

SMU RFP for Title IX Gender Equity Review Questions & Responses

1. **How would a partial acceptance of proposal items, or awarding a Preferred Agreement in part, impact the pricing structure? (RFP Section 2.6)**

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- 7. As Attachment A appears to be a sample SMU contract, may specific terms and conditions (i.e., indemnifications) be negotiated between the selected firm and the University? (RFP Section 7.0)**

SMU is open to negotiation of specific terms and conditions but requests that any exceptions to the standard contract be identified in the RFP response as noted in RFP Section 4.0.

- 8. Must Attachment A be signed by the "Designated Persons Authorized to Sign" at the time of proposal submission? (Exhibit A)**

No.

- 9. Should prospective firms insert the language the University provides in *RFP Section: 4.0 Proposal Content Requirements*? Or should the prospective firm provide its own description of services (planned approach and work steps) it plans to perform to meet the scope requirements? (Exhibit A)**

No. The selected firm's RFP response will become Exhibit A of the negotiated contract.

- 10. Please explain the approval process / criteria that the SMU Purchasing department uses to evaluate any subcontractor requests.**

If subcontractors are to be used in the engagement, the subcontractors, and their scope of work, should be clearly identified in the prospective firm's RFP response. If a subcontractor is added after contract execution, the contracted firm will need to submit a written request to the identified SMU representative for the addition.