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October 11, 2018

Elizabeth Abernethy, Executive Director
Region 7 Education Service Center
1909 N. Longview St.
Kilgore, TX 75662-6827

SUBJECT: Approval of request for authorization of noncompetitive proposal that is not sole source for the 2018–2019 school year

Dear Mrs. Abernethy:

Thank you for following the procedure to request that TEA expressly authorize a noncompetitive procurement proposal for ESC products and services in response to your written request under Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR) 200.320(f).

Your request for authorization of the noncompetitive proposal on the enclosed form is approved for the period of availability of the grant funds used to obtain this procurement.

You must adequately document for auditors or monitors the procurement process followed.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact me via email at grantsupport@tea.texas.gov and enter "ESC noncompetitive authorization-approval" in the subject field.

Sincerely,

Cory Green, Associate Commissioner
Department of Contracts, Grants and Financial Administration

Enclosure

cc: Mike Meyer, Deputy Commissioner of Finance
Yolanda Cantu, Senior Director, Grants Administration Division



Department of Contracts, Grants and Financial Administration Request for Other Noncompetitive Procurement Approval

Complete and submit this form to request prior approval for a noncompetitive procurement that is not a sole-source proposal. Limit one proposal per form.

Completion and submission of this form satisfies the requirement in 2 CFR 200.320(f).

Name of Federal Grant All Federal Grants awarded to LEAs by the TEA County-District Number 092950

Name of Grantee LEAs in Region 7 Education Service Center and Texas LEAs in other region service areas that purchase services from Region 7 ESC

Description of Request

Describe the proposed noncompetitive procurement.

Contracted services from Region 7 ESC to Region 7 LEAs and other Texas LEAs that purchase services from Region 7 ESC. Services include the broad categories of technical assistance, professional development, direct services, and products.

Do you have a sole-source verification letter from the proposed vendor? Yes No

Provide a rationale for why TEA should allow this procurement as a noncompetitive procurement. Additional information may be attached. Additional information may be requested by TEA.

Region 7 Education Service Center operates at the will of the Texas Legislature and operates under the supervision of the Commissioner of Education to assist school districts in improving student performance in the region; enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically; and implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or commissioner. Per the Texas Education Code for Regional Service Centers as outlined in Chapter 8, Region 7 ESC maintains core services for purchase by school districts and campuses, as well as additional services requested by LEAs. These services fall into broad categories of technical assistance, professional development, direct services, and products. 2 CFR 200.320(f)(3) allows TEA, as the pass-through entity, to authorize noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request, including contracted services from ESCs to LEAs. Therefore, Region 7 ESC is requesting that TEA authorize the purchase of these services as a noncompetitive procurement for LEAs for the period of 9-1-18 through 8-31-19.

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Certification

Name and Title of Authorized Official Elizabeth Abernethy, Executive Director

Signature of Authorized Official and Date *Elizabeth Abernethy* 10.1.18

This form must be signed by the authorized official.

Email this signed form to TEA's Department of Contracts, Grants and Financial Administration (CGFA) at GrantSupport@tea.texas.gov.

For TEA Use

Request for prior written approval is approved as requested.

Request for prior written approval is approved with the following changes:

Request for prior written approval is denied.

Signature of CGFA Associate Commissioner and Date *Carly Green* 10/11/18