

## Questions and Answers – 2025 BASWM SPED

Could you please clarify whether the Academy requires a single provider who is dual-certified to deliver both special education teaching and speech-language therapy services, or if separate providers for each service area are acceptable based on the outlined requirements?

Answer: either can be the case, a dual certified educator to deliver both or two separate people.

How many special education teachers are required under this RFP?

Answer: one resource room teacher is required for our caseload

Is there a current provider delivering these services? If so, could you kindly share the current rates being paid under that contract?

Answer: Yes, there is a current provider.

Hourly Rates:

Resource Room: \$65

SLP \$85

Social Worker \$85

Sped Coordinator \$95

If there is no provider currently in place, what is the appropriate process for submitting a FOIA request to access previous contract information?

Answer: See response above.

Would you consider proposals for only virtual (teletherapy) services under this RFP for speech-language pathologists and social workers (i.e., no onsite or in-person services)?

Answer: Yes. Proposals will be rated using the rating criteria listed in the RFP.

Can the vendor bid to offer only one (1) or more services requested, such as only for SLP and/or social workers (i.e., the vendor would not provide teachers and/or special education coordination)?

Answer: All received proposals will be reviewed and rated using the rating criteria listed in the RFP.

Can the vendor provide Social Workers who will focus on only providing mental health counseling and behavioral services?

Answer: social work services must be able to satisfy the requirements of the IEP, which may include counseling and behavioral services

Would the district accept electronic signatures on the proposal forms as part of the electronically emailed submission?

Answer: yes

Do you anticipate awarding more than one vendor for this RFP or per service?

Answer: All received proposals will be reviewed and rated using the rating criteria listed in the RFP.

While the proposal will include brief bios explaining the company's key personnel, can you confirm that bios/resumes and schedules of potential service providers can be provided only upon award?

Answer: yes

How do you handle price adjustments after the initial one-year term if the vendor seeks a mutual price increase annually, if the RFP is renewed?

Answer: If the pricing increases, it is possible a new RFP is necessary to ensure competitive pricing as required by our funding sources.

What is the anticipated or estimated budget per service for speech-language pathologists and social workers? Answer: \$90/hour

Would the district provide its students with the hardware (e.g., computer, webcam, headsets, etc.), test kits, supplies, and other materials needed for services?

Answer: yes

What are the names of your current vendor(s) that are providing each requested service, and if they are providing in-person and/or virtual services?

Answer: Global Psychological is currently providing all services virtually

Are you satisfied with your current vendors, or have you experienced any issues in the past year?

Answer: yes we are satisfied and have not experienced any service issues

Do you prefer or require the vendor to have a physical office in the state of Michigan?

Answer: Bidders are not required to have a physical office in the state of Michigan, however, bidders must be familiar with state of Michigan requirements and have appropriate licensure as it relates to SPED providers operating within the state. All proposals received will be reviewed and rated using the rating criteria listed in the RFP.

Can the vendor's proposal also offer other special education-related services, such as occupational therapy, school psychologist/psychoeducational assessments, etc.?

Answer: these things may be offered, but we cannot guarantee the need for those additional proposed services

Can the vendor assign multiple service providers to the required caseload to ensure adequate coverage of the services and direct/indirect hours needed (e.g., two or more part-time providers for a full-time opening)?

Answer: yes