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GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
AND
REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE #7**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

One to One Friendships Students with/without Disabilities



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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The purpose of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit sealed proposals to establish a contract through competitive negotiations for the procurement of a subcontractor to create public awareness in communities and to educate throughout New Mexico about the talents, needs and abilities of people with IDD.

B. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regional Education Cooperative VII (REC7) has entered into an IGA with the New Mexico Public Education Department to procure and manage the services required by Junior House Bill 548 Section 25 A8-To Foster One-to One Friendships with Students with and without Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

C. SCOPE OF PROCUREMENT

This contract shall become effective when approved by the REC #7 and shall terminate on September 30, 2025.

D. PROCUREMENT MANAGER

1. Regional Education Cooperative VII has assigned a Procurement Manager who is responsible for the conduct of this procurement whose name, address, telephone number and e-mail address are listed below:

Name: April Williams, Procurement Manager
Address: REC7
621 N. McKinley, Hobbs, NM 88240
P.O. Box 770, Hobbs, NM 88241
Telephone: (575)393-0755
Fax: (575)393-0249
Email: williamsap@hobbsschools.net

2. **Any inquiries or requests** regarding this procurement should be submitted, in writing, to the Procurement Manager. Offers may contact **ONLY** the Procurement Manager regarding this procurement. **Protests of the solicitation or award must be delivered by mail to the Protest Manager.** As A Protest Manager has been named in this Request for Proposals, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-172, **ONLY** protests delivered directly to the Protest Manager in writing and in a timely fashion will be considered to have been submitted properly and in accordance with statute, rule and this Request for Proposals. Emailed protests will not be considered as properly submitted.

E. DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

This section contains definitions of terms used throughout this procurement document, including appropriate abbreviations

“**DEPARTMENT**” means the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED)

“**CONTRACTOR**” Regional Education Cooperative VII (REC7).

“**Authorized Purchaser**” means an individual authorized by a Participating Entity to place orders against this contract.

“**Award**” means the final execution of the contract document.

“**Business Hours**” means 7:30 AM thru 4:30 PM Mountain Standard or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect on the date given.

“**Close of Business**” means 4:30 PM Mountain Standard or Daylight Time, whichever is in use at that time.

“**Confidential**” means confidential financial information concerning offeror’s organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act NMSA 1978 57-3-A-1 to 57-3A-7. See NMAC 1.4.1.45. As one example, no information that could be obtained from a source outside this request for proposals can be considered confidential information.

“**Contract**” means any agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property, services or construction.

“**Determination**” means the written documentation of a decision of a procurement officer including findings of fact required to support a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file to which it pertains.

“**Desirable**” the terms "may", "can", "should", "preferably", or "prefers" identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor.

“**Electronic Version/Copy**” means a digital form consisting of text, images or both readable on computers or other electronic devices that includes all content that the Original and Hard Copy proposals contain. The digital form may be submitted using a compact disc (cd) or USB flash drive. The electronic version/copy can NOT be emailed.

“**Evaluation Committee**” means a body appointed to perform the evaluation of Offerors’ proposals.

“Evaluation Committee Report” means a report prepared by the Procurement Manager and the Evaluation Committee for contract award. It will contain written determinations resulting from the procurement.

“Exhibit A-Statement of Work” Description of the scope of work that the Contractor requires and the Offeror agrees to perform.

“Finalist” means an Offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose score on evaluation factors is sufficiently high to merit further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.

“IT” means Information Technology.

“Limitation of Cost” The total amount of the monies payable under this Contract.

“Mandatory” – the terms "must", "shall", "will", "is required", or "are required", identify a mandatory item or factor. Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the Offeror’s proposal.

“Minor Technical Irregularities” means anything in the proposal that does not affect the price quality and quantity or any other mandatory requirement.

“Offeror” is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a proposal.

“Price Agreement” means a definite quantity contract or indefinite quantity contract which requires the contractor to furnish items of tangible personal property, services or construction to a state agency or a local public body which issues a purchase order, if the purchase order is within the quantity limitations of the contract, if any.

“Procurement Manager” means any person or designee authorized by a state agency or local public body to enter into or administer contracts and make written determinations with respect thereto.

“Procuring Agency” means all State of New Mexico agencies, commissions, institutions, political subdivisions and local public bodies allowed by law to entertain procurements.

“Project” means a temporary process undertaken to solve a well-defined goal or objective with clearly defined start and end times, a set of clearly defined tasks, and a budget. The project terminates once the project scope is achieved and project acceptance is given by the project executive sponsor.

“Redacted” means a version/copy of the proposal with the information considered confidential as defined by NMAC 1.4.1.45 and defined herein and outlined in Section II.C.8 of this RFP blacked out BUT NOT omitted or removed.

“Request for Proposals (RFP)” means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

“Responsible Offeror” means an Offeror who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that his financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services, or items of tangible personal property described in the proposal.

“Responsive Offer” or means an offer which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to price, quality, quantity or delivery requirements.

“Sealed” means, in terms of a non-electronic submission, that the proposal is enclosed in a package which is completely fastened in such a way that nothing can be added or removed. Open packages submitted will not be accepted except for packages that may have been damaged by the delivery service itself. The State reserves the right, however, to accept or reject packages where there may have been damage done by the delivery service itself. Whether a package has been damaged by the delivery service or left unfastened and should or should not be accepted is a determination to be made by the Procurement Manager. By submitting a proposal, the Offeror agrees to and concurs with this process and accepts the determination of the Procurement Manager in such cases.

“Staff” means any individual who is a full-time, part-time, or an independently contracted employee with the Offerors’ company.

“State (the State)” means the State of New Mexico.

“Statement of Concurrence” means an affirmative statement from the Offeror to the required specification agreeing to comply and concur with the stated requirement(s). This statement shall be included in Offerors proposal. (E.g. “We concur”, “Understands and Complies”, “Comply”, “Will Comply if Applicable” etc.)

