

# PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION DOCUMENT



## The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

A Cooperative Purchasing Program available for membership by Government and Other Entities in all fifty states.

*Lead Agency*



**Region 8 Education Service Center**

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## NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

**DEADLINE DATE FOR ALL PROPOSALS TO BE RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY  
or otherwise is:**

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at 3:00 P.M. Local Time

**The solicitation documents may be found at <https://tips.ionwave.net>**

If a problem is encountered accessing the solicitation, please contact TIPS at the address or phone listed above for help.

**This solicitation is a “\_\_\_\_\_” as permitted in the Texas  
Education Code § 44.031 for the category:**

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Insert category name and number of solicitation

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Insert above the general description of goods or services sought by solicitation

NOTICE: The use of the terms Solicitation, Bid, Request for Proposals, RFP, Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals, RCSP, or other specific terms may not be accurate in legal terminology and should be construed to mean the method of competitive procurement listed above with the legal citation of the source of the procurement method. Example: “This Solicitation is a Request for Proposals as permitted in the Texas Education Code Section 44.31”.

# About TIPS

TIPS agreements are available for use by all schools, colleges, universities, cities, counties and other government entities in all fifty states.

It is the purpose of this SOLICITATION to establish awarded vendor agreements to satisfy the procurement needs of participating member entities in this particular commodity category. These awarded agreements will enable member entities to purchase on an “as needed” basis from competitively awarded agreements with high performance vendors. Proposers are requested to submit a proposal for offering their line of available products that are commonly purchased by government agencies, cities, counties and educational entities.

- Awards will be made to the successful proposer(s) for the products and/or services. (Unless proposer has submitted inappropriate items for the commodity category. Those items will not be awarded. Example: a software company may not propose to perform construction work)
- Awarded agreements may be automatically renewed on the annual agreement award date for two additional consecutive one year terms if sales have been successfully reported to TIPS and if both parties agree. **THIS CLAUSE CONTROLS OVER ANY OTHER TERM IN ANY OTHER PART OF THIS SOLICITATION. TIPS reserved the right to solicit proposals at any time it is in the best interest of TIPS and/or its members.**
- TIPS reserves the right to award multiple vendors for each solicitation.
- This proposal is requested for the benefit of the current list of members and other new members as they execute TIPS membership Agreements in the future. Member List: <http://www.tips-usa.com/assets/documents/docs/membership.pdf>
- TIPS reserves the right to extend the proposal deadline for any reason.
- TIPS reserves the right to make changes to this Solicitation by way of one or more posted addenda.

## Benefits of TIPS

- Provide government entities opportunities for greater efficiency and economy in acquiring goods and services through competitively procured vendor agreements.
- Provide comprehensive purchasing practices according the Laws of the State of Texas and Federal Regulation 2 CFR part 200, when appropriate, and is designed to result in competitive agreements that meet a wide variety of needs.
- Provide competitively priced purchasing options for multiple government entities that yields economic benefits usually unobtainable by the individual entity.
- Provide quick and efficient delivery of goods and services by entering into pricing agreements with “high performance” vendors.
- Equalized purchasing power for smaller entities.
- Maintain credibility and confidence in business procedures by maintaining open competition for purchases and by complying with purchasing laws and ethical business practices.
- Provide document retention for competitive procurement process for all TIPS Awarded Agreements.

## Customer Service

- TIPS staff is available to members for assistance in viewing/contacting awarded vendors for categories to make purchases and agreement decisions.
- TIPS provides a way for government entities to avoid the time and expense of seeking competition for purchases on an agency-by-agency basis.
- TIPS enables vendors to become more efficient and competitive by reducing the number of proposals that require responses to be made to individual entities.

### **Financing of TIPS**

- The total cost of the TIPS program is funded through an administration fee paid to TIPS by the awarded vendors. The fee is based on actual vendor invoiced sales. Fee schedule for this solicitation is \_\_\_\_%. Vendor will pay the fee on the actual invoiced and paid sales to TIPS members.
- TIPS does not charge a fee to participating government entities for this solicitation.

