Request for Proposal/Call for Conference Speakers

The Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO) is seeking speakers for the SAO 2027 Audit Conference.

Statement of Need
The purpose of this request for proposal/call for conference speakers is to solicit proposals from qualified training providers who can develop and deliver in-person conference sessions designed to support the skills and knowledge of government audit professionals.

Intended Audience
The State Auditor's Office may provide fee-based audit training courses for state agencies (Internal Auditing Act, Government Code, Sec. 2102.012). Therefore, most of the participants are from state agencies in Texas; however, the conference is open enrollment, so the audience may be varied.

Deliverables
Interested speakers should propose 60-minute sessions. Responses should be audit-related or information technology audit-related and designed to enhance the skills and abilities of government audit professionals at all levels. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Government Operations and Accountability
- Emerging Risks
- Improving Audit Effectiveness and Impact
- Audit Practices and Professional Skills
- Fraud and Ethics
- Cybersecurity and Resilience
- Artificial Intelligence
- Overcoming challenges in Audit

This year's Audit Conference will include working lunches on both days, with lunch provided to participants as part of their registration. The SAO is also seeking speakers who would be interested in presenting during these lunch sessions. These sessions offer an opportunity to engage participants in a more informal setting while they enjoy their meals. If you are interested in presenting during a working lunch, please indicate your availability and interest when submitting your session proposal.

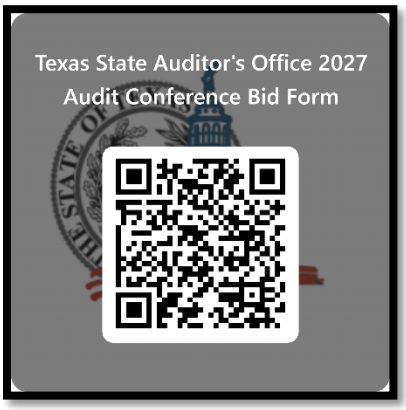
Vendors selected must offer conference session in-person on July 28 – 29, 2027 at the Commons Conference Center (formerly the J.J. Pickle Conference Center) at 10100 Burnet Road, Building 137, Austin, Texas.

All proposals must be submitted on the Texas SAO 2027 Audit Conference Bid Form. We cannot consider bids that do not use our form. Submit a separate bid form for each session proposal.

Instructions on Proposal Submission

The SAO will only accept proposals submitted electronically. Proposals must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time) on January 29, 2027.

Use the Microsoft Forms link below or QR code to submit one proposal at a time. A copy of proposals can be saved after submission. Email proposalsubmission@sao.texas.gov if you have any questions.



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Other terms/conditions

- The vendor must provide the names of the key personnel who will render the services. No changes shall be made without the SAO's prior written approval.
- In accordance with the Public Information Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 552), responses to this request for proposal may be subject to disclosure subsequent to a contract award. **Vendors are responsible for clearly and specifically identifying information they believe is proprietary when they submit their proposals.** The SAO will provide notice of requests for information that include vendors' proprietary information in accordance with the Public Information Act.
- The SAO will not accept responses to this request for proposal that are copyrighted. A speaker may use copyrighted materials for instruction purposes.
- The vendor agrees to cooperate with the SAO in fulfilling any requests for reasonable accommodations made with regard to the provision of the contractor's services by persons with disabilities pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The vendor agrees that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, or belief, be discriminated against in connection with the proposed course.