

# THSA



TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

**Request for Information (RFI)**

**for**

**Financial Institution**

**Date of Release: March 01, 2022**

**Status: Final**

# 1. Background

## 1.1. Scope

THSA is seeking information from financial institutions (“Respondents”) as the THSA further considers its banking needs.

## 1.2. Background on the Texas Health Services Authority

The THSA is established in Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 182 as a public-private partnership to promote, implement and operate facilitate statewide health information exchange.<sup>1</sup> THSA is considered a state agency for purposes of the Public Funds Investment Act.<sup>2</sup> The THSA has a 12-member Board of Directors appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Texas Senate. The THSA's CEO and staff oversee the THSA's daily operations.

The THSA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

## 1.3. What Information Being Requested?

THSA is seeking information from financial institutions (“Respondents”) as the THSA further considers its banking needs. Specifically, THSA is gathering information in preparation to seek a financial institution that will (1) recognize and attest to the fact that THSA is a state agency for purposes of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), and (2) provide all services to the THSA that are made available to state government agencies pursuant to the PFIA.

When responding to this RFI, please ensure that you answer the following questions:

1. What services does your financial institution offer to state agencies such as the THSA?
2. Is there a minimum balance requirement for maintaining a checking account? If so, what is the minimum balance?
3. What fees would you charge to a state agency such as the THSA to maintain a checking account?
4. Is there a maximum transaction limit? If so, how much is it?
5. Is there a minimum transaction amount? If so, how much is it?
6. Does your financial institution provide linked service discounts? If so, what are they?
7. Please state specifically how you will support a state agency such as the THSA in complying with the PFIA. Please include the following information in this statement:
  - A specific statement regarding coverage in excess of FDIC limits; and
  - What systems or processes are in place to notify customers in advance if the financial institution’s policy changes regarding PFIA support.

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 182.001, .051(b).

<sup>2</sup> Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. KP-0142.

8. Has your institution been subject to a cybersecurity breach of customer records within the past 5 years?

## 2. General RFI Information

### 2.1. The THSA Point of Contact

The sole point of contact for inquiries concerning this RFI is:

George Gooch, CEO  
Texas Health Services Authority  
901 S. Mopac Expressway  
Building 1, Suite 300  
Austin, Texas 78746  
Telephone: (512) 329-2730  
info@thsa.org

All communications relating to this RFI must be directed to the THSA contact person named above.

### 2.2. RFI Schedule

The following table documents the anticipated critical events for the RFI. All dates are subject to change at the THSA's discretion.

RFI Schedule*	
RFI Release Date	03-01-2022
Deadline for Submission of Questions	03-18-2022
THSA Posts Responses to Questions	04-01-2022
RFI Responses Due	04-29-2022

\*Subject to change.

### 2.3. Deadline and Instructions for Submission of Questions and Responses

Questions regarding this RFI are due by **5:00 PM Central Time** on **March 18, 2022**. A list of questions must be submitted to the THSA point of contact via email by 5:00 PM on that date in order to be accepted for inclusion in the Q&A that will be posted on the THSA's website, [www.THSA.org](http://www.THSA.org).

Responses to this RFI are due by **5:00 PM Central Time** on the date identified in Section 2.2, RFI Schedule.

The subject line of e-mails related to this RFI shall state: **Financial Institution RFI: [Organization Name]**.

## **2.4. THSA Amendments and Announcements Regarding this RFI**

The THSA will post all official communication regarding this RFI on its website, [www.THSA.org](http://www.THSA.org). The THSA reserves the right to revise the RFI at any time. Any changes, amendments, or clarifications will be made in the form of written responses to questions, amendments, or addenda issued by the THSA via the website.

## **2.5. Costs Incurred**

Issuance of this RFI in no way constitutes a commitment by the THSA to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred by a Respondent in the preparation of a response to this RFI.

## **2.6. Copyright and Intellectual Property**

**Responses to this RFI may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act**, Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, and may be disclosed to the public upon request. Subject to the Act, Respondents may attempt to protect what they consider to be trade secret and confidential information from public release. Trade secrets or other confidential information, submitted as part of a response, must be clearly marked on each page on which such information appears. Such marking must be in boldface type and at least 14-point font. Respondents should review carefully Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, and in particular Section C, Information Excepted from Required Disclosure, for more information on exceptions to public disclosure of information under the Texas Public Information Act. Please note that the ultimate decision as to whether materials qualify for an exception under Chapter 552 rests with the Texas Attorney General's office.

The THSA reserves the right to use any and all ideas presented in a response unless the Respondent presents a valid legal case that such ideas are trade secret or confidential information and identifies the information as such in the manner described in the preceding paragraph. A Respondent may not object to the use of ideas that: (1) are not the Respondent's legally protectable intellectual property; (2) are not designated as such in the RFI response; (3) were known to the THSA before the submission of the response; (4) were in the public domain at the time of the response, or thereafter enter in the public domain through no fault of the THSA; or (5) became properly known to the THSA after response submission through other sources or through acceptance of the response.