

HAMBLEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Whom It May Concern

From: Mandy Lloyd, Supervisor of Special Services *ML*

Date: February 7, 2021

Re: Invitation to Bid

The Hamblen County Department of Education is seeking bids for the following:

- **School Behavior Specialist Services**
- **Speech Pathologist Services**
- **TNCare Speech Pathologist Services**
- **Physical Therapist Services**
- **Occupational Therapist Services**

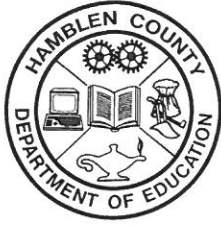
Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope with type of bid clearly marked on the outside. **Faxes and Emails will be rejected.**

Bids are to be submitted to the Hamblen County Department of Education, Mandy Lloyd, Supervisor of Special Services, 210 East Morris Boulevard, Morristown, Tennessee 37813.

Bids will be opened March 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Department of Special Services. The Hamblen County Department of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Specifications may be picked up at the Hamblen County Department of Education, Special Services Department, or requested by calling (423) 581-3067.

***The Hamblen County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
Bid must include an Iran Divestment Act Certification Form.***



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To: Providers of Speech and Language Pathology Services

**From: Hamblen County Department of Education
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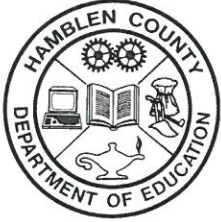
Date: February 7, 2021

Subject: Speech and Language Pathology Services

You are invited to submit sealed proposals for a contract to provide the Hamblen County Department to Education with Speech and Language Pathology Services. The company awarded the contract is expected to have the contract in place by July 1, 2021. If you are unable to meet these criteria, please do not submit a proposal for this contract. Also note further requirements under the following standard terms and conditions:

Standard Terms and Conditions

- 1. Time and Place:** Bids must be received by the Hamblen County Department of Education, Special Services Department, Attn: Mandy Lloyd, Supervisor of Special Services **by 10:00 am EST, on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 210 East Morris Blvd, Morristown, TN 37813. Faxes and emails will be rejected.**
- 2. Sealed Bid Requirement:** Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Hamblen County Department of Education, Special Services Department, Attn: Mandy Lloyd, Supervisor of Special Services, **210 East Morris Blvd, Morristown, TN 37813.** Each sealed envelope containing a bid must plainly marked on the outside **“Speech and Language Pathology Services,** and the envelope must bear on the outside the name and complete address of the vendor.
- 3. Late Bids and Proposals:** Regardless of cause, late bids and proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from bid consideration. It shall solely be the vendor's risk to ensure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late bids and proposals will not be opened.
- 4. Note to Bidders:** Bidders must satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the estimate quantities in the bid schedule by a review of provided specifications including any addenda. After bids have been submitted, the bidder shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the quantities of work or of the nature of the work to be performed.
- 5. Service and Billing Requirements:** The successful contractor agrees to accomplish all work covered by these specifications. The awarded contractor will be responsible for all travel reimbursement. For audit purposes all invoices must match the timesheets and the hourly rates submitted under this RFP. Invoices



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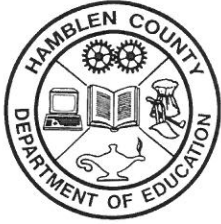
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must be sent to Hamblen County Department of Education monthly, within 30 days of the completion of the month's services.

6. **General Information and Requirements:** the bid must include a list of staff that will be providing services along with a copy of their credentials. Awarded contractor must perform background checks on all employees assigned to Hamblen County Department of Education. Background information must be provided to Mandy Lloyd, Special Services Department Supervisor prior to contract starting date.
7. **Certification:** The Hamblen County Department of Education may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work and the bidder shall furnish the Owner all such information and date for this purpose as it may request. The School System reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy the Board that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the agreement and to complete the work.
8. **Contract Period:** The contract shall be for one school year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.
9. **Proof of Insurance:** The Contractor will be required to carry Workers Compensation Insurance with Employer Liability limits of 100/500/100, General Liability Insurance limits of 1,000,000 Each Occurrence and 3,000,000 Aggregate, and Professional Liability limits 1,000,000 each occurrence. Certificates of Insurance must be sent to the School System prior to commencement of work and must name Hamblen County Department of Education as an additional insured on all applicable policies.
10. **Rejection of Proposals:** The Hamblen County Department of Education reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, all proposals received, to waive all technicalities, or to negotiate any term(s) or provision (s) of such proposals as meet the requirements and specification of this RFP.
11. **Inquiries Regarding Proposal: All communications concerning this request for proposal must be submitted in writing by email to:**

