulation

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES (RFP# 14-07-4045)**Proposal Tabulation**

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS	EPS	iSPHERE	PBK	TECHKNOWLEDGE	IBM	LUMENATE
		Qualifications and Experience	30	30	30	28	30
Technical Approach	20	20	20	19	18	19	15
Management Approach	20	18	20	18	17	19	16
Proposal Cost		\$127,500	\$760,015	\$5,423,473	\$1,042,245	\$1,482,784	\$475,800
Cost Score	25	25	22	0	21	19	23
Oral Interviews	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
TOTAL SCORE	100	98	97	70	91	92	77

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS	RECOMMENDATION (EPS and iSPHERE)		
		EPS	iSPHERE	EPS/iSPHERE
Qualifications and Experience	30	30	30	30
Technical Approach	20	20	20	20
Management Approach	20	18	20	20
Total Proposal Cost		\$127,500	\$760,015	\$887,515
Cost Score	25	25	22	21
Oral Interviews	5	5	5	5
TOTAL SCORE	100	98	97	96