### **Purchasing Procedures**

- Agreements are established through free and open competition as described by the laws of the State of Texas and are available for piggy-back by other government entities anywhere in the United States, subject to each entities' jurisdictional law and regulation. Purchase orders or equivalent are issued by participating governmental entities directly to the Vendor or vendor assigned dealer. Purchase orders or equivalent are usually sent to the TIPS office where they are reviewed by the TIPS staff and forwarded to the Vendor within one working day. In some instances, the entity may send the purchase orders or equivalent directly to the vendor and report the purchase to TIPS.
- **NOTE: It is always the vendor's responsibility under the TIPS agreement to report all sales under the agreement to TIPS.**
- Vendors deliver goods/services directly to the participating member agency and then invoice the participating member agency. The Vendor receives payment directly from the participating member agency.

### **Pricing for Line Items or Catalogue**

It is the intention of TIPS to establish an agreement to furnish and/or deliver all goods and services provided by awarded vendors to its members. Proposers are requested to submit a proposal for offering their complete and total line of available products and services that are commonly purchased by governmental entities, including school districts.

Proposals on any reputable manufacturer's regularly produced equipment of such items of a similar nature or similarly used and substantially equivalent will be considered.

The list or category of goods or services sought by this solicitation is inclusive and not exclusive. There may be other similarly used items that are sold by the responding vendors that may be included as part of the proposing vendor's "catalogue" now or during the life of the agreement that are considered included in this solicitation and subject to the minimum discount proposed. Pricing may also be exclusively line item pricing or in combination with a minimum catalogue discount.

Example: During the life of the agreement, models change and new products come to market that are in the same category and are added to the vendor's "catalogue" and are available for purchase by users of the agreement.

**Definition of "catalogue".**

"Catalogue" means the available list of tangible personal property or services, in the most current listing, regardless of date, during the life of the agreement, that takes the form of a catalogue, price list, schedule or other form that:

- A. is regularly maintained by the manufacturer or vendor of an item; and
- B. is either published or otherwise available for inspection by a customer during the purchase process and agreement term; and
- C. to which the minimum discount proposed or deeper discount may be applied.

## **ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF AWARD OR RELATED EVENT:**

<b>Posting Date</b>	_____
<b>Proposal available before end of day</b>	_____ <b>through</b>
<b>Pre-Bid Meeting</b>	_____
<b>Proposal Deadline</b>	_____ at _____ M Local Time
<b>Proposal Opening</b>	_____ at _____ M Local Time
<b>Proposals Review/Scoring</b>	_____ to _____
<b>Proposals Award</b>	_____
<b>Award Notifications</b>	<b>Begin posting to TIPS Website</b> _____
	<b>Vendor may call for results after</b> _____
	<b>Award letters will be made available online.</b>
	<b>Non Award letters will be mailed to vendors with No Awards.</b>

## **Proposal Instructions**

1. Electronically sealed proposals are the preferred and most accurate method and is highly encouraged through our online procurement software, ION Wave.
2. Proposals may be amended at any time prior to the due date and time. ION wave permits you to withdraw and resubmit.
3. If an addendum is posted, you are required to login to the ION Wave bidding software and address the addendum. No addendum will be issued within five calendar days of the opening unless it is to extend the opening or address a non-substantive issue. Legal holidays not counted as calendar days are New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Easter, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

4. Proposals may be submitted on any or all items, related to the category, unless stated otherwise. TIPS reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to accept any proposal(s) deemed advantageous to the TIPS members and to waive any informality in the proposal process.
5. Deviations to any Terms, Conditions and/or Specifications shall be clearly noted in writing by the vendor and shall be included with the proposal.
6. Withdrawal of proposals will not be allowed for a period of 90 days following the opening unless approved by TIPS.
7. Addenda, if required, will be issued by TIPS to all those known to have reviewed the SOLICITATION documents through our electronic bidding software, ION Wave.
8. Questions about the specific SOLICITATION shall be submitted to [bids@tips-usa.com](mailto:bids@tips-usa.com) with the following in the subject line: "SOLICITATION NAME #xxxxxx vendor question". Questions of a ministerial nature will be answered without an addendum, but questions of a substantive nature that are not addressed in the SOLICITATION or deemed relevant to the process by TIPS will be addressed by properly posted addendum. **QUESTIONS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL \_\_\_\_\_ AT NOON Local Time.**

#### **PROPOSAL FORMAT - PROPOSERS PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DETAILS LISTED.**

TIPS reserves the right to waive any informality and/or reject any or all proposals.