Hamblen County Department of Education
Attn: Lisa Horner
Special Services Department
210 East Morris Boulevard
Morristown, TN 37813
Email: hornerl1@hcboe.net



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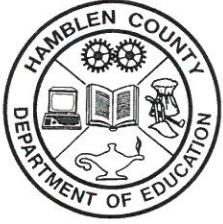
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12. **Iran Divestment Act Reference Number:** CTAS-2461: Under T.C.A. § 12-12-111, a bid shall not be considered, nor any award made where the required statement has not been submitted. If the bidder cannot make the certification, the bidder must so state and must furnish with the bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the reasons. A political subdivision may award a bid to a bidder who cannot make the certification, on a case-by-case basis, if:

- (1) The investment activities in Iran were made before July 1, 2016, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed on or after July 1, 2016, and the person has adopted, publicized, and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or
- (2) The political subdivision makes a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the political subdivision to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the political subdivision would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the contract is offered. Such determination shall be made in writing and shall be a public document.

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- I. The Hamblen County Department of Education, Special Services Department, is seeking formal proposals from highly qualified and capable Speech and Language Pathology service providers to provide Speech-language pathology services for qualifying students. Speech-language pathology service providers must be in accordance with all specifications, terms, and conditions set-forth in these proposal documents.
 - II. It is the intent of Hamblen County Department of Education to establish a qualified provider of speech-language pathology services. The speech-language pathology service provider shall meet the minimum mandatory requirements established in these proposal documents. Contracting with speech-language pathology provider services will be based on service provider's firm fixed hourly rate, and their response to minimum requirements and questions.
 - III. The estimated number of students that will be receiving speech-language pathologist services for the 2021-2022 school term is **210**.
 - IV. All prices offered shall be firm against any increase for one (1) year from the effective date of the contract. The Hamblen County Board of Education shall have the option to renew for one (1) additional year at the same cost, terms, and conditions as the original contract contingent upon agreement of the vendor and Hamblen County Department of Education.



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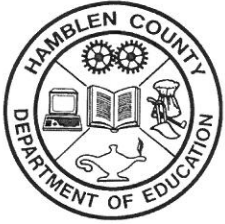
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- V. SLP's must conduct themselves in a professional manner always. Hamblen County Department of Education reserves the right to request immediate removal of any person exhibiting inappropriate behavior or who has had repeated performance issues.

VI. Bid must also include any associated costs as well as the following services:

- Speech/language evaluations
- Speech/language therapy programming
- Provide Individualized Educational Program (IEP's) and census funding information
- Provide completed written report to the school system within (10) days of the evaluation
- Assist in providing training for school personnel and parents in activity programs for specific students
- Consult with school personnel and parents as necessary
- All services provided must comply with the guidelines of the current Tennessee Department of Education Special Education Manual and IDEA 2004 regarding licensure of the therapists.
- Ability to deliver therapy services through a provider purchased HIPPA/FERPA compliant virtual platform. (when necessary and appropriate as determined by Supervisor of Special Services)
- Ability to deliver therapy services in an individual, small group, or co-treatment settings

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Proposal Form

Pricing must be submitted on the form below.

Item Number	Description	Unit Cost
1.	Hourly rate for Speech-Language Pathologist	
2.	Cost Per Evaluation	
3.	In the space below list any additional services not included in the specifications and provide fee structure.	

Name: _____

Date: _____

This Certification Must be Completed by Each Bidder in Order to be Considered

I understand that under the Iran Divestment Act, T.C.A. 12-12-101—12-12-113, political subdivisions in Tennessee are prohibited from entering into any procurement or contract over \$1,000 with a person who engages in investment activities in Iran. The state's chief procurement officer, as required by T.C.A. 12-12-106, has created a list of persons who engage in investment activities in Iran. Any person who is on the list is ineligible to contract with any political subdivision of the State of Tennessee, and any such contract will be considered void *ab initio* under T.C.A. 12-12-110. The list is published on the Tennessee Department of General Services' website at:

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/generalservices/documents/cpo/cpo-library/public-information-library/List_of_persons_pursuant_to_Tenn._Code_Ann._12-12-106_Iran_Divestment_Act_updated_7.7.17.pdf

CERTIFICATION

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to T.C.A. 12-12-106.

Bidder Name

Bidder Signature

Date of Certification