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RE: 22-71497 Executive Summary

Indiana State University (ISU) respectfully submits the accompanying bid documents in response to Request 22-71497 to provide Individualized Educational Program (IEP) Technical Assistance (TA) services for the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). ISU has hosted the IEP Resource Center (IEPRC) as the State's sole-source provider since 2009, as a service in the Bayh College of Education's Blumberg Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Special Education. Since its inception, the IEPRC has provided technical assistance to schools, corporations, and special education cooperatives throughout the state. In doing so, the IEPRC has worked closely and collaboratively with the IDOE to ensure services provided align and reinforce the values, mission, and vision of the IDOE. Additionally, the IEPRC has collaborated with other providers in the Indiana Resource Network (IRN), as well as the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE) to build a comprehensive network of support for Indiana schools and families. Through years of service, the IEPRC has established a positive relationship with Indiana school districts, and deep knowledge of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), Article 7, Indiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan, Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and best practices in inclusive education.

Moving forward, ISU proposes a new center name to align with IDOE's new service request: **Inclusive Equitable Practices Technical Assistance Center or IEP TA Center**. The technical proposal will detail how the IEP TA Center is uniquely well equipped to successfully fulfill the responsibilities set forth in the Scope of Work. The IEP TA Center leadership team includes Bruce Kulwicki, Director of the Blumberg Center and formerly the Executive Director of the Harrison County Exceptional Learners Cooperative; Jolly Piersall, IEP TA Center Project Director, who has served as the IEPRC Project Director since 2010; and Marcee Wilburn, IEP TA Center Associate Director, who has served as the IEPRC Project Coordinator since 2016 and the Associate Director since 2021. Starting their careers as special education teachers, these three individuals together have close to 100 years of experience in special education. The proposed IEP TA Center staff includes 8 Technical Assistance Specialists, each with their own area of expertise related to the aspects of developing a meaningful IEP that ensures a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). The IEP TA Center will include 6 support staff to provide additional assistance in technical areas related to the proposed deliverables as described in the technical proposal. Finally, the IEP TA Center will subcontract the services of two M/WBEs to provide guidance and assistance related to cultural responsiveness and to ensure center staff and Indiana educators approach work through an equitable lens.

The business proposal will demonstrate that ISU has the financial infrastructure and integrity to efficiently administer a project of this state-wide scope. The University is not currently registered with the Secretary of State because of its statutory creation and existence as a public entity as authorized by the State of Indiana and governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor of the State of Indiana (please see 2.3.8 of the Business Proposal for full details).

This Executive Summary has been signed by Dr. Greg Bierly, the Chief Research Officer (CRO) for the University. University policy as approved by the Board of Trustees states that grants or contracts for third party funding of a university project requires the approval and signature of the Chief Research Officer. In the case of an award, the following contacts should be used.

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ISU and the IEPRC, look forward to continuing to serve the educators and students of Indiana.

Sincerely,



Greg Bierly, Ph.D.

Chief Research Officer