All responses should be direct, concise, complete, and unambiguous. With regard to those items that cannot be answered in the affirmative, clearly explain the precise portion to which you disagree and why you disagree. Proposers must propose pricing that is calculable based on the prices presented or discounts proposed as they relate to a published price of the goods or services. Published prices are prices that are provided by a catalog, website, shelf, price list accessible to TIPS and its members at any time during the term of an awarded agreement with the vendor or specifically proposed. Other methods of publishing prices will be considered if proposed but must be calculable.

**Felony Conviction Notice (Required in Texas) -Notification of Criminal History** "A person or business entity that enters into an agreement with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony. A school district may terminate an agreement with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the agreement." This notice is not required of a publicly held corporation. Texas Education Code § 44.034. See FELONY CONVICTION NOTICE document on the "Attachments" tab. Felony conviction notice document must be uploaded to the "Response Attachments" FELONY CONVICTION NOTICE section.

#### **References**

The proposal response should contain a minimum of Three (3) references of customers you have served that would be considered eligible for membership in TIPS (i.e. K-12 School Districts, College/Universities, and/or City/County Government Entities). In addition to the name of the

entity, a contact name, email and phone number shall be included. The references document must be downloaded from the “Attachments” section, completed and uploaded to the “Response Attachments” REFERENCES section.

### **Resellers/Dealers**

Vendors with Resellers/Dealers must provide the Resellers/Dealers document from the “Attachments” section, complete and uploaded to the “Response Attachments” RESELLERS/DEALERS section.

### **Vendor Certifications**

Vendor certifications will include applicable D/M/WBE, HUB and manufacturer certifications for sales and service (if applicable). Certificates must be scanned and uploaded to the “Response Attachments” D/M/WBE, HUB and/or ALL OTHER CERTIFICATES section. Whether or not you are a D/M/WBE, HUB or similar business will have no bearing on the evaluation score, but provides our members the information if it is part of their entities’ policies.

There is a form that relates to all vendors that is required by Federal Regulation when federal funds are expended by a member. Vendors should complete all requested forms agreeing to comply with regulations.

### **Vendor Agreement**

Vendor Agreement must be downloaded from the “Attachments” section, completed and uploaded to the “Response Attachments” VENDOR AGREEMENT section.

### **Agreement Signature Form**

Agreement Signature Form must be downloaded from the “Attachments” section, completed, signed, scanned and uploaded to the “Response Attachments” AGREEMENT SIGNATURE FORM section.

### **Warranty (If applicable)**

Warranty documentation must be scanned and uploaded to the “Response Attachments” WARRANTY section.

### **Protest Procedure**

If a vendor/proposer (vendor) desires to protest a decision by TIPS, the vendor must follow the following process:

[http://www.tips-usa.com/assets/documents/docs/letters/Protest\\_Procedures\\_for\\_Vendor.pdf](http://www.tips-usa.com/assets/documents/docs/letters/Protest_Procedures_for_Vendor.pdf)

### **Supplementary Catalogs and Information (If applicable)**

Supplementary Catalogs and Information documentation must be scanned and uploaded to the “Response Attachments” SUPPLEMENTARY section. You may provide a link to catalogues or pricing that is published for all customers to see when shopping for your goods or services. Links to catalogue pricing must be kept current during the term of the awarded agreement. It is the intent of TIPS to award a manufacturer’s complete line of products, when possible.

**LIMITATIONS OF THE SOLICITATION AND THE USE OF AWARDED AGREEMENTS BY MEMBERS**  
Depending on different entities' and jurisdictions' laws and regulations, members may be prohibited from participating in one or more of the TIPS agreements. TIPS has no control over those legal restrictions and does not warrant that a member entity will be able to utilize a TIPS awarded agreement.

**Pre-Bid Meeting (Not Mandatory)**

Where:           Region 8 Education Service Center  
                    4845 U.S. Highway 271 North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686  
                    TIPS Board Room

Date:             \_\_\_\_\_

Time:            \_\_\_\_\_ M Local Time

Agenda:         TIPS Overview  
                    TIPS eBid System  
                    SOLICITATION Overview  
                    Questions and Answers  
                    Tour of TIPS Facility

