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Project Name: IDEA: Amplify

Project Goals: 1) Achieve College-Ready Student Results: Student Growth, Achievement and College Success; 2) Build a Strong and Sustainable Organization; 3) Achieve the Mission at Scale: Rapid Replication while Improving Student Achievement.

Expected outcomes and contributions for research, policy, practice: IDEA’s application meets the purpose of the CSP-- IDEA is a high-performing charter management organization recently honored as a Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools finalist for its outstanding overall student performance and improvement in reducing achievement gaps. IDEA serves a low-income, high-need, majority-minority population in Texas’ Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, and Austin. A waiting list of over 12,200 students is evidence that IDEA is in demand and that the people of South and Central Texas want the best for their children. This application addresses competitive preference priorities 1 (serving a low-income student population), 3 (promoting diversity), and 4 (Promise Zones). With CSP funding assistance, **IDEA Public Schools will grow from a district serving 15,187 students across 30 schools to one serving 35,132 students across 60 schools by the 2018-19 school year—increasing by 131% the number of students impacted by IDEA’s proven and award-winning education system.** IDEA Public Schools prepares students from underserved communities for success in college and citizenship. Firmly committed to “College For All Children,” IDEA has sent 100% of its graduates to college for eight consecutive years.

Impact/Support: +18 Replication Schools; +13 Expansion Schools; +9,464 high-quality seats

Total Project Cost: \$187,741,863 **State/Local/Other Funds Committed:** \$172,741,862

(92% of total project cost) **Total Grant Request:** \$15,000,000 (8% of total project cost)