BID NUMBER/BID NAME: RFP 18MISC12, Special Education Service Providers

BID ISSUE DATE: May 18, 2018

BID CONTRACT MANAGER: Billie Laughland, Purchasing Agent, billie.laughland@fcps.org

BID CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: Carol Breeze, Director of Compliance and Student Support, carol.breeze@fcps.org

QUESTIONS: Questions due no later than 4:00 P.M., local time, on May 29, 2018. Submit questions in writing to the Contract Manager listed above with a copy to the Contract Administrator.

PRE-BID DATE: A Pre-Bid Meeting will not be held.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS: To view and/or download this solicitation package please visit our webpage at: www.fcps.org/bidlist. If you have problems downloading this bid or applicable addenda, contact: Krista Long at krista.long@fcps.org

BONDS REQUIRED: NO

MBE REQUIREMENTS: NO

BID DUE: 2:00 P.M., local time, on June 14, 2018. Faxed or emailed bids are not acceptable.

SEALED BID DELIVERED TO: Frederick County Public Schools Attn: Purchasing Department 191 South East Street Frederick, MD 21701 (Parking is available at Deck #5 on All Saints Street)

Bid proposal must be properly marked with vendor's business name, address, Bid Name and Number on the envelope or package.


ELIGIBILITY TO BID: All Frederick County Public School vendors and or contractors interested in bidding on FCPS projects must register at www.emarylandmarketplace.com. FCPS will no longer accept bidder’s applications.
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Frederick County Public Schools, MD, School Year 2017-18 Calendar

August 2017
28-31 Mon-Thu Teachers Report to Work: Training and Preparation

September 2017
01 Fri Teachers Report to Work: Training and Preparation
04 Mon Labor Day: FCPS Closed
05 Tue First Day of School for Students
21 Thu Schools Closed: Fair Day, Rosh Hashanah.

October 2017
06 Fri 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students: Teacher Mid-Term Work Session
20 Fri Schools Closed for Students: Teacher Professional Development Day

November 2017
09 Thu End of Term 1
10 Fri Schools Closed for Students: Teacher Work Day
13 Mon Term 2 Begins
17 Fri Elementary Students Dismissed 3.5 Hours Early for Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences; Middle and High Schools Are Full Day
20 Mon Elementary and Middle Schools Open 4 Hours Late for Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences; High School Is Full Day
21 Tue Elementary and Middle Students Dismissed 3.5 Hours Early for Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences; High School Is Full Day
22 Wed Schools Closed: Thanksgiving Break
23-24 Thu-Fri Schools Closed: Thanksgiving and American Indian Heritage Day

December 2017
15 Fri 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students: Teacher Mid-Term Work Session
25-29 Mon-Fri Schools Closed: Winter Break

January 2018
01 Mon Schools Closed: New Year’s Day
15 Mon Schools Closed: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
26 Fri 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students: Teacher Work Day, End of First Semester and Term 2
29 Mon Schools Closed for Students: Teacher Work Day
30 Tue Second Semester and Term 3 Begin

February 2018
16 Fri 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students: Teacher Work Session
19 Mon Schools Closed: Presidents’ Day

March 2018
02 Fri 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students: Teacher Mid-Term Work Session
30 Fri Schools Closed: Good Friday

April 2018
02 Mon Schools Closed: Easter Monday
09 Mon End of Term 3
10 Tue Schools Closed for Students: Teacher Work Day
11 Wed Term 4 Begins

May 2018
11 Fri 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students: Teacher Mid-Term Work Session
28 Mon Schools Closed: Memorial Day

June 2018
15* Fri 2-Hour Early Dismissal/Last Day of School for Students: Teacher Work Session
18* Mon Last Day of School for Teachers

*Includes 5 days for snow or other emergency closings. If no snow days are used, the last day for students is June 8. If some but not all days are needed, the school year will be shortened by the number of unused days to provide 180 days for students. The 2-hour early dismissal will occur on the last day of school for students.
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1. **BIDDER REGISTRATION (Omitted)**

