

Foxborough Regional Charter School
131 Central Street, Foxborough, MA 02035
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

THE FOXBOROUGH REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL IS SEEKING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS SEARCH FIRM TO ASSIST WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available in the FRCS Business Office, 131 Central Street, Foxborough MA 02035, after 3:00 PM on October 9, 2020. The RFP is available via email by contacting Karen Calvert: kcalvert@foxboroughrcs.org

Inquiries involving procedural or technical matters related to the Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and received no later than October 15, 2020. Proposals are due as stated in the advertisement no later than October 21, 2020, and must be directed via US Mail, fax or email to: Karen Calvert, Director of Finance, FRCS, 131 Central Street, Foxborough, MA 02035; email: kcalvert@foxboroughrcs.org

Proposals will be received until 3:00 PM (EST) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. E-MAILED AND FAXED PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. It is the proposer's sole responsibility to submit the proposal before the deadline, and the School is not responsible for delays in deliveries, deliveries attempted when the School is closed, mistakes in deliveries, or any other reason for a proposal that is not submitted prior to the deadline.

Interviews of qualified proposers will be held October 22 - 28, 2020. The award of this contract, if any, will be no later than fourteen (14) days after the deadline for the submission of proposals.

PROPOSAL TIMELINE:

Anticipated timeline for this RFP process is as follows.

Proposal posting October 9, 2020

Vendor questions due October 15, 2020

Answers to questions due October 19, 2020

Proposals due October 21, 2020

Selection of finalist October 28, 2020

Contract negotiations October 29, 2020

Project start November 2, 2020

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to change the above timeline at any time.

FOXBOROUGH REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

**Board of Trustees
131 Central Street
Foxborough, MA 02035**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SEARCH FIRM TO ASSIST WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT

OVERVIEW

The Foxborough Regional Charter School is seeking to recruit an Executive Director. The Executive Director reports to a Board of Trustees and is assisted in his/her work by a dedicated team of Senior Leaders (Directors) and employees. The School is also fortunate to be served by a volunteer Board of Trustees, who take an active role in the governance of the School. The School has a community over 200 employees and 1675 students, has an open Law Meeting form of government.

Following is the Scope of Services for the School to employ consultant or executive recruitment services for the recruitment of an Executive Director. It is important that the process includes public participation and input from a wide variety of stakeholders.

SCHEDULE AND TIME LINE

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SCOPE OF WORK

The Foxborough Regional Charter School seeks proposals from executive search consultants experienced in recruiting municipal executives in Massachusetts to assist the School in recruiting highly qualified candidates for the School's next Superintendent/Executive Director.

The Consultant shall work with the Board of Trustees, and/or the designated committees in defining the leadership needs of the School and in establishing selection criteria, actively source, recruit, evaluate suitability of, interview and refer qualified candidates to the Board of Trustees for the position of Superintendent/Executive Director.

The scope of work will include, but not be limited to, a process which includes the following:

- Consultant shall assist the Board of Trustees, Senior Staff and/or the designated committees in soliciting **community** input and feedback regarding the traits and management style desired in a new Superintendent/Executive Director. This item shall include assistance in developing the process for soliciting opinions, creating vehicles for eliciting stakeholder feedback and compiling results and publishing conclusions. Consultant will present a written report to the Board of Trustees with findings and recommendations from stakeholder interviews and other information gathering efforts.
- Consultant shall assist the Board of Trustees in establishing selection criteria for evaluating Superintendent/Executive Director candidates.
- Consultant shall work with the Board of Trustees and the Interim Executive Director to develop descriptive documents for prospective candidates. The descriptive documents shall include background statements and expectations regarding the Superintendent/Executive Director position for prospective candidates as well as marketing information regarding the School for distribution to prospective candidates.
- Consultant shall conduct networking and other search activities to generate a diverse pool of highly qualified prospective candidates who meet the Board of Trustee's selection criteria. These activities shall include, at a minimum, publishing the vacancy using regional and national means. Consultant shall focus on identifying potential candidates,

screening them for suitability with the School, motivating them to interview for the position of Superintendent/Executive Director.

- Consultant shall work with Board of Trustees, and designated committees to review resumes of qualified applicants, schedule interviews with the Screening Committee and, then, for finalists, with the Selection Committee. Consultant shall provide training and guidance to the Board of Trustees and designated committees in areas of human resources best practices and legal requirements and instructions applicable though the process.
- Consultant shall check references on finalist, extend the offer of employment, review benefits, and generally assist in the hiring process in ways and at the times requested by the Board of Trustees.
- Consultant shall provide sufficient notification to all candidates who applied but were not selected for initial interviews and, also for those interviewed but not offered the position.
- Consultant shall act at all times in an attentive, ethical, and responsible manner so as to represent the Foxborough Regional Charter School with the utmost concern for its interests, goals and image with candidates, other communities, and members of the general public.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to not hire any of the candidates provided by the consultant.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to hire a candidate not recommended or provided by the consultant.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Failure to submit documents requested may result in the School's determination that a proposal is nonresponsive unless the School deems such a failure to be a minor informality.