“Unredacted” means a version/copy of the proposal containing all complete information including any that the Offeror would otherwise consider confidential, such copy for use only for the purposes of evaluation.

“Written” means typewritten on standard 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Larger paper is permissible for charts, spreadsheets, etc.

II. CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT

This section of the RFP contains the schedule, description and conditions governing the procurement.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Procurement Manager will make every effort to adhere to the following schedule:

Action	Responsible Party	Date
1. Issue RFP	REC7	11-10-2024
2. Acknowledge Receipt	REC7	11-19-2024
3. Deadline to submit written questions	Potential Offerors	11-21-2024
4. Response to Written Questions	Procurement Manager	11-24-2024
5. Submission of Proposal	Potential Offerors	12-9-2024 3:00 PM
6. Proposal Evaluation	Evaluation Committee	12-10-2024
7. Selection of Finalists	Evaluation Committee	12-10-2024
8. Best and Final Offers	Finalist Offerors	12-10-2024
9. Finalize Contractual Agreements	Agency/Finalist Offerors	Board Meeting 12/12/2024
10. Contract Awards	Agency/Finalist	Board Meeting-12/12/2024
11. Protest	Protest	15 days 12/27/2024

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs describe the activities listed in the sequence of events shown in Section II. A., above.

1. Issuance of RFP

This RFP is being issued on behalf of the State of New Mexico and Regional Education Cooperative #7 on 11/10/2024.

2. Acknowledgement of Receipt

Potential Offerors should hand deliver, return by facsimile or registered or certified mail the "Acknowledgement of Receipt of Request for Proposals Form" that accompanies this document, APPENDIX A, to have their organization placed on the procurement distribution list. The form should be signed by an authorized representative of the organization, dated and returned to the Procurement Manager by 3:00 pm MST or MDT on December 9, 2024.

The procurement distribution list will be used for the distribution of written responses to questions. Failure to return the Acknowledgement of Receipt form shall constitute a presumption of receipt and rejection of the RFP, and the potential Offeror's organization name shall not appear on the distribution list.

3. Deadline to Submit Written Questions

Potential Offerors may submit written questions to the Procurement Manager as to the intent or clarity of this RFP until November 24, 2024 Mountain Standard Time/Daylight Time as indicated in the sequence of events. All written questions must be addressed to the Procurement Manager as declared in Section I, Paragraph D. Questions shall be clearly labeled and shall cite the Section(s) in the RFP or other document which form the basis of the question.

4. Response to Written Questions

Written responses to written questions will be distributed as indicated in the sequence of events to all potential Offerors whose organization name appears on the procurement distribution list. An e-mail copy will be sent to all Offeror's that provide Acknowledgement of Receipt Forms described in II.B.2 before the deadline. Additional copies will be posted on: REC7 Website - <https://hobbsschools.net/departments/rec7>

5. Submission of Proposal

ALL OFFEROR PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER OR DESIGNEE NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME/DAYLIGHT TIME ON DECEMBER 9, 2024. Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. The date and time of receipt will be recorded on each proposal.

Proposals must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Manager at the address listed in Section I, Paragraph D2. Proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to the ONE TO ONE FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS WITH/WITHOUT DISABILITIES. Proposals submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

A public log will be kept of the names of all Offeror organizations that submitted proposals. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-116, the contents of proposals shall not be disclosed to competing potential Offerors during the negotiation process. The negotiation process is deemed to be in effect until the contract is awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals. Awarded in this context means the final required state agency signature on the contract(s) resulting from the procurement has been obtained.

6. Proposal Evaluation

An Evaluation Committee will perform the evaluation of proposals. This process will take place as indicated in the sequence of events, depending upon the number of proposals received. During this time, the Procurement Manager may initiate discussions with Offerors who submit responsive or potentially responsive proposals for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposals. However, proposals may be accepted and evaluated without such discussion. Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the Offerors.

7. Selection of Finalists

The Evaluation Committee will select and the Procurement Manager will notify the finalist Offerors as per schedule Section II. A., Sequence of Events or as soon as possible. A schedule for the oral presentation and demonstration will be determined at this time.

8. Best and Final Offers

Finalist Offerors may be asked to submit revisions to their proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers by as per schedule Section II. A., Sequence of Events or as soon as possible. Best and final offers may also be clarified and amended at finalist Offeror's oral presentation and demonstration.

9. Finalize Contractual Agreements

Any Contractual agreement(s) resulting from this RFP will be finalized with the most advantageous Offeror(s) as per schedule Section II. A., Sequence of Events or as soon thereafter as possible. This date is subject to change at the discretion of the State Purchasing Division or relevant Agency Procurement office. In the event mutually agreeable terms cannot be reached with the apparent most advantageous Offeror in the time specified, the State reserves the right to finalize a contractual agreement with the next most advantageous Offeror(s) without undertaking a new procurement process.

10. Contract Awards

After review of the Evaluation Committee Report and the signed contractual agreement, the Agency Procurement office will award as per the schedule in Section II. A., Sequence of Events or as soon as possible thereafter. This date is subject to change at the discretion of the State Purchasing Division or relevant Agency Procurement office.

The contract shall be awarded to the Offeror (or Offerors) whose proposals are most advantageous to the State of New Mexico and Regional Education Cooperative #7 taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points. The award is subject to appropriate Department and State approval.

