

March 19, 2018

Board of Directors International Leadership of Texas

Dear Board Members:

Each Texas charter school is required to have an annual independent audit of the organization's financial records. The independent auditor works <u>for</u> the Board of Directors but works <u>with</u> the administration and financial team in order to conduct the audit and prepare the Annual Financial Report (AFR). Based on instructions from the Board, the administration sought proposals from three well-respected Dallas area audit firms to begin with the FY 2018 AFR. Two firms submitted proposals and participated in interviews with the IL Texas staff. Based on a review of the proposals, information gathered in the interviews, and reference checks, the administration recommends the Board select Sutton Frost as your independent auditor.

Following are some of the reasons for this recommendation:

- Professionalism of the staff and professional quality of the proposal.
- Three partners attended the interview and provided a well-rounded view of the capabilities of the firm. In addition, the interview team had copies of our FY 17 audit and asked questions of the administration related to that audit.
- The firm audited A+ Charter Schools while Dr. Seay was superintendent. He had a tremendous relationship with Sutton Frost personnel and positive working relationship.
- The firm has a positive working relationship with our financial Management Consultant Dynamic Support Solutions, Inc.
- Proposal cost was in line with expectations.
- Sutton Frost assured us they could perform the FY18 audit whether we changed fiscal year to end June 30 or August 31.

Sincerely.

Dr. Alan Seay

Chief Executive Officer

Ronald Kuehler

Interim Chief Financial Officer

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