There are two components to the Proposal:

- A) **Technical Proposal**, including information about the proposer, references, and the services to be provided; and
- B) **Price Proposal**, including a fixed price fee for services to be rendered under the terms of the contract.

A) TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

The following documentation must be contained in the Technical Proposal to prove responsiveness to each required element. Technical Proposals received without the required documentation for each required element may be deemed unresponsive. Technical Proposals must be arranged in the order specified below, with responses and documentation separated by tabs or index dividers. Each page of the Technical Proposal must contain a footer with the page number.

Required Elements of the Technical Proposal:

- Table of Contents, showing where required information can be found by section and page.
- Letter of Interest, including the firm's history and the name of the principal or “lead consultant” who will be assigned to work directly with the School on this search. Proposers are directed to note that the contract will require that the same principal or “lead consultant” be assigned to this contract for the duration of the search process, through and including the hiring of a Superintendent/Executive Director for the Foxborough Regional Charter School.
- An Organizational Chart, if the Proposer is a firm or corporation, indicating the name and position of all consultants who will work with the School on this search. If the Proposer is not a firm or corporation, the Proposer should so state in this section.
- Current Resume(s), including summaries of credentials and number of years of experience providing executive municipal search services for the lead consultant assigned to FRCS and any additional consultants who will be assigned to work with the School on this search.
- Description of the Proposer's Approach and Plan for performing services outlined in the Scope of Work (see above), including:
 - Description of how the Proposer will specifically identify and target the needs of the School in the search for a new Superintendent/Executive Director;
 - Description of the consultant's approach to ensuring community involvement and input;
 - Description of proposed candidate recruitment strategies;
 - Description of the consultant's proposed implementation plan;
 - Proposed timeline with specific milestones;
 - List of Recent Contracts, including name, address and telephone number, of all communities for which the firm has provided similar Superintendent/Executive Director search services during the past five (5) years and specific persons to contact;
 - References, for a minimum of three (3) comparable executive search projects completed in the past five (5) years;
 - Promotional Material, include advertisements, brochures and other recruitment materials used in School searches or promotional literature about the firm;
 - Signed Certificate of Non-Collusion (Included as Attachment A to this RFP);
 - Signed Certificate of Payment of Taxes (Included as Attachment B to this RFP)

B) PRICE PROPOSAL

- The Price Proposal form, included as Attachment C, must be completed and included as the proposer's Price.
- Proposal to prove responsiveness to this requirement. The Price Proposal (one original copy) must be submitted without conditions or exceptions and must be submitted **under separate cover and in a sealed envelope**.
- Price Proposals shall remain in effect for a period of 60 (sixty) calendar days from the date of proposal submittal or until it is formally withdrawn, a contract is executed, or this Request for Proposal is canceled, whichever occurs first.
- Price Proposals submitted without the required form or including other conditions of pricing may be deemed unresponsive.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

Technical and Price Proposals must be submitted in separate sealed envelopes and plainly marked as follows: “TECHNICAL PROPOSAL-FRCS Superintendent/Executive Director Search”, and

“PRICE PROPOSAL-FRCS Superintendent/Executive Director search” along with the name of the consultant, consulting firm or executive recruiter clearly marked on both envelopes.

IF PRICES ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL, THE PROPOSAL WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

- Technical Proposals should be sealed in a separate envelope with one (1) original, nine (9) hard copies, and one (1) CD or thumb drive.
- Price Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope of one (1) signed original.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both sealed proposals must be submitted together in one envelope or mailer and received in the FRCS Business office no later than 3:00 PM. (EST), Wednesday, October 21, 2020 to: |
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Karen Calvert
Director of Finance
131 Central Street
Foxborough, MA 02035

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It is the proposer’s sole responsibility to submit the proposal before the deadline, and the School is not responsible for delays in deliveries, deliveries attempted when School offices are closed, mistakes in deliveries, or any other reason for a proposal that is not submitted prior to the deadline. There will be no public opening of proposals. The names and addresses of all parties submitting proposals will be recorded and the proposals will then be provided to the Board of Trustees and/or their designees selected to evaluate the proposals.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS

Each Proposer shall be satisfied as to the requirements of the contemplated services to enable the intelligent preparation of this proposal. The Proposer shall be familiar with all submittal and RFP requirements before submitting the proposals in order that no misunderstanding shall exist in regard to the nature and character of the contemplated services to be performed. No allowance will be made for any claim that the proposal is based on incomplete information as to the nature and character of the area or contemplated service.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Technical Proposals will be opened and evaluated by the Board of Trustees and/or its designees who will individually rate the proposals. Evaluation of Technical Proposals will be based on weighted, comparative criteria described in this section. The following scale will be used to evaluate each criterion, as well as to determine a composite rating for each proposal:

Highly Advantageous
Advantageous
Not Advantageous
Unacceptable

Proposer's Networking Strategies

Highly Advantageous: The Proposal provides more than three (3) examples of how the Proposer's established networks of professional municipal contacts will be used in the search process and recruitment process to attract a broad range of highly qualified candidates, including women and minorities.