11. Protest Deadline

Any protest by an Offeror must be timely and in conformance with NMSA 1978, § 13-1-172 and applicable procurement regulations. As a Protest Manager has been named in this Request for Proposals, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-172, ONLY protests delivered directly to the Protest Manager in writing and in a timely fashion will be considered to have been submitted properly and in accordance with statute, rule and this Request for Proposals. The 15 calendar day protest period shall begin on the day following the award of contracts and will end at 5:00 pm Mountain Standard Time/Daylight Time on the 15th day. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the request for proposal number. It must also contain a statement of the grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits and it must specify the ruling requested from the party listed below. The protest must be delivered to:

April Williams, Executive Director
Regional Education Cooperative #7
621 N. McKinley
Hobbs, NM 88240
P O Box 770
Hobbs, NM 88241

Protests received after the deadline will not be accepted.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement

Potential Offerors must indicate their acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement section in the letter of transmittal. Submission of a proposal constitutes acceptance of the Evaluation Factors contained in Section V of this RFP.

2. Incurring Cost

Any cost incurred by the potential Offeror in preparation, transmittal, and/or presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the Offeror. Any cost incurred by the Offeror for set up and demonstration of the proposed equipment and/or system shall be borne solely by the Offeror.

3. Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any contractual agreement that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of all requirements of the contractual agreement with a state agency which may derive from this RFP. The state agency entering into a contractual agreement with a vendor will make payments to only the prime contractor.

4. Subcontractors/Consent

The use of subcontractors is allowed. The prime contractor shall be wholly responsible for the entire performance of the contractual agreement whether or not subcontractors are used. Additionally, the prime contractor must receive approval, in writing, from the agency awarding any resultant contract, before any subcontractor is used during the term of this agreement.

5. Amended Proposals

An Offeror may submit an amended proposal before the deadline for receipt of proposals. Such amended proposals must be complete replacements for a previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter. The Agency personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.

6. Offeror's Rights to Withdraw Proposal

Offerors will be allowed to withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The Offeror must submit a written withdrawal request addressed to the Procurement Manager and signed by the Offeror's duly authorized representative.

The approval or denial of withdrawal requests received after the deadline for receipt of the proposals is governed by the applicable procurement regulations.

7. Proposal Offer Firm

Responses to this RFP, including proposal prices for services, will be considered firm for one hundred twenty (120) days after the due date for receipt of proposals or ninety (90) days after the due date for the receipt of a best and final offer, if the Offeror is invited or required to submit one.

8. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

- A. Proposals will be kept confidential until negotiations and the award are completed by the Agency. At that time, all proposals and documents pertaining to the proposals will be open to the public, except for material that is clearly marked proprietary or confidential. The Procurement Manager will not disclose or make public any pages of a proposal on which the potential Offeror has stamped or imprinted "proprietary" or "confidential" subject to the following requirements:
- B. Proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal.
- C. Confidential data is restricted to:
 - 1. confidential financial information concerning the Offeror's organization;

2. and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, NMSA 1978 § 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7.
3. PLEASE NOTE: The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed **shall not be designated** as proprietary or confidential information.

If a request is received for disclosure of data for which an Offeror has made a written request for confidentiality, the State Purchasing Division or the Agency shall examine the Offeror's request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the proposal should be disclosed. Unless the Offeror takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the proposal will be so disclosed. The proposal shall be open to public inspection subject to any continuing prohibition on the disclosure of confidential data.

9. No Obligation

This RFP in no manner obligates the State of New Mexico or any of its Agencies to the use of any Offeror's services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by appropriate authorities.

10. Termination

This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the agency determines such action to be in the best interest of the State of New Mexico.

11. Sufficient Appropriation

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such terminations will be effected by sending written notice to the contractor. The Agency's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the contractor as final.

12. Legal Review

The Agency requires that all Offerors agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any Offeror's concerns must be promptly submitted in writing to the attention of the Procurement Manager.

13. Governing Law

This RFP and any agreement with an Offeror which may result from this procurement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

14. Basis for Proposal

Only information supplied, in writing, by the Agency through the Procurement Manager or in this RFP should be used as the basis for the preparation of Offeror proposals.

15. Contract Terms and Conditions

The contract between an agency and a contractor will follow the format specified by the Agency and contain the terms and conditions set forth in the Sample Contract Appendix C. However, the contracting agency reserves the right to negotiate provisions in addition to those contained in this RFP (Sample Contract) with any Offeror. The contents of this RFP, as revised and/or supplemented, and the successful Offeror's proposal will be incorporated into and become part of any resultant contract.

The Agency discourages exceptions from the contract terms and conditions as set forth in the RFP Sample Contract. Such exceptions may cause a proposal to be rejected as nonresponsive when, in the sole judgment of the Agency (and its evaluation team), the proposal appears to be conditioned on the exception, or correction of what is deemed to be a deficiency, or an unacceptable exception is proposed which would require a substantial proposal rewrite to correct.

Should an Offeror object to any of the terms and conditions as set forth in the RFP Sample Contract (APPENDIX C) strongly enough to propose alternate terms and conditions in spite of the above, the Offeror must propose **specific** alternative language. The Agency may or may not accept the alternative language. General references to the Offeror's terms and conditions or attempts at complete substitutions of the Sample Contract are not acceptable to the Agency and will result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal.

Offerors must provide a brief discussion of the purpose and impact, if any, of each proposed change followed by the specific proposed alternate wording.

If an Offeror fails to propose any alternate terms and conditions during the procurement process (the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror), no proposed alternate terms and conditions will be considered later during the negotiation process. Failure to propose alternate terms and conditions during the procurement process (the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror) is an **explicit agreement** by the Offeror that the contractual terms and conditions contained herein are **accepted** by the Offeror.

16. Offeror's Terms and Conditions

Offerors must submit with the proposal a complete set of any additional terms and conditions they expect to have included in a contract negotiated with the Agency. Please see Section II.C.15 for requirements.

17. Contract Deviations

Any additional terms and conditions, which may be the subject of negotiation (such terms and conditions having been proposed during the procurement process, that is, the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror), will be discussed only between the Agency and the Offeror selected and shall not be deemed an opportunity to amend the Offeror's proposal.

