



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Mental Health, Student Services, Safety, and Security Solutions

The Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (TASB) requests information from qualified companies (Company or Companies) that currently provide, or would like to provide, Mental Health, Student Services, Safety, and Security Solutions and related services and products (as explained herein) to Texas public school districts. TASB, through its Facility Services and Student Solutions divisions, offers a number of facility and student-related services and is currently exploring the potential of expanding related offerings.

Over the past few years, catastrophic events related to violence and the pandemic's impact on students and staff have affected various school districts. TASB is interested in visiting with Companies that provide services related to the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery associated with these events. This request for information is intended to seek information from qualified firms about services available in the mental health, student services, safety, and security marketplaces in order to explore potential opportunities with Companies to provide new and/or expanded services in collaboration with the TASB Facility Services and Student Solutions programs.

Through the Facility Services program, TASB currently provides the following facility-related services directly, and in collaboration with outside preferred providers that supplement and expand on TASB's services, which are described in more detail at www.facility.tasb.org:

- Environmental compliance and related services
- Facility assessment and long-range planning
- Bond election assistance and planning
- Demographics and related services
- Construction project consulting and construction program management

Through the Student Solutions program, TASB currently provides the following services, which are described in more detail at www.tasb.org/services/student-solutions.aspx:

- Special Populations Program Reviews
- Special Education Workload Staffing Analysis
- Capacity Building (Professional Development and Executive Coaching)
- Membership that includes Model Operating Procedures, Training and Resources

TASB is interested in exploring the potential to offer a holistic and comprehensive Mental Health, Student Services, Safety, and Security Solution, customizable for school districts depending on the specific needs of each, regardless of size or location. Products and services should align with and expand on the Final Report of the Federal Commission on School Safety 2018 and Texas Education Code Chapter 37 Subchapter D, and may include, but are not limited to the following general categories:

- **Plan and Prevent:** Emergency operations planning, student mental health, student supports, and social/emotional well-being
- **Protect and Mitigate:** Training and support for building staff and campus security
- **Respond and Recover:** Communication, training, and support



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- Any other mental health, student services, safety, and security service or product a Company feels might be beneficial to TASB and the members we serve.

A. Organizational Background

Created in 1949, TASB is a private, voluntary, nonprofit, and statewide educational association that serves local Texas school districts. TASB's membership currently includes the boards of all 1,026 Texas school districts, as well as 20 regional education service centers, 50 community colleges, 20 central appraisal districts, 130 shared service arrangements, and 79 charter schools. TASB members represent the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state (more than 7,000 school board members) who preside over combined expenditures of more than \$69 billion annually, employ more than 745,000 people, and serve over 5.3 million Texas students. TASB has maintained more than 33 consecutive years of 100 percent participation of Texas public school boards. TASB's mission is to promote educational excellence for Texas schoolchildren through advocacy, visionary leadership, and high-quality services.

TASB provides a broad range of services and products. A list and description of these offerings can be found at tasb.org/services.

In addition, TASB serves as administrator to multiple interlocal cooperative entities including The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative d/b/a BuyBoard®. *Please note that this request for information is issued by and for TASB only and is in no way a part of, nor associated with any TASB affiliated entity, including BuyBoard, or any BuyBoard proposal invitation or contract.*

B. Potential Future Services

The following is a list of services TASB is exploring. TASB is seeking information from Companies interested in potential opportunities to collaborate with TASB to provide holistic and comprehensive solutions for Mental Health, Student Services, Safety, and Security (possibly including some or all of the following services, as well as additional related services) to Texas school districts and other types of local governments. Companies submitting responses should be fully authorized and, if required, licensed in the State of Texas to provide the products and services included in the response.

Comprehensive Mental Health, Student Services, Safety, and Security Solutions:

Plan and Prevent—TASB requests responses from qualified Companies that provide comprehensive emergency operations planning, violence prevention services, and solutions in the specific area of student mental health and social/emotional well-being. TASB is interested in receiving information from firms that would like to collaborate with TASB to develop a service offering to assist members with their staff assessment, planning, training, and on-going needs for the following:

- Student Mental Health and Social/Emotional Well-Being
 - Teacher/Staff Training on:
 - Risk Behavior Identification
 - Therapeutic Interactions
 - Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
 - Mental Health Care Training, Software and Platforms
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Suicide Ideation
 - Child Abuse



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- Bullying Prevention
- Student Discipline Alternatives
- Restorative Justice
- Cybersecurity and Online Threat Assessments
- Crisis Intervention
- Behavioral Supports
- Time out and Restraints
- Character Development
- Trauma, Suicide, etc.
- Teladoc / E-therapy / Teletherapy Training, Software and Platforms
- Special Population Software and Supports
- Student Leadership Development
- Student Learning Loss
- Other
- Social Media Scanning
- Anti-Bullying / Violence / Anonymous Tip Platform
- Follow up / Investigation Platform
- Emergency Operations Planning
- Other Supports and Prevention Strategies or Services