## Terms and Conditions

- 1. Exclusivity-** Any award under this solicitation is not exclusive and TIPS reserves the right to multi award or not award. TIPS reserves the right to solicit same or similar categories again for additional awards during the life of an existing agreement with one or more awarded vendors of another solicitation, if TIPS decides it is in the best interest of our members.
- 2. Confidentiality of Proposal** - If you believe part of your proposal is confidential and not subject to sunshine laws such as the Public Information Act, there is a form to complete to make such a declaration. Read it carefully.
- 3. Best and Final Offer** – There will be NO best and final offer, your proposal will be your final offer for solicitation competition purposes. Vendor may lower prices at any time during agreement period. See pricing section.
- 4. Non-Responsive Proposals:** All proposals will be reviewed for responsiveness to the material requirements of the solicitation. A proposal that is not materially responsive shall not be eligible for further consideration for award of the agreement. There may be required specifications for this proposal and desired and other specifications. IF YOUR PROPOSAL FAILS TO MEET ANY OF THE DESIGNATED **REQUIRED** SPECIFICATIONS, YOUR PROPOSAL SHALL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND WILL NOT BE EVALUATED FURTHER OR CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.
- 5. Deviations and Exceptions:** Deviations or exceptions stipulated as non-negotiable in the response by the proposer may result in disqualification if they are not acceptable to TIPS.
- 6. Equal Pricing** – Pricing proposed shall be provided to any TIPS member and regardless of the quantity of product or service purchased from the awarded vendor. Pricing may always be lowered by the vendor if circumstances permit to provide better value to TIPS members and for the vendor to be more competitive in that particular circumstance of sales opportunity. If prices are lowered in a specific circumstance, the same lowered pricing must be offered to all TIPS members if the quantities, timing and all other circumstances are identical.
- 7. Estimated Quantities:** Because TIPS cannot accurately anticipate which members will utilize the awarded agreements due to the thousands of members and the different government entity types, TIPS makes no guarantee or commitment of any kind concerning quantities or usage of agreements resulting from this solicitation. This information, if provided, is provided solely as an aid to vendors in preparing proposals only. The successful Vendor(s) discount and pricing schedule shall apply regardless of the total cumulative volume of business under the agreement.
- 8. Conditions of Agreement** - The terms and conditions of this solicitation shall control in the order that best serves the TIPS members' needs and deciding the controlling order is at the sole discretion of TIPS. The terms and conditions of this solicitation shall be incorporated by reference in a resulting agreement unless expressly agreed otherwise by the parties in writing.



9. **Name brands** – If name brands are required to be priced but other products of equal or similar type and quality may also be represented in the pricing and will be considered. TIPS want pricing either in a fixed price or a discount off published price or both if applicable to your proposal. A published price is defined as catalog, website, shelf or other production of pricing for goods or services offered by the proposer.

10. **Evaluation** – TIPS will evaluate the best value by rating the proposals submitted by the vendors. The point score received will be the weighted score which will be used to determine awarded vendors. See Evaluation criteria sheet with applicable point weights in this document. If applicable, extensions of unit prices shown will be subject to verification by the district. In case of variation between the unit price and the extension, the unit price will be considered to be the proposal.

**11. Adding new or replacement items or services –**

**NEW ITEMS:** TIPS will allow the addition of new items to be added to the agreement when they become available to the market through the vendor under the discount off published pricing model.

Any items added must be available to all customers, within legal or agreemental limitations, if any. (Example: Apple products are not permitted to be sold to the education market but may be sold to other government customers.)

**REPLACEMENT OF DISCONTINUED OR LIMITED AVAILABILITY ITEMS:** TIPS will allow replacement items to the original list item if it is no longer manufactured or is available in limited quantities. Limited availability must be documented by a letter from the manufacturer. Vendor may replace it with an item of like kind and quality and the price will remain the same as proposed, except if it is cheaper, vendor shall lower the price accordingly and if it is more expensive due to vendor's actual cost from the manufacturer, it will be priced with the same markup as the item it replaces. Vendor shall be required to prove the cost and markup if the cost is higher than the original core list price to customer.