18. Offeror Qualifications

The Evaluation Committee may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the potential Offeror to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. The Evaluation Committee will reject the proposal of any potential Offeror who is not a Responsible Offeror or fails to submit a responsive offer as defined in NMSA 1978, § 13-1-83 and 13-1-85.

19. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. The Evaluation Committee also reserves the right to waive mandatory requirements provided that all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the same mandatory requirements and the failure to do so does not otherwise materially affect the procurement. This right is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Committee.

20. Change in Contractor Representatives

The Agency reserves the right to require a change in contractor representatives if the assigned representative(s) is (are) not, in the opinion of the Agency, adequately meeting the needs of the Agency.

21. Notice of Penalties

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, § 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, imposes civil, misdemeanor and felony criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

22. Agency Rights

The Agency in agreement with the Evaluation Committee reserves the right to accept all or a portion of a potential Offeror's proposal.

23. Right to Publish

Throughout the duration of this procurement process and contract term, Offerors and contractors must secure from the agency written approval prior to the release of any

information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement and/or agency contracts deriving from this procurement. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal or removal from the contract.

24. Ownership of Proposals

All documents submitted in response to the RFP shall become property of the State of New Mexico.

25. Confidentiality

Any confidential information provided to, or developed by, the contractor in the performance of the contract resulting from this RFP shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the contractor without the prior written approval of the Agency.

The Contractor(s) agrees to protect the confidentiality of all confidential information and not to publish or disclose such information to any third party without the procuring Agency's written permission.

26. Electronic mail address required

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). Offeror must have a valid e-mail address to receive this correspondence. (See also Section II.B.5, Response to Written Questions).

27. Use of Electronic Versions of this RFP

This RFP is being made available by electronic means. In the event of conflict between a version of the RFP in the Offeror's possession and the version maintained by the agency, the Offeror acknowledges that the version maintained by the agency shall govern. Please refer to: <https://hobbsschools.net/department/rec7>

28. New Mexico Employees Health Coverage

A. If the Offeror has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Offeror must agree to have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed \$250,000 dollars.

- B. Offeror must agree to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) decline health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) decline health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the state.
- C. Offeror must agree to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information <https://www.bewellnm.com>.
- D. For Indefinite Quantity, Indefinite Delivery contracts (price agreements without specific limitations on quantity and providing for an indeterminate number of orders to be placed against it); these requirements shall apply the first day of the second month after the Offeror reports combined sales (from state and, if applicable, from local public bodies if from a state price agreement) of \$250,000.

29. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

Offeror must complete, sign, and return the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form, APPENDIX B, as a part of their proposal. This requirement applies regardless whether a covered contribution was made or not made for the positions of Governor and Lieutenant Governor or other identified official. Failure to complete and return the signed unaltered form will result in disqualification.

30. Letter of Transmittal

Offeror's proposal must be accompanied by the Letter of Transmittal Form located in APPENDIX E which must be completed and signed by an individual person authorized to obligate the company. The letter of transmittal MUST:

1. Identify the submitting business entity.
2. Identify the name, title, telephone, and e-mail address of the person authorized by the Offeror organization to contractually obligate the business entity providing the Offer.
3. Identify the name, title, telephone, and e-mail address of the person authorized to negotiate the contract on behalf of the organization (if different than (2) above).
4. Identify the names, titles, telephone, and e-mail addresses of persons to be contacted for clarification/questions regarding proposal content.
5. Identify sub-contractors (if any) anticipated to be utilized in the performance of any resultant contract award.
6. Describe the relationship with any other entity which will be used in the performance of this awarded contract.
7. Identify the following with a check mark and signature where required:
 - a. **Explicitly** indicate acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement stated in Section II. C.1;
 - b. **Explicitly** indicate acceptance of Section V of this RFP; and
 - c. Acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP.

8. Be signed by the person identified in para 2 above.

31. Disclosure Regarding Responsibility

- A. Any prospective Contractor and any of its Principals who enter into a contract greater than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) with any state agency or local public body for professional services, tangible personal property, services or construction agrees to disclose whether the Contractor, or any principal of the Contractor's company:
 1. is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for award of contract by any federal entity, state agency or local public body;
 2. has within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted in a criminal matter or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
 - a. the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) contract or subcontract;
 - b. violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes related to the submission of offers; or
 - c. the commission in any federal or state jurisdiction of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violation of Federal criminal tax law, or receiving stolen property;
 3. is presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any (federal state or local) government entity with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A of this disclosure;
 4. has, preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal or state taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000.00 of which the liability remains unsatisfied. Taxes are considered delinquent if the following criteria apply.
 - a. The tax liability is finally determined. The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge of the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.
 - b. The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment. A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.
 - c. Have within a three year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any federal or state agency or local public body.)
- B. Principal, for the purpose of this disclosure, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity or related entities.
- C. The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the State Purchasing Agent or

other party to this Agreement if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor learns that the Contractor's disclosure was at any time erroneous or became erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

- D. A disclosure that any of the items in this requirement exist will not necessarily result in termination of this Agreement. However, the disclosure will be considered in the determination of the Contractor's responsibility and ability to perform under this Agreement. Failure of the Contractor to furnish a disclosure or provide additional information as requested will render the Offeror nonresponsive.
- E. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the disclosure required by this document. The knowledge and information of a Contractor is not required to exceed that which is the normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- F. The disclosure requirement provided is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award and is a continuing material representation of the facts during the term of this Agreement. If during the performance of the contract, the Contractor is indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any offenses named in this document the Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the State Purchasing Agent or other party to this Agreement. If it is later determined that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous disclosure, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer may terminate the involved contract for cause. Still further the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer may suspend or debar the Contractor from eligibility for future solicitations until such time as the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer.

32. New Mexico Preferences

To ensure adequate consideration and application of NMSA 1978, § 13-1-21 (as amended), Offerors must include a copy of their preference certificate with their proposal. Certificates for preferences must be obtained through the New Mexico Department of Taxation & Revenue <http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/Businesses/in-state-veteran-preference-certification.aspx>.

