

Transversal Lift Systems

Memo

To: Dr. Jeff Turner
From: Sid Grant
CC: Kelly Penny, Denise Sullivan, Melody Paschall, Montie Parker
Date: 6/13/2007
Re: **Transversal Lift Systems RFP**

As part of the Active Learning Units at Coppell High School, Coppell Middle School West, and Wilson Elementary, it is necessary to add transversal lift systems in order to transfer our non-ambulatory students from area-to-area and room-to-room within the Active Learning Unit areas. These systems are designed to minimize the risk of injuries to students and staff during the transfer of non-ambulatory students. More specifically, the lift systems allow a staff member to transfer non-ambulatory students weighing up to 400 pounds without strenuous lifting via a "track system" mounted in the ceiling.

Request for proposals were sent to three (3) vendors including First Care Medical Equipment, Progressive Healthcare Systems, Inc., and United Rehab Specialists, Inc. All three of these vendors attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Proposals were received from Progressive Healthcare Systems, Inc., and United Rehab Specialists, Inc. First Care Medical Equipment did not offer a reason for not bidding this project.

Both proposals received are "turn-key" including all labor and materials for the installation of the lift systems at each school, with the exception of any door frame modifications. CISD maintenance department will complete any necessary door modifications for this project.

The Request for Proposal Method (RFP) as provided in the Texas Education Code 44.031 was used to obtain proposals.

The most cost effective solution meeting all specifications was received from United Rehab Specialists, Inc. at a cost of \$57,187.00. Plano ISD and Killeen ISD are very pleased with the systems and service provided by United Rehab Specialists for similar systems installed. In addition to providing a higher cost solution, Progressive Healthcare Systems could not guarantee completion of the project by or before the start of school.

These transversal lift systems will be paid out of our 2006-07 existing special education allotment.

Should you or any Board member have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Melody Paschal, Montie Parker, Denise Sullivan, or me.

RECOMMENDATION: **That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve United Rehab Specialists, Inc. as the contractor to complete the installation of transversal lift systems at Coppell High School, Coppell Middle School West, and Wilson Elementary as specified in the Request for Proposal for the sum of \$57,187.00.**