**12. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY - Waiver:** BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, OFFERER EXPRESSLY AGREES TO WAIVE ANY CLAIM IT HAS OR MAY HAVE AGAINST BOTH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM REGION 8 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, ITS TRUSTEES, OR AGENTS ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, RECOMMENDATION OF ANY PROPOSAL; (2) ANY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SOLICITATION, PROPOSAL PACKAGE, OR RELATED DOCUMENTS; (3) THE REJECTION OF ANY PROPOSAL OR ANY PART OF ANY PROPOSAL; AND/OR (4) THE AWARD OF A AGREEMENT, IF ANY. NEITHER REGION 8 ESC NOR TIPS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY COSTS INCURRED BY PROPOSERS OR THE SELECTED VENDOR IN CONNECTION WITH RESPONDING TO THE SOLICITATION, PREPARING FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS, PREPARING AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, ENTERING OR NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF A AGREEMENT, OR ANY OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED BY A PROPOSER. THE PROPOSER OR SELECTED VENDOR IS WHOLLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUCH COSTS AND EXPENSES AND SHALL NOT BE REIMBURSED IN ANY MANNER BY REGION 8 ESC OR TIPS.

**12. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS -** TIPS expressly reserves the right to:

- (a) Reject or cancel any or all proposals;
- (b) Waive any defect, irregularity or informality in any proposal or SOLICITATION procedure provided the waiver is equally applied to all Offerors and a Offeror is not prejudiced by the waiver as compared to other Offerors;
- (c) Waive as an informality, minor deviations from specifications for goods or services at a lower price than other proposals meeting all aspects of the specifications if it is determined that total cost is lower and the overall function is not impaired;
- (d) Reissue a SOLICITATION;
- (e) Consider and accept an alternate proposal as provided herein when most advantageous to TIPS and its members;
- (f) TIPS has the right to terminate the agreement for cause or no cause for convenience with a thirty-day written notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing and agreed in an executed agreement/agreement between the parties;
- (g) This is not an exclusive award and no guaranteed volumes of purchases are guaranteed. TIPS reserves the right to procure any items or services by other means at the sole discretion of TIPS or its members.

## SPECIFICATIONS AND PRICING

### In General

Proposals on any reputable manufacturer's regularly produced equipment of such items of a similar nature or similarly used and substantially equivalent will be considered.

The list below is inclusive and not exclusive. There may be other similarly used items that are sold by the responding vendors that may be included as part of the proposing vendor's "catalogue" now or during the life of the contract that are considered included in this RFP.

Example: During the life of the contract, models change and new products come to market that are in the same category and are added to the vendor's "catalogue" and are available for purchase by users of the contract.

#### **Definition of "catalogue".**

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- A. is regularly maintained by the manufacturer or vendor of an item; and
- B. is either published or otherwise available for inspection by a customer during the purchase process;
- C. to which the minimum discount proposed may be applied.

### PRICING FORMAT (EXCEL SPREADSHEET)

#### **DO NOT PROPOSE "PRICE TO BE DETERMINED".**

There are two (2) section in the Excel sheet provided in the solicitation documents, please complete all that are applicable to your proposal.

Example: if you are providing a line item pricing sheet AND a discount off the rest of your catalogue, be sure to provide both the line item prices on the list of items proposed and a minimum discount off the rest of your catalogue. If different sections of your catalogue have different minimum discounts, please note accordingly.

Manufacturer	Equipment Name/Model	Equipment Detailed Description	% Discount or Rate
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#### **Excel sheet Provided in electronic Solicitation in ION Wave**

List any other services, maintenance agreements, mileage fees, travel costs, etc. with line item pricing for years One, Two and Three of the awarded contract

#### **OR**

discount off Catalogue price as defined above.

Vendor may provide additional pricing in another format.

**ALL PRICING SHALL BE FIRM AND CALCULABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE DURING THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT AND MUST COMPLY WITH THE VENDOR'S PROPOSED PRICING MODEL IN RESPONSE TO THE ORIGINAL SOLICITATION.**

## SPECIFICATIONS

TIPS is seeking interactive presentation equipment and associated services, including installation and other relevant service.

Please provide all relevant products and services available and read carefully the solicitation document to understand how you may price goods or services and add new or replacement items during the life of the agreement.

Please see the excel pricing form to better understand the pricing structure and format requested.

**The following are requested but TIPS realizes that there are new items coming to market that you may provide. You may propose complete lines of products of different brands along with fixed pricing and/or minimum percentage discounts based on Catalogue prices**

**WHATEVER PRICING MODEL(S) YOU CHOOSE TO PROVIDE, YOU MUST NOT PROPOSE ANY PRICING AS “TO BE DETERMINED”/ ALL PRICING MUST BE CALCULABLE DURING THE LIFE OF THE AGREEMENT BY REFERENCE TO SOME CATALOGUE PRICE OR OTHER PUBLISHED PRICING.**

**Travel Fee (flat or per mile or more specific) Do not bid “plus travel”. You must specify rates based on IRS rates or some flat amount to cover travel cost. It must be calculable at all times during the term of the agreement.**

PROVIDE PRICING ON THE PRICING SPREADSHEET PROVIDED.