Protect and Mitigate —TASB requests responses from qualified Companies that provide comprehensive products, solutions, and services in safety and security that protect against and mitigate the effects of violence in schools. To assist members, TASB is interested in receiving information from firms that would like to collaborate with TASB to provide training, physical school security, and crisis communication services with the following key features:

- Active Threat Response
 - Process and Local Policy Assistance
 - Simulation Training
 - Drills
 - Other Active Threat Response Strategies or Services
- School Hardening / Physical Infrastructure
 - Impact Resistant Window Film
 - Door Locks
 - Door Replacement
 - Video Surveillance
 - Access Control
 - Secure Vestibules
 - Safe Havens (ballistic protection areas)
 - Other Physical Infrastructure Products or Services

Respond and Recover —TASB requests responses from qualified Companies that provide active threat/active shooter response and recovery solutions and services. The focus of this service would be:

- Crisis Communication Technology
 - Individual Wearable Communication Device
 - Mass Notification
 - Visual Alerts
 - Audible Alerts



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- Device Alert (Desktop & Mobile)
 - Location Tracking Ability
 - First Responder Notification
 - Reunification Training
 - Student / Staff Mental Health Training and Supports
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- **Other Services** — If Company offers any other services or products that the Company feels might be beneficial to TASB and TASB members, TASB requests information on those services as well.



C. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Submission Instructions

TASB reserves the right to reject any and all responses and will not be liable for any cost incurred in the preparation of response. TASB reserves the right to waive any or all irregularities, formalities, or other technicalities and to be the sole and independent judge of quality and suitability of any services offered. TASB may accept or reject a response in its entirety or may reject any part of a response without affecting the remainder of that response, and may award the individual items in any combination or in any way that provides the best offer to TASB, or choose to not award any items, in its sole discretion.

Deadline: 12:00 p.m. (noon), Friday, August 12, 2022

Submission: Responses must be sent **via e-mail** to jeff.clemmons@tasb.org.

Response Guidelines: Responses to this request for information should follow the outline below:

- 1. Response Cover Form**—Complete the C(1) response cover form and include as the first page of response.
- 2. Company Background**—Provide all relevant Company information.
- 3. Company Management and Ownership** - Provide a description of Company management and ownership (public/private), minority owned, business certification, etc.)
- 4. Company Financials**—Provide information related to the financial health and stability of the Company, including whether your Company has ever filed for bankruptcy. (Prior to entering into any agreement with a Company, TASB may require additional information related to the financial health and stability of the Company.)
- 5. Company Services**—Provide detailed information describing any of the services for which your Company is proposing to collaborate with TASB, including how long your firm has offered the service(s), Company license information (if applicable), and the types and number of clients that use the service(s) (i.e., school district, city, county, private business, etc. and numbers for each).
- 6. Company References**—For each service listed in Section C(5), provide the following information for each client you wish to serve as a reference:
 - a. Client name
 - b. Name, address, and phone number of client contact
 - c. Company team member(s) involved and nature of each team member’s responsibility
 - d. Explanation of service provided
- 7. Business Proposal**—For each service listed in Section C(5), provide a description of how your Company would propose to collaborate with TASB in providing the service, including the roles and responsibilities you would propose your Company having and the roles and responsibilities you would propose TASB having. Also, include any historical and future growth projections you feel would be helpful in our evaluation.



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Questions: TASB will only respond to questions pertaining to this request for information submitted via e-mail to the address listed below. Communications and meetings to discuss this RFI are welcome prior to the Deadline.

Jeff Clemmons
Director, TASB Facility Services
jeff.clemmons@tasb.org
512-505-2850

TASB will post any addendum or additional information, if deemed necessary by TASB, at facility.tasb.org, and it will be the Company's responsibility to obtain the information.



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C(1) — RESPONSE COVER FORM — Request for Information: Mental Health, Student Services, Safety, and Security Solutions

Company Name

Company Address

City

State

Zip Code

Name of Company Contact and Title

Telephone Number of Company Contact

Email Address of Company Contact

Check all Services for which Company is providing a response:

Prevention

Protect and Mitigate

Respond and Recover

Other Mental Health, Student Services, Safety, and Security Solution Services:

Other services not related to Mental Health, Student Services, Safety, and Security Solution Services:

The individual signing below represents that the information provided in this response is accurate and complete, and that he/she is authorized to submit this response on the Company's behalf.

Authorized Individual Signature

Authorized Individual Printed Name and Title