

August 19, 2025

Pineywoods Community Academy
Attn: Catharine Squyres 601 S. Raguet Lufkin, TX 75904
RE: Proposal Submission – LASO Cycle 3 Strong Foundations Planning & Implementation

Dear Ms. Squyres,

I'm excited to share Region 7 ESC's proposal to partner with Pineywoods Community Academy on the LASO Cycle 3 Strong Foundations Planning (SFP) and Strong Foundations Implementation (SFI) grants.

For more than five decades, Region 7 ESC has worked side-by-side with districts and charter schools to help students thrive, blending research-driven instructional design with practical, on-the-ground support. For Pineywoods Community Academy, we'll bring in our dedicated team to build a solid, TEA-aligned instructional framework in the planning phase and bring it to life with consistent, high-impact, in-person implementation across your campuses.

In the proposal, you'll see how we:

- Meet every TEA requirement for SFP and SFI — on time and in full
- Provide steady, face-to-face support for leaders, coaches, and teachers
- Engage stakeholders in ways that boost buy-in and long-term success
- Keep RBIS at the heart of planning and implementation for measurable results

We'd love the chance to bring our experience, energy, and commitment to Pineywoods Community Academy's Strong Foundations initiatives. If any questions come up as you review the proposal, you can reach me at 903-688-6801 or efoster@esc7.net.

Thank you for considering our proposal — we look forward to the possibility of working together.

Sincerely,

Emili Foster
Director of Curriculum
Region 7 Education Service Center
903-688-6801 | efoster@esc7.net

REGION 7 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Vendor Proposal – Pineywoods Community Academy

Strong Foundations Planning (SFP) & Strong Foundations Implementation (SFI)

Date: August 15, 2025

Contact: Emili Foster, Director of Curriculum

Phone: 903-688-6801

Email: efoster@esc7.net

1. About the Vendor

Vendor Name: Region 7 Education Service Center (ESC)

Years in Operation: Established 1967 – Present

Location: Kilgore, Texas

Website: www.esc7.net

Overview & Mission: Region 7 ESC exists to assist districts and charter schools in improving student performance, operating efficiently, and implementing legislative or Commissioner-assigned initiatives. We deliver programs and services that meet or exceed customer expectations, ensuring every student has equitable access to rigorous, grade-level instruction.

For Pinewoods Community Academy, Region 7 ESC will provide end-to-end support through both Strong Foundations Planning (SFP) and Strong Foundations Implementation (SFI). Our integrated model ensures a seamless transition from vision-setting to deep, sustainable implementation.

2. Capacity & Staffing

We maintain a 22-member Bluebonnet team, including a bilingual math content specialist to support diverse student populations. For Pineywoods Community Academy, a dedicated subset of this team will remain assigned for the full duration of the project, providing cohesiveness, continuity, and context-specific expertise.

Staffing Model

- SFP Team: Project Lead + certified RBIS trainers
- SFI Team: Project Manager + Implementation Advisor and Product Advisor assigned to each participating campus
- SFP and SFI teams work in concert to ensure all planning deliverables flow directly into implementation

On-Site Commitments

- Monthly Implementation Advisor visits and twice-monthly Product Advisor visits for each campus
- Leader and coach training at the campus level and at ESC 7 to foster regional collaboration
- All core deliverables completed in person to strengthen relationships and reinforce fidelity

Experience & Track Record

- Approved provider for all three cycles of both SFP and SFI, with extensive *Bluebonnet Learning* expertise
- Proven systems for project management, data tracking, and reporting — 100% on-time submission of TEA deliverables
- Frequently engaged by TEA to train and model best practices for other approved providers
- Extensive experience supporting rural and high-needs campuses across Region 7
- Supported 91% of awarded LEAs with 100% retention of customers for subsequent LASO cycles

3. Scope of Work

Strong Foundations Planning (SFP) – Math or Literacy

1. **Vision-Setting & Goal Alignment:** Facilitate sessions with district and campus leaders to establish a math or literacy instructional vision aligned with TEA's Research-Based Instructional Strategies (RBIS) and define measurable student learning outcomes.
2. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Build investment from teachers, leaders, and community members through structured communications and collaborative planning, integrating RBIS into stakeholder actions.
3. **Instructional Framework Development:** Co-develop a mother literacy instructional framework aligned to scope/sequence and TEA fidelity requirements.
4. **Professional Learning:** Deliver on-site RBIS training for leaders and teachers; host cross-LEA collaboration sessions at ESC 7 to share planning insights.
5. **Action Planning & Transition Readiness:** Finalize district-level instructional materials transition plan and campus-level action plans, ensuring all outputs directly feed into SFI for implementation.


Strong Foundations Implementation (SFI) – Math Focus

1. **Implementation Oversight:** Project Manager coordinates with an Implementation Advisor and Product Advisor assigned to each campus, maintaining full alignment with SFP action plans.
2. **Leadership Capacity Building (Implementation Advisor Role):** Monthly Implementation Advisor-led professional learning for campus and district leaders; two math learning walks per campus annually, followed by analysis and strategic action planning.
3. **Teacher & Coach Capacity Building (Product Advisor Role):** Twice-monthly Product Advisor visits delivering math-specific professional learning, embedded coaching, and curriculum internalization; quarterly product-specific observations with targeted feedback.
4. **Data-Driven Continuous Improvement:** Support leaders and coaches in analyzing student performance and fidelity data; adjust supports in real time to strengthen instruction.
5. **Year-Two Sustainability Planning:** Guide leadership in refining systems and practices for deeper Year 2 implementation and document replicable models for scaling district-wide.

4. Compliance & Accountability

All SFP and SFI activities will meet or exceed LASO Cycle 3 requirements, including:

- On-time submission of all TEA deliverables
- Adherence to the 50% budget allocation to approved provider requirements for SFP & SFI
- 50% of the total funding designated for Strong Foundations Planning and Strong Foundations Implementation will be used to satisfy the grant requirements. If the LEA requests support beyond those metrics, Region 7 is prepared to provide them.
- Full alignment with TEA's key commitments for both Planning and Implementation Grants

Signature Authorized Signatory:  Date: 8/21/2025

Title: Chief Academic Officer

☐ FAILURE TO RETURN THIS COMPLETED DOCUMENT MAY RESULT IN PROPOSAL DISQUALIFICATION.

Request for Proposal Submission Sheet

Strong Foundations Planning and Implementation Grant Support

Vendor Name: Region 7 Education Service Center

Please complete the following

Price

Total Estimated Cost

\$ (50% of the total funding allocated for Strong Foundations Planning and Strong Foundations Implementation- as required as a minimum by the metrics of the grants) If additional supports beyond those outlined in the metrics of the grants are requested by the LEA, Region 7 is prepared to provide them.

Vendor must use this form when submitting a proposal.

Proposals are due by August 21, 2025 at end of business.

Proposal is valid thru September 30, 2025

Emili Foster

Signature of person submitting proposal

8/21/2025

Date

903-988-6801

Phone number

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF

VENDOR INFORMATION:

This proposal will be awarded at the next board meeting. After which time, Purchase Orders will be distributed to the various vendors. To ensure prompt processing of orders, **please indicate your mailing address to remit Purchase Orders:**

Region 7 ESC

Company Name

1909 North Longview Street

Mailing Address

Kilgore

City

903-262-7001

Phone Number

Texas

State

903-988-6708

FAX Number

Emili Foster

Contact Person

75662

Zip

efoster@esc7.net

Email Address

Upon receipt of orders, please indicate address to remit Payment (if different from above address):

Company Name

Contact Person

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

FAX Number

Email Address



Request for Non-Competitive (Not Sole-Source) Procurement

Complete and submit this form to request prior approval for a noncompetitive procurement that is not a sole-source proposal. Limit one proposal per form. Completion and submission of this form satisfies the requirements in [2 CFR 200.320](#).

Contact and Form Submission Information

ID	Date Submitted
EDGAR-NONCOMPET-325	06/04/25 12:48 PM
School Year	Other School Year (if applicable)
2025-2026	
LEA Name and CDN	
REG 7 ESC 92950	
Name of Federal Grant	
All Grants Awarded by TEA (For ESC Only)	
Name of Older Grant (if applicable)	
Name of Individual Completing Form	Email of Individual Completing Form
Christie Bell	cbell@esc7.net



Description of Request

Description the proposal and explain the rationale for making it noncompetitive.

Contracted services from Region 7 ESC to Region 7 LEAs, Texas LEAs in other service center areas and other ESCs that purchase services from Region 7 ESC. Services include the broad categories of technical assistance, professional development, direct services and products.

Do you have a sole-source verification letter from the proposed vendor?

No



Provide a reason that this procurement is a noncompetitive or sole-source procurement.

Region 7 Education Service Center operates at the will of the Texas Legislature and operates under the supervision of the Commissioner of Education to assist school districts in improving student performance in the region; to enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically; and to implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or commissioner. Per the Texas Education Code for Regional Service Centers as outlined in Chapter 8, Region 7 ESC maintains core services for purchase by school districts and campuses, as well as additional services requested by LEAs. These services fall into broad categories of technical assistance, professional development, direct services, and products. 2 CFR 200.320(c)(4) allows TEA, as the pass-through entity, to authorize noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request, including contracted services from ESCs to LEAs. Therefore, Region 7 ESC is requesting that TEA authorize the purchase of these services as a noncompetitive procurement for LEAs for the period of 9-1-25 through 8-31-26.



Certification and Incorporation

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Todd Schneider, Executive Director

By entering my name below and submitting this electronic form, I hereby certify that:

- ☒ 1) The information and data contained in this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, complete, and correct.
- ☒ 2) The organization named above has authorized me, as its representative, to complete and submit this information and data, for and on behalf of the organization, and otherwise to act as the organization's authorized representative in submitting this information and data; and
- ☒ 3) Any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance and compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

TEA Decision and Comment

TEA Decision

Approve

TEA Comment (as applicable)

Signature of Chief Grants Officer: 
Cory Green, Associate Commissioner

Date of TEA Decision: 06/16/25