

Approval of Broker/Dealer List

May 24, 2011

SUMMARY:

Business Administration recommends approval of First Public, First Southwest, BOSC, Inc, and UBS as providers of broker services for the purchase of investment securities.

BOARD GOAL:

VI. Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility... In pursuit of excellence, the district will: demonstrates effective and efficient management of district resources.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

This is the first time that the Board has been presented with a list of investment brokers.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to the Texas Education Code, section 2256.025, the governing body of an entity subject to this subchapter or the designated investment committee of the entity shall, at least annually, review, revise, and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the entity.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

Seven Request for Qualification for Broker/Dealer Services for Purchase of Investment Securities packets were mailed. Five Request for Qualification packets were returned. All Request for Qualification forms were completed in full. The criteria used to evaluate the Request for Qualification included the following:

1. Experience of the broker with similar clients.
2. Years of experience in the area of public sector investments.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

We are only asking for approval of a list of providers of broker services.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The district will have an approved list of brokers to select from should the time come to invest excess funds in an investment.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Should the need arise to invest excess funds of the District; we will have an approved broker list to refer to and obtain quotes from on investments.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternative actions are proposed at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommends approval of First Public, First Southwest, BOSC, Inc, and UBS as providers of broker services for the purchase of investment securities.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Administrative Services
Julie Simpson, Accounting Supervisor

ATTACHMENT:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____