A. New Mexico Business Preference

A copy of the certification must accompany your proposal.

B. New Mexico Resident Veterans Business Preference

A copy of the certification must accompany your proposal.

An agency shall not award a business both a resident business preference and a resident veteran business preference.

The New Mexico Preferences shall not apply when the expenditures for this RFP includes federal funds.

III. RESPONSE FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

A. NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Offerors shall submit only one proposal in response to this RFP.

B. NUMBER OF COPIES

1. Hard Copy Responses

Offeror's proposal must be clearly labeled and numbered and indexed as outlined in **Section III.C. Proposal Format**. Proposals must be submitted as outlined below. The original copy shall be clearly marked as such on the front of the binder. Each portion of the proposal (technical/cost) must be submitted in separate binders and must be prominently displayed on the front cover. Envelopes, packages or boxes containing the original and the copies must be clearly labeled and submitted in a sealed envelope, package, or box bearing the following information:

Offerors should deliver:

1. **Technical Proposals** – One (1) ORIGINAL, one (1) HARD COPY, and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal containing ONLY the Technical Proposal; ORIGINAL and COPY shall be in separate labeled binders. **The electronic version/copy can NOT be emailed.**
 - Proposals containing confidential information **must** be submitted as two separate binders:
 - **Unredacted** version for evaluation purposes
 - **Redacted** version (information blacked out and not omitted or removed) for the public file
2. **Cost Proposals** – One (1) ORIGINAL, one (1) HARD COPY, and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal containing ONLY the Cost Proposal; ORIGINAL and COPY of Cost Proposal shall be in separate labeled binders from the Technical Proposals. **The electronic copy can NOT be emailed.**

The electronic version/copy of the proposal **must** mirror the physical binders submitted (i.e. One (1) **unredacted cd/usb**, one (1) **redacted cd/usb**). **The electronic version can NOT be emailed.**

3.

The original, hard copy and electronic copy information **must** be identical. In the event of a conflict between versions of the submitted proposal, the Original hard copy shall govern.

Any proposal that does not adhere to the requirements of this Section and **Section III.C.1 Response Format and Organization**, may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE SUBMISSION FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION III.B.1:

2. Electronic Responses (SPD’s E-procurement System eProNM)

If the proposal is submitted through State Purchasing’s electronic procurement system, the Offeror need only submit a single electronic copy of each portion of the proposal, outlined below. Please separate the proposal as described below into separate “envelopes” (files) for your submission.

Each “envelope” (file) location for each portion as outlined in Section III.C Proposal Format of the RFP will be specified in the upload section of the Offeror’s electronic submission. If you submit your response through our electronic procurement system, submit only one hard copy of your proposal to the physical address indicated in Section I.D.

1. **Technical Proposals** – One (1) electronic upload and one (1) ORIGINAL hard copy (submitted to the physical address indicated in Section I.D) must be submitted in the sequence described in Section III. C.1. All information for the technical proposal must be combined into a single file/document for uploading
 - Proposals containing confidential information **must** be submitted as two separate files:
 - **Unredacted** version for evaluation purposes.
 - Upload unredacted version in “Unredacted Technical Proposal Envelope 1.1”
 - **Redacted** version (information blacked out and not omitted or removed) for the public file.
 - Upload redacted version in “Redacted Technical Proposal Envelope 1.3”
2. **Cost Proposals** – One (1) electronic upload and one (1) ORIGINAL hard copy (submitted to the physical address indicated in Section I.D). All information for the cost proposal must be combined into a single file/document for uploading.
 - Upload cost proposal in “Cost Proposal Envelope 1.2”

For technical support issues contact (505) 827-0467 or (505) 827-0472 or GSD.SPDeProcurement@state.nm.us

Both the electronic submission and the original proposal must be received no later than the time and date indicated in Section II.B.6.

Any proposal that does not adhere to the requirements of this Section and **Section III.C.1 Response Format and Organization** may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

C. PROPOSAL FORMAT

All proposals must be submitted as follows:

Hard copies must be typewritten on standard 8 ½ x 11 inch paper (larger paper is permissible for charts, spreadsheets, etc.) and placed within binders with tabs delineating each section.

Organization of folders/envelopes for hard copy proposals and electronic copy proposals and proposals submitted via eProNM:

1. Proposal Content and Organization

Direct reference to pre-prepared or promotional material may be used if referenced and clearly marked. Promotional material should be minimal. The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format and must contain, at a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated.

Technical Proposal (Binder 1):

- A. Signed Letter of Transmittal
- B. Table of Contents
- C. Proposal Summary (Optional)
- D. Response to Contract Terms and Conditions
- E. Offeror's Additional Terms and Conditions
- F. Response to Specifications (**except cost information which shall be included in Cost Proposal/Binder 2 only**)
 1. Organizational Experience
 2. Organizational References
 3. Financial Stability - Financial information considered confidential should be placed in the **Confidential Information** binder.
 4. Performance Surety Bond
 5. Signed Campaign Contribution Form
 6. New Mexico Preferences (If applicable)
- G. Other Supporting Material (If applicable)

Cost Proposal (Binder 2):

1. Completed Cost Response Form

Within each section of the proposal, Offerors should address the items in the order indicated above. All forms provided in this RFP must be thoroughly completed and included in the appropriate section of the proposal. All discussion of proposed costs, rates or expenses must occur only in Binder #2 on the cost response form.

The proposal summary may be included by potential Offerors to provide the Evaluation Committee with an overview of the proposal; however, this material will not be used in the evaluation process unless specifically referenced from other portions of the Offeror's proposal.

IV. SPECIFICATIONS

Offerors should respond in the form of a thorough narrative to each specification, unless otherwise instructed. The narratives, including required supporting materials will be evaluated and awarded points accordingly.

A. DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK

The organization will be tasked with subcontracting for the Regional Education Cooperative #7 (REC #7) to meet the goals of the Junior House Bill 548 Section 25 A8 with the following:

- Deliverable: Create public awareness in communities and to educate throughout New Mexico about the talents, needs, and abilities of people with IDD.
- Impact the lives of people in New Mexico by involving families, friends, teachers, and schoolmates of people with IDD.
- Measurable Outcome:
 1. Documentation showing the total number of students involved.
 2. Documentation showing the total number of activities completed statewide.
 3. Documentation showing the total number of site visits conducted.
 4. Documentation showing how people with IDD and the families, friends, teachers and schoolmates were involved in creating public awareness.

1. Organizational References

Offerors should provide a minimum of three (3) references from similar projects performed for private, state or large local government clients within the last three years. **Offerors are required to submit APPENDIX F, Organization Reference Questionnaire, to the business references they list. The business references must submit the Reference Form directly to the designee described in Sec I Paragraph D.** It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure the completed forms are received on or before RFP submission for inclusion in the evaluation process.

Organizational References that are not received or are not complete, may adversely affect the vendor's score in the evaluation process. The Evaluation Committee may contact any or all business references for validation of information submitted. If this step is taken, the Procurement Manager and the Evaluation Committee must all be together on a conference call with the submitted reference so that the Procurement Manager and all members of the

Evaluation Committee receive the same information. Additionally, the Agency reserves the right to consider any and all information available to it (outside of the Business Reference information required herein), in its evaluation of Offeror responsibility per Section II, Para C.18.

Offerors shall submit the following Business Reference information as part of Offer:

- a) Client name;
- b) Project description;
- c) Project dates (starting and ending);
- d) Technical environment (i.e., Software applications, Internet capabilities, Data communications, Network, Hardware);
- e) Staff assigned to reference engagement that will be designated for work per this RFP; and
- f) Client project manager name, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address

2. Mandatory Specification

The organization will be tasked with subcontracting for the Regional Education Cooperative #7 (REC #7) to meet the goals of the Junior House Bill 548 Section 25 A8 with the following:

- Deliverable: Create public awareness in communities and to educate throughout New Mexico about the talents, needs, and abilities of people with IDD.
- Impact the lives of people in New Mexico by involving families, friends, teachers, and schoolmates of people with IDD.
- Measurable Outcome:
 5. Documentation showing the total number of students involved.
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 7. Documentation showing the total number of site visits conducted.
 8. Documentation showing how people with IDD and the families, friends, teachers and schoolmates were involved in creating public awareness.

1. Letter of Transmittal Form

The Offeror's proposal **must** be accompanied by the Letter of Transmittal Form located in APPENDIX E. The form **must** be completed and must be signed by the person authorized to obligate the company.

2. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

The Offeror must complete an unaltered Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form and submit a signed copy with the Offeror's proposal. This must be accomplished whether or not an applicable contribution has been made. (See APPENDIX B)

3. Cost

Offerors must complete the Cost Response Form in APPENDIX D. Cost will be measured by available grant funds. All charges listed on APPENDIX D must be justified and evidence of need documented in the proposal.

4. Resident Business or Resident Veterans Preference

To ensure adequate consideration and application of NMSA 1978, § 13-1-21 (as amended), Offerors must include a copy of their preference certificate in this section.

V. EVALUATION

A. EVALUATION POINT SUMMARY

The following is a summary of evaluation factors with point values assigned to each. These weighted factors will be used in the evaluation of individual potential Offeror proposals by sub-category.

Factors – correspond to section IV.B and IV C	Points Available
B. 1. Organizational Experience	250
B. 2. Mandatory Specification	250
B. 3. Desirable Specification	250
C.1. Letter Of Transmittal	Pass/Fail
C.2. Signed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form	Pass/Fail
C.3. Cost	250
TOTAL	1,000 points
C.6. New Mexico Preference - Resident Vendor Points per Section IV C. 6	
C.6. New Mexico Preference - Resident Veterans Points per Section IV C.6	
C.6. New Mexico Preference - Resident Indigenous Points per Section IV C.6	

Table 1: Evaluation Point Summary

B. EVALUATION FACTORS

B.1 Organizational Experience (See Table 1)

Points will be awarded based on the thoroughness and clarity of the response of the engagements cited and the perceived validity of the response.

B.2 Mandatory Specifications

B.3 Desirable Specifications

C.1 Letter of Transmittal (See Table 1)

Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

C.2 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form (See Table 1)

Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

C.3 Cost (See Table 1)

The evaluation of each Offeror’s cost proposal will be conducted using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Responsive Offer Bid}}{\text{This Offeror’s Bid}} \times \text{Available Award Points}$$

1. C.6. New Mexico Preferences

Percentages will be determined based upon the point based system outlined in NMSA 1978, § 13-1-21 (as amended).

A. New Mexico Business Preference

If the Offeror has provided a copy of their Preference Certificate the Preference Points for a New Mexico Business is 5%.

B. New Mexico Resident Veterans Business Preference

If the Offeror has provided a copy of their Preference Certificate the Preference Point is 10%.

C. EVALUATION PROCESS

1. All Offeror proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the requirements and specifications stated within the RFP. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration.
2. The Procurement Manager may contact the Offeror for clarification of the response as specified in Section II. B.7.
3. The Evaluation Committee may use other sources of to perform the evaluation as specified in Section II. C.18.
4. Responsive proposals will be evaluated on the factors in Section IV, which have been assigned a point value. The responsible Offerors with the highest scores will be selected as finalist Offerors, based upon the proposals submitted. The responsible Offerors whose proposals are most advantageous to the State taking into consideration the evaluation factors in Section IV will be recommended for award (as specified in Section II. B.8). Please note, however, that a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection regardless of overall score.