Type Equipment
80”Interactive Multi-Touch High Definition LED Display
65”Interactive Multi-Touch High Definition LED Display
47” Interactive Multi-Touch High Definition LED Display
80”Interactive LED Display Wall Mount
65” Interactive LED Display Wall Mount
47” Interactive LED Display Wall Mount
105”Interactive Training/Teaching System
79” Interactive Training/Teaching System
56” Interactive Training/Teaching System
105”Mobile Interactive Training/Teaching System
79” Mobile Interactive Training/Teaching System
56” Mobile Interactive Training/Teaching System
Wireless Interactive Presentation System
Maintenance
Installation
Repair/Service Hourly Rate or per month, year or some specific calculable determination.
Travel Fee

## **PROPOSAL SCORING AND EVALUATION**

A qualified evaluation committee will evaluate and score all proposals. Recommendations for award will be made to the Region 8 Education Service Center Board of Directors. Awards will be granted or denied at the monthly stated meeting of the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors. TIPS will base a recommendation for award on several factors mandated by the Texas Education Code section 44.031. The factors which will be considered and weighted points in each area as follows (100 total points):

TIPS shall use a final overall scoring system to include consideration for competitive pricing, best value price and cost evaluation. TIPS reserves the right to assign any number of point awards or penalties it considers warranted if a offeror stipulates exceptions, exclusions, or limitations of liabilities. Strong consideration will be given to the best value price as it relates to the products and services. However, price is ultimately only one of the factors taken into consideration in the evaluation and award. TIPS shall reserve the right to reject any or all proposals or any part of any proposal.

The following evaluation criteria are mandated for consideration by Texas Education Code § 44.031 (b).

- 1.** Purchase Price: \_\_\_\_\_ point weight. Per prices quoted as related to information within the request for proposals and the discount off MSRP or other published list pricing or stated prices of goods.
- 2.** The reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services; \_\_\_\_\_ point weight. References and TIPS staff knowledge and any other available information known to TIPS may be used to score this criterion.
- 3.** The quality of the vendor's goods or services; \_\_\_\_\_ point weight. References and TIPS staff knowledge and any other available information known or available through the RFP or otherwise to TIPS may be used to score this criterion.
- 4.** The total long-term cost to TIPS and its members to acquire the vendor's goods or services; \_\_\_\_\_ point weight. Same as 1 above as there is no objective long term cost on this type of award.
- 5.** Extent to which the Goods or Services meet the Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ point weight. TIPS evaluators will determine if the proposal provides value to TISP members and if the goods and/or services offered by the proposer meets the needs outlined in the solicitation.
- 6.** Vendor's Past Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ point weight –Only experience within the past 5 years will be evaluated unless otherwise specified. No past relationship scored points at midpoint and a good relationship is scored form midpoint up and a poor relationship is scored form midpoint down.

7. Impact on the Ability of the District to Comply with Laws and Rules Relating to Historically Underutilized Businesses: \_\_\_\_\_ point weight – There are no Texas laws that apply to this procurement but since federal funds are anticipated to be utilized during the life of this contract, the proposer should agree to abide by the federal regulations in the forms contained in this SOLICITATION document related to underutilized businesses in its subcontracting practices. This factor has been considered and due to the foregoing, no points will be assigned. NOTE: Failure to agree to comply with the federal regulations in the forms herein shall make use of federal funds to purchase the goods or services proposed unallowable.

8. Residency: for a contract for goods and services, ***other than goods and services related to telecommunications and information services, building construction and maintenance, or instructional materials***, whether the vendor or the vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:  
(A) has its principal place of business in this state; or  
(B) employs at least 500 persons in this state; and

Federal funds may be utilized by ESC Region 8 or TIPS member entities during the life of this contract, and residency is a prohibited criterion under federal regulation, it has been considered and assigned a weight of \_\_\_\_\_ points.

**PROPOSERS FALLING BELOW AN 80-point THRESHOLD WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AN AWARD.**