2. **PRE-BID MEETING (Omitted)**

3. **RECEIPT OF BIDS**
   
   a. Bids received prior to the time of opening will be time stamped and securely kept unopened. No bid received thereafter will be considered. FCPS will not be responsible for the premature opening of bids received that are not properly addressed or identified. Any bid may be withdrawn before the scheduled time for opening bids.

   b. All inner and outer envelopes and packaging, used by Fed Ex, UPS and etc., are to be labeled with the following:
      
      - Bidder Name
      - Bid Number and Name
      - Due Date and Time

   c. Bids received after the designated date and/or time will not be accepted, regardless of when they were mailed or given to a delivery carrier.

   d. Bids not received by the date, time, and location designated on the solicitation cover sheet, due to improper labeling, may be considered non-responsive.

   e. In the event of inclement weather on the date when bids are scheduled to be opened and the FCPS offices are closed, or operating under a modified schedule, bids will be opened on the next business day at the same time as previously scheduled. Bids will be accepted until the scheduled time of opening on the next business day. (Often when schools are closed due to inclement weather, administrative offices remain open. When in doubt, call the Purchasing Department.)

4. **OPENING OF BIDS**
   
   a. Sealed bids will be opened at the location, date, and time indicated on the solicitation cover sheet.

   b. All bids received must include original signatures; no photo copies will be accepted. Unless specifically authorized, facsimile or emailed bids will not be considered. Modifications by facsimile, or email, of bids already submitted will be considered if received prior to the time set for opening. No bids will be accepted via telephone.

5. **ADDENDA**
   
   a. All changes to the bid solicitation will be made through appropriate addenda issued from the Purchasing Department.

   b. Addenda will be available on the FCPS Purchasing Department webpage. All vendors who are known by the Purchasing Department to have downloaded the bid documents will receive an email...
c. Addenda will be issued a minimum of five days prior to the bid opening date, unless the addenda issued extends the due date.

d. Each bidder shall ascertain, prior to submitting a bid that they have received all Addenda issued and the bidder shall acknowledge receipt on the Signature Acknowledgement Form. Failure of any bidder to acknowledge the receipt of addenda will not relieve that bidder from any obligations under this solicitation as amended by addenda. All addenda so issued will become a part of the award and contract documents.

6. PREPARATION OF BID

a. Should any bidder be in doubt as to the meaning of the specifications, or should they find any discrepancy or omission, they shall notify the Contract Manager listed on the solicitation cover sheet. If required, bidders will be notified of clarifications and/or additional information by means of addenda.

b. Bidder must submit one original proposal, with original signatures, unless otherwise specified. Bids must be prepared on the proposal form(s) provided.

c. Each bid will be sealed, show the full business address and contact information of the bidder and be signed by the person(s) legally authorized to sign contracts. All correspondence concerning the bid and contract, including notice of award, copy of contract, and purchase order, will be emailed, or mailed, to the address shown on the bid in the absence of written instructions from the bidder to the contrary.

d. The following items must be included in submission:

   i. Proposal pages completely and accurately filled out.
   ii. Signature Acknowledgement Form completed and signed.
   iii. Statutory Affidavit and Non-Collusion Certification form completed and signed.
   iv. Certificate of Compliance form completed and signed.

e. Bidders shall be required under Article 56, Section 270(4), Annotated Code of Maryland, to provide proof of Certificate of Registry and must be licensed to do business in the State of Maryland and must provide a tax certification number. Visit the following website to ensure compliance: www.Egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress. (This is not required for submissions by individual providers. Their Tax Identification Number (TIN) will be requested if they are awarded the contract.

f. Bids by partnerships must be signed with the partnership name, followed by the signature and designation of the person having authority to sign. When requested, satisfactory evidence of authority of the person signing will be furnished. Anyone signing the bid as an agent shall file satisfactory evidence of their authority to do so, if requested.

g. Bids by corporations must be signed with the name of the corporation, followed by the signature and designation of the person having authority to sign. When requested, satisfactory evidence of authority of the person signing will be furnished. Anyone signing the bid as an agent shall file satisfactory evidence of their authority to do so, if requested.

h. Failure to sign the bid document will result in rejection of the bid as non-responsive.
i. FCPS will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation.

