

## **IDEA Public Schools**

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### **Abstract**

IDEA Public Schools is located in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas along the state's border with Mexico. Ninety-seven percent of the community is Hispanic; South Texas, specifically the Rio Grande Valley, has the highest concentration of Latinos in the United States. According to 2008 US Census data, 33.53% of all families live in households at or below the poverty level. A waiting list of over 12,500 students is testament alone that IDEA is in demand and that the people of South Texas want the best for their children. This CSP proposal from IDEA Public Schools meets competitive preference priorities 1 (serving a low-income student population) and 3 (contributing matching funds) and, when funded, will provide financial support to grow IDEA from a system of 16 school and an enrollment of 6,839 to 38 schools and a full-scale enrollment of 25,935—more than tripling the number of students impacted by IDEA's proven and award winning education system.

**Project Goals:** 1) Achieve College-Ready Student Results; 2) Build a Strong and Sustainable Organization; 3) Grow to Scale with Quality.