



Region One Education Service Center

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TO: Region One Purchasing Cooperative Members

FROM: America Retana, Purchasing Cooperative Specialist

SUBJECT: **Region One Purchasing Cooperative Promotional Merchandise and Services RFP 20-AGENCY-000083, Extension 1 of 3 – Addendum #1**

DATE: September 1, 2021

This request for proposal (RFP) allows Region One Purchasing Cooperative (ROPC) members the opportunity to contract with qualified vendors to provide promotional merchandise and services products and/or services that includes, but not limited to: shirts, jackets, headwear, pins, plaques, cups, mugs, pens, bags, embroidery, silk-screening, imprint, customized logos, and related goods and/or services within the scope of this RFP. Item descriptions, specifications and/or technical requirements and estimated quantities and pricing, and/or price lists and/or catalogs have been provided by each vendor enclosed. ROPC members are required to conduct a cost or price analysis for the procurement of goods and/or services not listed in the items tab, and within the scope of services offered with this bid solicitation. Cooperative members are responsible for the selection of goods and/or services available to meet their needs.

On June 3, 2020 the Region One ESC Purchasing Department received seventeen (17) responses to ROPC Promotional Merchandise and Services RFP 20-AGENCY-000083.

On August 20, 2020 the Region One ESC Board of Directors met to review and approve the recommendations of the ROPC, acting on behalf of its members, for award of Promotional Merchandise and Services RFP 20-AGENCY-000083, effective August 20, 2020 through August 31, 2021 with the option to extend up to three (3) additional one-year periods if all parties are in agreement. Proposals were evaluated to select the best qualified vendor based on the established criteria. Seventeen (17) vendors were recommended for award. Vendors were recommended for award based on complete proposal submissions received, including pricing and services that best meet the needs of the cooperative members.

On June 22, 2021 the Region One ESC Board of Directors met to review and approve Extension 1 of 3, of the ROPC Promotional Merchandise and Services RFP 20-AGENCY-000083, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, with two (2) one-year extension terms if all parties are in agreement.

The following vendors were awarded:

- ***4Imprint, Inc. – Oshkosh, WI;***
- ***Martha Jane Miller/Marketing Concepts Unlimited dba ABC Custom Advertising – McAllen, TX;***
- ***Patricia Garcia dba Ace Promotions – San Benito, TX;***
- ***David & Sherri Doyle dba AMC Promotional Products – Orlando, FL;***
- ***Anchorage Medical Equipment & Supplies dba Anchorage Unlimited – Grand Prairie, TX;***
- ***Big Hit Productions, Inc. dba Big Hit Creative Group – Garland, TX;***
- ***Partners in Education Solutions LLC previously Christopher T. Lopez dba Partners in Education Fundraising – El Paso, TX;***
- ***Taylor Corporation dba Curtis 1000, Inc. – Duluth, GA;***
- ***International Apparel Warehouse, Inc. dba Duratex Apparel – Pharr, TX;***
- ***Elite Promotions – Brownsville, TX;***



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- **Groggy Dog Sportswear & Graphic Design, LLC** – Denton, TX;
- **High End Advertising** – Mission, TX;
- **KC Ad Specialties, Inc.** – McAllen, TX;
- **Kubo Print** – Weslaco, TX;
- **Salvador Trey Gonzalez dba LAMAC** – McAllen, TX;
- **Horizon Total Source, Inc. dba Proforma Horizon Total Source** – Tyler, TX;
- **Lugra Incorporated dba Specialty Advertisers** – Brownsville, TX.

Please note the following addendum to the ROPC Promotional Merchandise and Services RFP 20-AGENCY-000083-E1; supporting documentation is enclosed:

- Partners in Education Fundraising is now operating as **Partners in Education Solutions LLC**. The business has also been reclassified to a limited liability company. Their new W-9 is enclosed for your review and records.

For your convenience, the order guide has been revised and posted on the Region One Purchasing Cooperative webpage at www.escl.net/ROPC, Awarded Bids & Proposals.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Region One Purchasing Cooperative at eBuyOne@escl.net:

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- Kristina Carrizales, Purchasing Cooperative Specialist, Phone: 956.984.6012
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January 1, 2021

Dear Partners,

I am writing to inform you that Partners in Education Fundraising is now proudly Partners in Education Solutions LLC. As of January 1, 2021, we are operating under the new name, and our business has been reclassified to a limited liability company.

As we continue to operate in the current Covid-19 conditions, we have realized that we have the opportunity and capacity to extend our services. Fundraising will continue to be our core service, but with our new name change, we can now showcase our additional **SOLUTIONS**: logoed promotional and spirit items, custom logoed apparel and specialty print.

We have also decided to reclassify our business from a sole proprietorship to a limited liability company. As we look toward the future, reclassification of the business will allow us to easily expand, create jobs, and participate in government programs not accessible to sole proprietorships.

Our business model has not changed, only our name and business classification. We will continue to offer the best fundraising, promo items, apparel and specialty print to schools, teams, clubs, churches and businesses. We will also continue to maintain all agreements and contracts and will abide by all terms and conditions that were agreed to under our previous business name.

Thank you so much for your continued support and we look forward to our continued work together. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CLopez", written in a cursive style.

Chris Lopez
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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. Partners in Education Solutions LLC	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. 2508 Gene Littler	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code El Paso, TX 79936	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	
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OR	
Employer identification number	
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Part II Certification

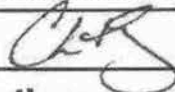
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ▶



Date ▶ 5/20/21

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.