7. STANDARD OF QUALITY, "OR EQUAL CLAUSES," AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Omitted)

8. SAMPLES (Omitted)

9. BID PRICING (Omitted)

10. TAXES (Omitted)

11. GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES (Omitted)

12. BID OPENING

   a. Bids shall be opened in public at the time and place designated in the bid solicitation.

   b. Complete evaluation of the proposals will not take place at the bid opening and no indication of award will be made. A final recommendation(s) shall be prepared for review and approval by the Board of Education of Frederick County.

   c. The recommended award will be posted to the FCPS BoardDocs website a minimum of three days prior to the Board of Education meeting in which it will be presented.

   d. Final award recommendation, and the bid tabulation, will be posted on the FCPS webpage, www.fcps.org/bidlist, after the Board of Education of Frederick County approval.

13. ERRORS IN BID SUBMISSIONS

   a. Bidders, or their authorized representatives, are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions and requirements of the specifications before submitting bids. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's own risk.

   b. If the bidder has made an error, the bidder may request, in writing, to have their bid withdrawn. Approval of a bidder's request is not automatic and may be given only by the Purchasing Manager. Requests for withdrawal are usually denied, unless the bidder proves to the satisfaction of the Purchasing Manager that the mistake was either a scrivener's error or another type of clearly unintentional error so departing from customary and reasonable business practices as to be obvious and to legitimately and substantially impair the vendor's business.

   c. Neither law nor regulations make allowance for errors either of omission or commission on the part of the bidders. In case of error in multiplication of unit price when arriving at total price per line item, the unit price shall govern. If there is a discrepancy between the price written in numbers and the price written in words, the words will govern.

14. AWARDS OR REJECTION OF BIDS (Modified)

   a. FCPS reserves the right to determine completeness and/or timeliness of bids, to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make partial awards, to waive any informality in any quotation, to increase or
decrease quantities if quantities are listed in the bid, to reject any bid that shows any omissions, alterations of form, additions not called for, conditions, or alternate proposals, and to make any such award as is deemed to be in its best interest.

b. Bidders may be required, before the awarding of a contract, to show to the complete satisfaction of FCPS, that they have the necessary facilities, ability and financial resources to execute the contract in a satisfactory manner, and within the time specified. Bidders may be required to demonstrate they have the necessary experience, history and references to assure FCPS of their qualifications.

c. The Board of Education of Frederick County reserves the right to award the bid within 90 days from the date of the bid opening unless a different time period is stated in the bid document.

d. A recommendation for the award of a contract will be presented to the Board of Education of Frederick County for approval. Upon approval of the award of contract, the bidder(s) shall be notified of their award(s). If applicable, an FCPS contract document shall also be issued.

e. The Board of Education of Frederick County reserves the right to reject the bid of a bidder who has, in the opinion of FCPS, failed to properly perform under previous contracts, or, who investigation shows, is not in a position to perform the contract.

f. The Board of Education of Frederick County retains the right to reject any and all bids, if it is deemed in the best interest of FCPS to do so.

g. If, during the life of the contract, a product or service does not meet the solicitation terms and conditions, FCPS retains the right to cancel the awarded item(s) and award to a new bidder, as long as that bidder mutually agrees to the award.

15. CONTRACT FORMATION (Modified)

a. Notification of the contract award will be made by letter after approval by the Board of Education of Frederick County.

b. No amendment, modification or change to the contract shall be effective unless such change is in writing and mutually agreed upon by authorized representatives of FCPS and the awarded vendor(s). Changes may not significantly alter the original scope of the agreement.

