## ADDENDUM NO. 1 Answers to Written Questions 03/23/2020 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2021-SSO-137 Sign Language Interpreter

Central Consolidated School is issuing this addendum to Request for Proposal 2021-SSO-137, Sign Language Interpreter for the purpose of response to written questions.

## ACKNOWLEDGE ADDENDUM WITH RFP Proposal:

Company/Firm/Independent Contractor Name

Signature

Date:

**QUESTIONS:** 

- Are you currently working with any agencies providing RN, LPN, SLI, SLP, ASL, Tele SLP services to your District? Answer: Yes
- 2. Who are your current vendors and what prices do they charge? Answer: Soliant - \$60; Sunbelt Staffing: \$55-60; Therapia Staffing: \$57
- 3. Have these vendors been able to meet all of your needs? Answer: They are consistently looking based on need.
- How many RN, LPN, SLI, SLP, ASL, Tele SLP (FTE) did each vendor provide to your District for the current 20/21 school year? Answer: No vendors have supplied a Sign Language Interpreter this year

- How many RN, LPN, SLI, SLP, ASL, Tele SLP (FTE) do you anticipate needing for the upcoming 21/22 school year? Answer: Depends on the needs/enrollment
- 6. Does the Central Consolidated School District plan on releasing RFPs for other Specialties (OT, PT, Special Education Teachers, etc...)? Answer: RFP's are based on needs of the district
- 7. How many schools are typically on a therapist's caseload? Answer: Depends on FTE's
- 8. Do you require that clinician resumes and/or licensure be submitted with the proposal? Answer: Yes, examples of what they currently have available
- 9. What is the average caseload by discipline in your District? Answer: Depends on the needs/Enrollment
- 10. Will assigned therapists have access to therapy materials, supplies, equipment, evaluation kits, and protocols provided by your schools? Answer: Yes if onsite, and nurses are onsite
- 11. Will assigned therapists have access to computers/ laptops and printers provided by your schools? Answer: Yes
- 12. Are we required to provide any technology ( i.e. laptops, printers, access to teletherapy platform)?Answer: Yes, depending on therapy needs
- 13. Is the contracting agency able to bill for both direct and indirect treatment time (paperwork, meeting, teacher consultations, etc.)? Answer: Yes
- 14. Do you require vendors to guarantee the provision of therapy services or is it understood that we will begin recruiting on a best efforts' basis? Answer: Best efforts basis
- 15. Is it acceptable for us to submit resumes and licensure after it is determined if we are selected as an awarded vendor? Answer: Yes
- 16. Does your historical use of contract therapists indicate that they typically remain employed throughout the school year, or that they are replaced during the school year if the district is able to locate a direct hire? Answer: Typically, we keep them through the school year, but if a district hire becomes available they could be replaced.

- 17. Can pricing increase during the term of the contract? Answer: No
- 18. Will our therapists bill Medicaid on behalf of Central Consolidated School District and Medicaid will pay Central Consolidated School District or does our company bill Medicaid directly and receive payment from Medicaid directly? Answer: Yes
- 19. Does the district currently have someone/agency providing this service? Answer: No
- 20. What is the historical need for Sign Language Interpreter(s) throughout the district? That is, historically, how many hours per week (on average) has the district required ASL interpreting services? Answer: We have been in need, but unable to obtain a sign language interpreter
- 21. Would the district consider remote or video ASL interpreting services? Or is all interpreting required to be onsite at a district facility/school? Answer: Onsite
- 22. What is the district's budget for ASL Interpreting covered by this FP? Answer: Depends upon needs of school district and funding availability.