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Not Advantageous: The Proposal provides fewer than three (3) examples of how the Proposer's established networks of professional municipal contacts will be used in the search process and recruitment process to attract a broad range of highly qualified candidates, including women and minorities.

Unacceptable: The Proposal does not include specific examples of networks the Proposer will use in the search and recruitment process.

Proposer's Experience/Key Personnel

Highly Advantageous: The Proposer has five (5) or more years' experience in conducting successful executive searches with municipalities and other government or non-profit organizations, and during that period has concluded at least three (3) successful searches for a Superintendent or Executive Director in Massachusetts, one of which must have been for a municipality of similar size and demographics to FRCS. The Proposer's lead consultant has more than five (5) years' experience conducting Superintendent or Executive Director searches in Massachusetts.

Advantageous: The Proposer has at least three (3) years' experience in conducting successful executive searches with municipalities, government and other non-profit organizations, and during that period has concluded at least two (2) successful executive searches for a Superintendent or Executive Director in Massachusetts. The Proposer's lead consultant has at least three (3) years' experience conducting Superintendent or Executive Director searches in Massachusetts.

Not Advantageous: The Proposer has fewer than three (3) years' experience in successful executive searches with municipalities, government and other non-profit organizations, and during that period has concluded only one successful executive searches for a Superintendent in Massachusetts. The Proposer's lead consultant has fewer than three (3) years' experience conducting Superintendent/Executive Director searches in Massachusetts.

Unacceptable: The Proposer has fewer than three (3) years' experience in executive search and hiring processes and has not concluded any successful executive searches for a Superintendent/Executive Director. The Proposer's lead consultant has no experience conducting a Superintendent/Executive Director search in Massachusetts.

Proposer's Approach to Ensuring Community Involvement

Highly Advantageous: The Proposal provides more than three (3) project examples where the proposed Lead Consultant for FRCS search has organized, trained, and facilitated working groups as part of an executive search process, with one (1) of these examples leading to the hiring of a Superintendent/Executive Director

Advantageous: The Proposal provides three (3) project examples where the proposer Lead Consultant for the FRCS search has organized, trained, and facilitated working groups as part of an executive search process, with one (1) of these examples leading to the hiring of a Superintendent/Executive Director.

Not Advantageous: The Proposal provides fewer than three (3) project examples where the proposer Lead Consultant for FRCS Superintendent/Executive Director search has organized, trained, and facilitated working groups as part of an executive search process, with one (1) of these examples leading to the hiring of a Superintendent/Executive Director.

Unacceptable: The Proposal provides fewer than three (3) project examples where the proposed Lead Consultant has organized, trained and facilitated working groups as part of an executive search process, none of which has led to the hiring of a Superintendent/Executive Director.

Proposer's Implementation Plan and Schedule

Highly Advantageous: The Proposal includes a detailed description and examples of previously successful recruitment strategies and includes a clearly delineated timeline with specific milestones for FRCS Superintendent/Executive Director search.

Advantageous: The Proposal includes an outline of some candidate recruitment strategies and an implementation plan that includes some milestones for FRCS Superintendent/Executive Director search.

Not Advantageous: The Proposal lacks specific candidate recruitment strategies or specific milestones for FRCS Superintendent/Executive Director search.

Unacceptable: The Proposal does not include any information about a proposed implementation plan and schedule.

Proposer's References

Highly Advantageous: All five (5) references were satisfied with the Proposer's work and stated that all executive search tasks were completed within the time frame required.

Advantageous: All five (5) references were satisfied with the Proposer's work and stated that all executive search tasks were completed but not within the time frame(s) required.

Not Advantageous: Fewer than five (5) references were satisfied with the end results.

Unacceptable: The preponderance of references were dissatisfied with the end results.

Proposer's Recruitment Materials

Highly Advantageous: The Proposer includes samples of advertisements, brochures and other forms of candidate outreach from at least five (5) different Superintendent/Executive Director searches with the proposal, at least one (1) of which involves a Superintendent/Executive Director search in Massachusetts.

Advantageous: The Proposer includes samples of advertisements, brochures and other forms of candidate outreach from at least three (3) different executive searches with the proposal, at least one (1) of which involves a Superintendent/Executive Director search in Massachusetts..