16. PROTESTS

a. The Purchasing Manager or designee (when the Purchasing Manager administers the bid being protested) shall attempt to resolve, informally, all protests of bid award recommendations. Bidders are encouraged to present their concerns promptly to the Contract Manager for consideration.

i. The bidder must submit their concern, in writing, addressed to the Purchasing Manager. It should include the following:

   • Name, address, contact information of the protestor;
   • Statement of reasons for the protest;
   • Supporting documentation to substantiate the claim;
   • The remedy sought.

ii. The protest must be received by the Purchasing Manager at least two calendar days prior to the date of the Board of Education meeting at which the recommendation will be presented.
It is the vendor’s responsibility to ascertain the date and time of award.

iii. A bidder who does not file a timely protest before the contract is awarded by the Board of Education of Frederick County is deemed to have waived any objection.

b. The Purchasing Manager shall inform the Chief Financial Officer and/or general counsel upon receipt of the protest, and shall confer with them prior to the issuance of a decision regarding disputes of contracts or awards valued at $25,000 or above.

c. The Purchasing Manager shall issue a decision in writing.

d. Should the protestor disapprove of the Purchasing Manager’s decision, they have the right to address the Board of Education of Frederick County during the public comment section of the same Board meeting where the award recommendation is scheduled for award.

e. The Board of Education of Frederick County’s decision is deemed the final action at the local level.

f. A bidder may appeal a decision of the Board directly to the Maryland State Board of Education in accordance with Board Policy 105.11 and Maryland law.

17. CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT (Omitted)

18. MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT

a. Contracts that require funding appropriation for more than one fiscal year automatically terminate if money sufficient for the continued performance is not appropriated for any fiscal year. The date of termination is the last day of the fiscal year for which money was last appropriated, or the date provided in the termination clause of the procurement contract, whichever is earlier.

b. If the multi-year contract is terminated due to lack of funding, FCPS shall reimburse the vendor for the reasonable value of any nonrecurring costs that were incurred as a result of the multi-year contract, but not amortized in the price of the supplies or services delivered under the multi-year contract. The reasonable value will be negotiated, and mutually agreed upon, by FCPS and the vendor.

c. The cost of termination may be paid from any appropriation available for that purpose.

19. HOLD HARMLESS

It is understood that the awarded vendor(s) shall defend and hold harmless the Board of Education of Frederick County, and its representatives, from all suits, actions, or claims of any kind brought about as a result of any injuries or damages sustained by person(s) or property during the performance of this contract.

20. CONTRACT DISPUTES

a. Any dispute arising under this contract shall be decided by the Contract Administrator, the Contract Manager and the Purchasing Manager, who will communicate their decision to writing and furnish a copy to the vendor. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless, within 30 days, the vendor furnishes a written appeal addressed to the Board of Education of Frederick County. The local Board of Education has the right to hear appeals as provided by Maryland law.
b. The Board of Education of Frederick County, or its duly authorized representative, will review the appeal for the determination of such appeal and their finding shall be final and conclusive. In connection with any appeal preceding under this clause, the vendor will be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of his appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute, the vendor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in strict accordance with the FCPS staff’s decision. Exceptions are decisions determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as to imply bad faith, or not supported by evidence.

c. This clause does not preclude consideration of laws questioned in connection with the decision provided for above.

21. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

a. When an awarded vendor has not performed or has unsatisfactorily performed the contract, payment shall be withheld at the discretion of FCPS. FCPS may, by written notice of default to the vendor, terminate the whole or any part of the contract in any of the following circumstances:

   i. If the vendor fails to perform the services or provide the products within the time and manner specific herein or any extension thereof, or:

   ii. If the vendor fails to perform any of the provisions of this contact, or fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract, in accordance with its terms and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of ten calendar days (or longer as authorized by the Purchasing Manager) after receipt of written notice from the Purchasing Manager of such failure, or:

   iii. If the vendor willfully attempts to perform the services other than specified as to coverage, limits, protections, and quality or otherwise, without specified authorization in the form of contract amendment, or:

   iv. If a determination is made by FCPS that the obtaining of the contract was influenced by an employee FCPS having received a gratuity, or a promise therefore, in any way or form.

b. In the event FCPS terminates the contract in whole or in part, FCPS may procure such products and services, in a manner the Purchasing Manager deems appropriate, and the vendor shall be liable to FCPS for any additional cost(s) incurred.

c. If, after notice of termination of this contract under provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the vendor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to a termination for convenience.

22. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

The contract may be terminated by FCPS in accordance with this clause in whole, or in part, whenever FCPS determines that such a termination is in the best interest of FCPS. Written notice shall be given a minimum of 30 days in advance. FCPS will pay for all services, in accordance with contract pricing, up to the date of the termination. However, the awarded vendor(s) shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination. Under this contract, the awarded vendor does not have a right to unilateral termination for convenience.
23. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE**

The solicitation shall be construed in accordance with, and interpreted under, the laws of the State of Maryland. Any lawsuits shall be filed in the appropriate State Court located in Frederick County, Maryland.

24. **MULTI-AGENCY PARTICIPATION**

a. FCPS reserves the right to extend the terms and conditions of this solicitation to any and all other agencies within the state of Maryland, as well as, any other federal, state, municipal, county, or local governmental agency under the jurisdiction of the United States and its territories. This is conditioned upon mutual agreement of all parties pursuant to special requirements, which may be appended thereto. The awarded vendor(s) agrees to notify the issuing body of those entities that wish to use any contract resulting from this bid and will also provide usage information, which may be requested.

b. By agreeing to extend the contract to other agencies, the vendor(s) reaffirms and warrants his original commitment to FCPS so that afterwards all items and services shall continue to conform to the requirements and conditions of the original agreement for its duration. Agencies who utilize the contract agree to notify FCPS Purchasing Department of any significant experiences, problems or issues which may, or may have the potential to, affect our administration of this contract.

c. FCPS assumes no obligation on behalf of any other agency and shall be held harmless if either party is damaged due to the agency or vendor’s failure to become informed of, or comply with, any provision or pricing under this agreement. All purchase orders and billing will be transacted between the vendor and the public agency.

d. Each participating jurisdiction or agency shall enter into its own contract with the awarded vendor(s) and this contract shall be binding only upon the principals signing such an agreement. Invoices shall be submitted in duplicate “directly” to the ordering jurisdiction for each unit purchased. Disputes over the execution of any contract shall be the responsibility of the participating jurisdiction or agency that entered into that contract. Disputes must be resolved solely between the participating agency and the awarded vendor(s). The Lead Agency does not assume any responsibility other than to obtain pricing for the specifications provided.

25. **PACKAGING AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS (Omitted)**

26. **BILLING AND PAYMENT**

a. Invoices shall be submitted to: accounts.payable@FCPS.org or in duplicate to:

   FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
   Accounts Payable Department
   191 South East Street
   Frederick, MD 21701

b. Invoices and packing slips must contain the following information:
   i. Bid Number
   ii. Purchase Order Number
   iii. Item Number (if applicable)
   iv. Quantity (if applicable)
v. Brief Description of Item or Work Performed
vi. Unit Price Bid/Partial Payment Amount
vii. Extended Total for Each Item
viii. Grand Total
ix. Public School Construction Number (PSC) (if applicable)

c. Payments will be made by FCPS check, single use credit account or credit card. Credit card statements with level three data are preferred. Bidders are prohibited from charging additional costs or fees from their bid price to process such orders.

27. **COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS (Modified)**

a. The awarded vendor(s) will abide by, and comply with, the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but will fully complete every part as to the true intent and meaning of the specifications and drawings.

b. In the case of any apparent conflict between the specifications and such laws, ordinances, etc., the awarded vendor(s) will contact the Contract Administrator and the Contract Manager for a decision before proceeding with any work.

28. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES (Omitted)**

29. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS (Omitted)**

30. **LAWS AND REGULATIONS (Modified)**

a. The vendor will comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to work under their charge. If the vendor performs any work which it knows or should know to be contrary to such laws, ordinance, and regulations and without such notices to FCPS they shall bear all costs arising therefrom.

b. All vendors and must abide by the Board of Education of Frederick County policies and FCPS regulations while working on school property.

c. The vendor certifies that their firm adheres to or follows non-discriminatory practices with respect to the employment and promotion of personnel without regard to color, creed, race, sex, or national origin.

31. **PATENTS (Omitted)**

32. **TECHNOLOGY-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL PRODUCTS (Omitted)**

33. **EMPLOYMENT OF CHILD SEX OFFENDERS AND PERSONS WITH UNCONTROLLED ACCESS TO STUDENTS**

a. Be advised that individuals who are registered sex offenders are not eligible to work on any FCPS’ project. The awarded vendor(s) must initially check the Maryland Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services’ Maryland Sex Offender Registry and search for the name of any employee to be assigned to work on this project. This applies to subcontractors and material/equipment suppliers as well. For projects lasting more than a few months, the vendor will periodically re-check the names of workers against the registry to ensure ongoing compliance. In the event that a registered sex
offender is discovered to be working on a FCPS project, whether through employment by the vendor, subcontractor or equipment or material supplier, FCPS will notify the site superintendent to immediately remove the individual from the premises and permanently terminate his work assignment. FCPS may terminate this contract at no additional costs, as a result if the vendor is unable to demonstrate they have exercised care and diligence in the past in checking the Maryland registry.

b. Contracted service providers who have regular, direct and unsupervised access to children cannot begin service without undergoing the same process as new employees per FCPS Regulation 300-33. If required, an awarded vendor(s) is responsible for payment of the full cost of the criminal background check. Additional information regarding this requirement will be found in Section II.

c. The awarded vendor(s), or subcontractor(s), may not knowingly assign an employee to work on FCPS school premises with direct, unsupervised, and uncontrolled access to children, if the employee has been convicted of a crime identified as a crime of violence.

d. The awarded vendor(s) will not assign employees who has been convicted of an offense under § 3-307 or § 3-308 of the Criminal Law Article or an offense under the laws of another state that would constitute a violation of § 3-307 or § 3-308 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in the state.

e. An awarded vendor will not assign employee who has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article, or an offense under the laws of another state that would be a violation of § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in this state.

34. DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE

a. All awarded vendors and subcontractors must abide by Board Policy 112 while working on any FCPS property at all times.

b. The Board of Education of Frederick County endorses the provisions of Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D (Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988) and Public Law 101-226 (The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989) and regulations promulgated there under and establishes a drug-free and alcohol-free workplace and school system.

c. Maryland State Law (COMAR 13A.02.04) provides that each local school system is required to maintain a tobacco-free school environment.

35. WEAPON POSSESSION ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

a. The criminal code of Maryland makes it illegal to possess a weapon on school property.

b. No person shall carry or possess any rifle, gun, knife, or deadly weapon of any kind on FCPS property.

c. Any awarded vendor(s) whose employees violate this clause may be subject to the termination of the contact for cause.
36. **FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATOR REQUIREMENT** (Omitted)

37. **ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT LABOR** (Omitted)

38. **STUDENT/STAFF CONFIDENTIALITY**

Under no circumstances may any vendor/contractor/provider/consultant release, disclose, sell or otherwise use names, addresses, or any other information related to students, or staff, of FCPS and may only use this information for purposes required under any contract/agreement or memorandum of understanding.

39. **PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT NOTICE**

a. Bidders should identify those portions of their solicitation, which they deem to be confidential, or to contain proprietary commercial information or trade secrets. Bidders should provide justification why such material, upon request, should not be disclosed by FCPS under the Public Information Act, Title 4, General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

b. Unless portions of a solicitation are identified as confidential, all records are considered public. A person or governmental unit that wishes to inspect a public record, or receive copies of a public record, shall submit a written or electronic request and direct it to the Office of Legal Services per FCPS Regulation 200-42.