APPENDIX A

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

ONE TO ONE FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS WITH/WITHOUT DISABILITIES
RFP 2425-1

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposal the undersigned agrees that s/he has received a complete copy, beginning with the title page and table of contents, and ending with APPENDIX G.

The acknowledgement of receipt should be signed and returned to the Procurement Manager no later than 12/9/2024. Only potential Offerors who elect to return this form completed with the indicated intention of submitting a proposal will receive copies of all Offeror written questions and the written responses to those questions as well as RFP amendments, if any are issued.

FIRM: _____

REPRESENTED BY: _____

TITLE: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL: _____ FAX NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

This name and address will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Proposal.

Firm does/does not (circle one) intend to respond to this Request for Proposal.

April Williams, Executive Director
ONE TO ONE FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS WITH/WITHOUT DISABILITIES
RFP 2425-1

REC7

621 N McKinley

Hobbs, NM 88240

PO Box 770

Hobbs New Mexico, 88241

Fax: 575-393-0249

E-mail: williamsap@hobbsschools.net

APPENDIX B

Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), any person seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body for professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources must file this form with that state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore, the state agency or local public body shall void an executed contract or cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract if: 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to the law.

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official's behalf for the purpose of electing the official to either statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Family member” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law.

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Person” means any corporation, partnership, individual, joint venture, association or any other private legal entity.

“Prospective contractor” means a person who is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Name of Applicable Public Official: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s) _____

Nature of Contribution(s) _____

Purpose of Contribution(s) _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature

Date

Title (position)

—OR—

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature

Date

Title (Position)

APPENDIX C

SAMPLE CONTRACT

Appropriate **Sample Contract** (DoIT Template, Professional Services Template, State Purchasing Template for Goods/Services or Statewide Price Agreement, etc...) must be attached here. Refer to website for options.

SAMPLE CONTRACT

CONTRACT AGREEMENT, #23-928-00209, is entered into by and between **Regional Education Cooperative VII (REC7)** hereinafter referred to as "REC7" and **Organization** hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR."

WHEREAS, REC7 is the agency; and

WHEREAS, REC7 desires to engage and the CONTRACTOR is willing to provide certain portions of REC7'S program.

NOW THEREFORE, the REC7 and the CONTRACTOR in consideration of mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, do hereby agree as follows:

I. Period of Agreement.

This Agreement shall become effective **July 1, 2024** when signed by both parties and shall terminate on **December 05, 2024**, unless terminated pursuant to Article VII, infra.

II. Statement of Work.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide the program of services as set forth in the scope of work which is attached hereto as "**EXHIBIT A - STATEMENT OF WORK**" and incorporated herein by reference, unless amended or terminated pursuant to Article VII, infra. In consideration for the provision of those services, REC7 agrees to purchase and the CONTRACTOR agrees to perform the services identified in the Statement of Work.

III. Limitation of Cost.

The total amount of the monies payable to the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed **THREE HUNDRED, THIRTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$313,645.00)**. The annual budget is attached hereto as "**EXHIBIT B - FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET**" and incorporated herein by reference.

IV. Payment.

REC7 shall make monthly payments to the CONTRACTOR for services and costs specified in "**EXHIBIT B.**" The CONTRACTOR shall submit certified and documented invoices and vouchers monthly for actual work performed and expenses incurred to REC7. Invoices must include the agreement number for which services have been rendered, the REC7 purchase order number and should be emailed to **Pat Jaco at jacop@hobbsschools.net**. The CONTRACTOR'S failure to submit such payment vouchers, invoices and supporting documentation within fifteen days after they are due may result in the non-availability of funds for payment and/or the denial of payment by REC7. **Final invoice must be received no later than DECEMBER 2, 2024.**

V. Return of Funds.

No funds will need to be return as it is paid on a reimbursement system.

VI. Appropriations.

Performance under this Agreement is contingent upon sufficient authority and appropriations granted by the New Mexico State Legislature.

VII. Termination of Agreement.

REC7 may terminate this Agreement for convenience or cause. The Contractor may only terminate this Agreement based upon REC7's uncured, material breach of this Agreement. **By such termination, neither party may nullify obligations already incurred for performance or failure to perform prior to the date of termination. THE PROVISION IS NOT EXCLUSIVE AND DOES NOT WAIVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES AFFORDED THE STATE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES AS CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT/BREACH OF CONTRACT.**

VIII. Funds Accountability.

The parties shall provide for strict accountability of all monies made subject to this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain fiscal records, follow generally accepted accounting principles and account for all receipts and disbursements of funds transferred to the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR will include all monies made subject to this Agreement in the annual audit and will provide the REC7 with a copy of the annual audit.

IX. Maintenance of Records.

REC7 shall maintain records as required of any administering state agency pursuant to applicable state law and regulation. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain fiscal and programmatic records relative to those funds and activities that have been made subject to this Agreement for a minimum of three years.

X. Requests for Records Under Inspection of Public Records Act.

CONTRACTOR may be subject to the Inspection of Public Records Act ("IPRA"), and is separately and independently responsible for complying with an IPRA request for records. CONTRACTOR must notify REC7 when the CONTRACTOR has received an IPRA request for records relating to this agreement within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the request. CONTRACTOR must also provide REC7 with a copy of any responsive records it intends to make available, along with notification of its intent to release such records, at least three (3) business days prior to their release.

XI. Confidentiality.

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the CONTRACTOR in the

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performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the CONTRACTOR without the prior written approval of REC7 or as required by a court of competent jurisdiction.

XII. Amendments.

This Agreement shall not be altered, changed, or amended except by an instrument, in writing, executed and approved by both parties.

XIII. Assignment.

The CONTRACTOR shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any

claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of REC7.

XIV. Applicable Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the United States and the State of New Mexico.

XV. Acquisition of Property.

The parties agree that neither party shall acquire any property as the result of this Agreement.