Not Advantageous: The Proposer includes three (3) or fewer samples of advertisements, brochures, and other forms of candidate outreach with the proposal, none of which involve a Superintendent/Executive Director search.

Unacceptable: The Proposer does not include samples of advertisements, brochures or other forms of candidate outreach.

All Technical Proposals will be given a cumulative ranking based on individual rankings of the following weighted elements, using a scoring sheet included as Attachment D: Proposer's Networking Strategies, Proposer's Experience/Key Personnel, Proposer's Approach to Ensuring Community Involvement, Proposer's Implementation Plan and Schedule, Proposer's Recruitment Materials, and Proposer's References.

The Foxborough Regional Charter School's Board of Trustees and/or their designees will invite all Proposers to be interviewed who submitted the most advantageous Technical Proposals, taking into consideration all of the Technical Proposal criteria, and have most advantageous overall evaluation ratings. Interviews will be ranked as follows:

Highly Advantageous: The Lead Consultant for this project was present, clearly stated a plan of action, demonstrated excellent communications skills, presented other personnel with experience and skills who will be assigned for the duration of this project, and successfully responded to all questions.

Advantageous: The Lead Consultant for this project was present, outlined a plan of action, demonstrated excellent communication skills, presented other personnel with experience and skills who will be assigned for the duration of this project, and successfully responded to most of the questions.

Not Advantageous: The Lead Consultant for this project was present but did not present a clear plan of action, or was unable to communicate effectively, or presented other personnel who did not have the experience and skills to work on this project and/or who would not be assigned for the duration of this project, or did not successfully respond to questions.

Unacceptable: The Lead Consultant for this project was not present at the interview or was unable to communicate effectively and did not successfully respond to questions.

At the conclusion of the interviews, a composite rating will be assigned to each Proposal. After review of the composite ranking of the Technical Proposal and interviews, the Price Proposals will be opened and evaluated by the Treasurer and Finance Director for the Foxborough Regional Charter School.

CONTRACT AWARD

The contract will be awarded to that Proposer deemed by the Board of Trustees and/or its designees to have submitted the most advantageous proposal taking into consideration all of the Technical Proposal criteria and Proposers' interviews in addition to the Price Proposals. In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, sec. 9, the Foxborough Regional Charter School reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all proposals, or to reject any or all proposals, if it be in the public's best interest to do so.

TERM OF THE CONTRACT

It is anticipated that work under this contract shall begin approximately November 2, 2020 and shall be completed on or before September 30, 2021 when it is anticipated the new Executive Director will begin employment with the Foxborough Regional Charter School. If the selected candidate begins work in Foxborough, and for any reason leaves the position within the first 12 months of employment, the consultant will conduct another search under the terms of this contract for an amount equal to out-of-pocket expenses only.

ATTACHMENT A
(To be submitted with the TECHNICAL PROPOSAL)

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word “person” shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, or other organization, entity, or group or individuals.

Name of person signing bid or proposal: _____

Name of Business Entity (if any): _____

ATTACHMENT B
(To be submitted with the TECHNICAL PROPOSAL)

CERTIFICATE OF TAX COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to MG c. 62C, § 49A, the undersigned acting on behalf of the Contractor, certifies under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the Contractor is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

**Signature of Individual

*** Contractor's Social Security Number (Voluntary) or Corporate Contractor (Mandatory) or Federal Identification Number

By: Date: _____

Corporate Officer (Mandatory, if applicable)

** The provision in the Attestation relating to child support applies only when the Contractor is an individual.

** Approval of a contract or other agreement will not be granted unless the applicant signs this certification clause.

*** Your social security number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Providers who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will not have a contract or other agreement issued, renewed, or extended. This request is made under the authority of GL c. 62C, § 49A.

ATTACHMENT C

Price Proposal (To be submitted in a **separate sealed envelope** from the Technical Proposal)

The price proposal (one original copy) must be submitted without “conditions or exceptions” and must be submitted under separate cover and in a sealed envelope.

The price proposal set forth in this proposal shall constitute full and complete compensation for the services to be provided by the Consultant’s Firm. There shall be no reimbursement for out-of-pocket or other expenses incurred by the Consultant in connection with the performance of the services without the approval of the Interim Town Manager. Any exceptions may result in the rejection of the proposal.

Price Proposal for The Foxborough Regional Charter School Executive Director search:

\$ _____ Total Fixed Fee Contract Price

Total Fixed Fee Contract Price in words: _____

Signature: _____

Date: Title: _____

Company: _____ Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____ City:

_____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email _____

ATTACHMENT D

Technical Proposal Rating Sheet

Each element of the Technical Proposal must be rated using the following scale:
Highly Advantageous -3 Advantageous -2 Not Advantageous -1 Unacceptable -0

Name of Proposer _____