40. **FORCE MAJEURE**

Force Majeure is defined as an occurrence beyond the control of the affected party and not avoidable by reason of diligence. It includes the acts of nature, war, riots, strikes, fire, floods, epidemics, terrorism, or other similar occurrences. If either party is delayed by Force Majeure, said party shall provide written notification to the other within 48 hours. Delays shall cease as soon as practicable and written notification of same provided. The time of contract completion may be extended by contract modification, for a period of time equal to that delay caused under this condition. FCPS may also consider requests for price increase for raw materials that are directly attributable to the cause of delay. FCPS reserves the right to cancel the contract and/or purchase materials, equipment or services from the best available source during the time of Force Majeure, and the vendor shall have no recourse against FCPS. Further, except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other or deemed in default under this contract, if and to the extent that such party’s performance of this contract is prevented by reason of Force Majeure as defined herein.

41. **ETHICS POLICY**

a. The Board of Education of Frederick County has an Ethics Policy, which covers conflict of interest, financial disclosure and lobbying. All bidders are expected to comply with any and all Ethics Policies that may apply to them individually or as a business entity.

b. All bidders should carefully review Board Policy 109, Ethics, which prohibits FCPS employees from benefiting from business with the school system.

42. **NON-COLLUSION**

a. Bidder represents and certifies that prices for these services have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition or any
matter related to such prices with any competitor or other bidder. Prices quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed directly or indirectly to any competitor or other vendor prior to the opening of this bid.

b. Bidder represents and certifies that it has not employed or retained any other company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working exclusively for the bidder) with the primary intent to solicit or secure the contract.

43. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The bidder will advise FCPS in writing as soon as possible, but not later than the date of award of the contract, of any known relationships with a third party, or FCPS employee or representative, which would present a significant advantage to one bidder over another bidder or present a conflict of interest with the rendering of products and services under this agreement.

44. **EMARYLANDMARKETPLACE REGISTRATION**

Contractors are required to register with www.eMarylandMarketplace.org within five days following notice of award. Maryland law requires local and state agencies to post award notices on eMaryland Marketplace. This cannot be done without the contractor’s self-registration in the system. Registration is free. Failure to comply with this requirement may be considered grounds for default. It is recommended that any interested bidder register with eMaryland Marketplace regardless of the award outcome for this procurement as it is a valuable resource for bid notification for municipalities through Maryland.
1. **SCOPE AND BACKGROUND**

   a. The intent of this solicitation is to qualify multiple certified K-12 special education providers for the following: educational/developmental assessments; music assessments and therapy; art assessments and therapy; speech-language pathology assessments and therapy in English and other languages; psychological evaluations and assessments in English and other languages; and mental health therapy.

   Note: The terms “therapist”, “consultant”, “individual” and “practitioner” are interchangeable. The terms “vendor” and “bidder” are interchangeable.

   b. FCPS has speech-language pathologists, school psychologists, and mental health therapists on staff who provide the majority of these services to 67 schools; however, staff resources are insufficient to meet all of our needs.

   c. Only bidders capable of consistently assigning individual practitioners will be considered for award. Therefore, an agency that functions primarily as a short and long term staffing provider, will not be considered for award under this solicitation, but may be interested in submitting a bid to Frederick County Public Schools under another concurrent solicitation—RFP #18MISC11, Contract Staffing Agencies for Speech-Language Pathologists, School Psychologists and School Therapists. Reference the www.fcps.org/bidlist link, ‘Current Solicitations’, for more information.

   d. FCPS does not contract for occupational or physical therapeutic services for its general school population.

   f. **Recent Annual Statistics are averages and provided for information purposes only:**

      - Educational Assessments / $21,250 / Estimated 12 assessments
      - Music Therapy / $ 25,000 / Estimated 230 hours
      - Art Therapy / $ 15,000 / Estimated 120 hours
      - Speech Language Assessments and Therapy / $122,000 / Estimated 1700 hours
      - English Psychological Assessments / $39,000 / Estimated 55 assessments
      - Bi-Lingual Psychological Assessments / $5,000 / Estimated 6 assessments
      - School Mental Health Therapy / $20,000 / Estimated 270 hours

2. **CONTRACT PERIOD**

   The initial contract term shall be effective from date of award through June 30, 2020, with one two-year renewal term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, at the discretion of the Board of Education or designee. A vendor submitting a bid automatically accepts the possible renewal as a condition of award and acknowledges that all terms and conditions remain unchanged.