XVI. Liability.

Each party shall be solely responsible for fiscal or other sanctions occasioned as a result of its own violation or alleged violation or requirements applicable to the performance of the Agreement. Each party shall be liable for its actions according to this Agreement subject to the immunities and limitations of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, Sections 41-4-1, et. seq., NMSA 1978, as amended.

XVII. Execution of Documents.

REC7 and the CONTRACTOR agree to execute any document(s) necessary to implement the terms of this Agreement.

XVIII. Sub-Contracts.

The CONTRACTOR shall be ultimately responsible for all items enumerated in the Statement of Work (Exhibit A) of this Agreement.

The CONTRACTOR shall seek advance approval from REC7 of all sub-contracts, including qualifications and job descriptions for any professional service sub-contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall comply, and shall ensure that all sub-contractors comply, with all applicable procurement laws and regulations.

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XIX. Equal Opportunity Compliance.

The CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by all federal and state laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws of the State of New Mexico, the CONTRACTOR agrees to assure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental handicap, or serious medical condition, or, if the employer has fifty or more employees, spousal affiliation, or, if the employer has fifteen or more employees, sexual orientation or gender identity, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR is found not to be in compliance with these requirements during the life of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

XX. Workers' Compensation.

The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers' compensation benefits for its employees. If the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with the Workers' Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, this Agreement may be terminated by REC7.

XXI. Lobbying Certification.

The CONTRACTOR, by signing below, certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that: No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on the behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation,

renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit a Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of facts upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S.C. (United States Code). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000.00 and not more than \$100,000.00 for each such failure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, REC7 and the CONTRACTOR have caused this Agreement to be executed, said Agreement to become effective when signed by both parties.

ORGANIZATION:

REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE VII:

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE

APPENDIX E

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Letter of Transmittal Form

RFP#: _____

Offeror Name: _____ **FED ID#** _____

Items #1 to #7 EACH MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL Failure to respond to all seven items WILL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL!

1. **Identity (Name) and Mailing Address** of the submitting organization:

2. For the person authorized by the organization to contractually obligate on behalf of this Offer:

Name _____

Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

Telephone Number _____

3. For the person authorized by the organization to negotiate on behalf of this Offer:

Name _____

Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

Telephone Number _____

4. For the person authorized by the organization to clarify/respond to queries regarding this Offer:

Name _____

Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

Telephone Number _____

5. Use of Sub-Contractors (Select one)

___ No sub-contractors will be used in the performance of any resultant contract OR

___ The following sub-contractors will be used in the performance of any resultant contract:

(Attach extra sheets, as needed)

6. Please describe any relationship with any entity (other than Subcontractors listed in (5) above) which will be used in the performance of any resultant contract.

(Attach extra sheets, as needed)

7. ___ On behalf of the submitting organization named in item #1, above, I accept the Conditions Governing the Procurement as required in Section II. C.1.

___ I concur that submission of our proposal constitutes acceptance of the Evaluation Factors contained in Section V of this RFP.

___ I acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP.

_____, 2024
Authorized Signature and Date (Must be signed by the person identified in item #2, above.)

APPENDIX F

ORGANIZATIONAL REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The State of New Mexico, as a part of the RFP process, requires Offerors to submit a minimum of three (3) business references as required within this document. The purpose of these references is to document Offeror's experience relevant to the scope of work in an effort to establish Offeror's responsibility.

Offeror is required to send the following reference form to each business reference listed. The business reference, in turn, is requested to submit the Reference Form directly to:

April Williams, Executive Director, REC7

621 N McKinley
Hobbs, NM 88240
PO Box 770

Hobbs New Mexico, 88241

by December 9, 2024 for inclusion in the evaluation process. The form and information provided will become a part of the submitted proposal. Business references provided may be contacted for validation of content provided therein.

RFP # 2425-1
ORGANIZATIONAL REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR:

(Name of Offeror)

This form is being submitted to your company for completion as a business reference for the company listed above. This form is to be returned to the REC #7 via facsimile or e-mail at:

Name: April Williams, Executive Director
Address: REC7
621 N McKinley
Hobbs, NM 88240
PO Box 770
Hobbs New Mexico, 88241
Telephone: 575-393-0755
Fax: 575-393-0249
Email: williamsap@hobbsschools.net

no later than December 9, 2024, and **must not** be returned to the company requesting the reference.

For questions or concerns regarding this form, please contact the State of New Mexico Procurement Manager listed above. When contacting us, please be sure to include the Request for Proposal number listed at the top of this page.

Company providing reference:	
Contact name and title/position	
Contact telephone number	
Contact e-mail address	
Project description;	
Project dates (starting and ending);	
Technical environment for the project your providing a reference (i.e., Software applications, Internet capabilities, Data communications, Network, Hardware);	

QUESTIONS:

1. In what capacity have you worked with this vendor in the past?

COMMENTS:

2. How would you rate this firm's knowledge and expertise?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

COMMENTS:

3. How would you rate the vendor's flexibility relative to changes in the project scope and timelines?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

COMMENTS:

4. What is your level of satisfaction with hard-copy materials produced by the vendor?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

COMMENTS:

5. How would you rate the dynamics/interaction between the vendor and your staff?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

COMMENTS:

6. Who were the vendor's principal representatives involved in your project and how would you rate them individually? Would you comment on the skills, knowledge, behaviors or other factors on which you based the rating?
(3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

Name: _____ Rating:

Name: _____ Rating:

Name: _____ Rating:

Name: _____ Rating:

COMMENTS:

7. How satisfied are you with the products developed by the vendor?
_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)
COMMENTS:

8. With which aspect(s) of this vendor's services are you most satisfied?
COMMENTS:

9. With which aspect(s) of this vendor's services are you least satisfied?
COMMENTS:

10. Would you recommend this vendor's services to your organization again?
COMMENTS: