ADDENDUM #1 TO: RFP for Speech Language Pathologist

RFP/CONTRACT RELATED QUESTIONS:

- 1. We do not have an office in the State of Washington. Is it your preference for the vendor to have an office in the State of Washington? **Not required**
- 2. Per pg. 5, can you confirm if you require one (1) original and one (1) copy of the proposal to equal the two (2) sealed proposals being submitted? Yes. One original and one copy.
- 3. Per p. 9, it is understood that you require a 4-page limit for the combined only for the Technical and Cost Proposal.
 - a. Is there a page limit for the Submittal Letter section? No
 - b. Is there also a page limit for the overall proposal submission for all required sections? No
 - c. Would the vendor's attached exhibits or appendices be excluded from the page limit? yes
- 4. To clarify, does the district intend to award to single or multiple vendors? **Multiple, because our experience has** been that the lowest bidder is not always able to provide an acceptable candidate.
- 5. To clarify, are resumes required at the time of proposal submission <u>OR</u> only upon award? If required at time of submission, can the resumes be included as an exhibit to not exceed the page limit for the technical proposal and proposal cost? Resumes are very helpful, but again our experience with these RFPs is that some vendors have recruits already and some start looking, when awarded.
- 6. Per pg. 4, it is understood that the rates cannot exceed \$85.00 per hour. Will the district consider a price range depending on the candidates' level of experience that will not exceed the \$85 per hour budget, <u>OR</u> does the district only want a fixed flat rate? We have stated a rate to not exceed, however if no bids are received at this rate we will have evaluate other rates and determine if we need to go out to bid again.
- 7. Would you consider certified therapy assistants within the proposal such as SLPA or CFY? The proposal doesn't state that we would, but we will need to consider every option.
- 8. What would be the average caseload for the SLP? 50
- 9. Would Grandview School District consider online tele-therapy for the speech therapy services? We have in the past. Yes
- 10. If required, would you allow the potential oral interviews to be conducted via telephone (conference call), video conference, or other similar means? Yes
- 11. Do you require vendors to guarantee the provision of therapy services, <u>or</u> is it understood that vendors will begin recruiting on a best efforts basis upon contract award? <u>Yes. Both. Hopefully you have somebody</u>
- 12. Can we incur in any penalties or be liable for any damages for not having a SLP available upon your school's request in a timely manner <u>or</u> would your school terminate the RFP contract with our company? We would move to the next vendor to provide services. So yes we would terminate for breach of contract for not providing an SLP timely.