3. **PRICING**

   a. All rates shall remain firm through the initial contract period.

   b. Price adjustments may be considered only at renewal. The request is subject to approval by the Contracting Officer. The request must be submitted in writing at least 60 days prior to the
renewal term and shall be accompanied by supporting documentation that justifies the request.

4. **CONTRACT TERMS**

   a. FCPS makes no commitment to a specific number of referrals or a value of work during the contract period.

   b. This solicitation, the provider’s proposal submission, and a purchase order with specific assignment information, constitute the entire contractual agreement between FCPS and the consultant. Supplemental contract documents are unnecessary.

   c. Any exceptions to these terms and conditions must be clearly outlined in a vendor’s proposal. Exceptions that are not in the best interest of FCPS may be grounds for rejection of a proposal.

   d. FCPS intends that an independent contractor relationship be created by this agreement and nothing herein shall be misconstrued as creating an employer/employee relationship. Awarded vendors are required to make appropriate filings with the taxing authorities and to account for and make all payments required by local, state and federal authorities for income and social security taxes.

   e. Prior to accepting a referral working at a school and directly interacting with a student, the provider must be fingerprinted or complete a 365-day form (if they have been fingerprinted in the last year by FCPS).

   f. The provider will come to the Human Resources Department, 191 South East Street, Frederick, MD 21701 and present a photo ID and a letter indicating their referral from the appropriate office of special education and psychological services. They are expected to sign a disclosure form. Fingerprints will be submitted to the State Criminal Justice Information System and to the FBI. Fees for processing criminal background checks are set by the FCPS Human Resources Division and are the responsibility of the provider. The current fee is $34.50.

   g. The provider will be issued identification which must be worn at all times while on school or FCPS property.

   h. Art and music therapists are expected to provide their own materials. The cost of these will not be reimbursed.

5. **QUALIFYING ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS**

   a. Other providers may become qualified throughout the contract period if it is determined that their services that would be beneficial to FCPS.

   b. Under such circumstances, the provider is expected to meet the same bid requirements and offer competitive rates.

   c. Providers would be notified in writing of their qualification status no later than forty-five days from receipt of their proposal and will be considered approved as of that notification date.

6. **REFERRALS, BILLING AND PAYMENT**

   a. When an assessment, evaluation or therapeutic service is needed, the special education supervisor who oversees the specific service category will contact one or more approved consultants to determine their availability.
b. An individual may turn down a referral if they are temporarily unavailable due to other work commitments; however, continual unavailability may be grounds for non-renewal or contract termination.

c. Timelines for completion of an assessment is essential and must be in accordance with state and federally mandated guidelines--initial assessments (60 calendar days) and re-evaluations (90 calendar days) following the receipt of parental permission or a recommendation for the evaluation from an IEP team (whichever comes first).

d. Copies of the assessment must be provided to school based IEP team and to the parent within five business days prior to the scheduled IEP meeting in which the assessment is to be reviewed.

e. Following completion, a copy of the assessment or report will be submitted to the appropriate office of special education and psychological services.

f. FCPS uses the Maryland State Online Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

i. FCPS retains the right to issue one purchase order per qualified provider with partial payments made on a monthly basis upon receipt of billing for the prior month’s referrals, or one purchase order per referral.

j. Services shall be performed at the rates provided on the Form of Proposal. The rates offered must include all labor, travel, and incidental costs associated with the service and the follow-up services, including: evaluations; observations; written reports; recommendations and recorded observations to FCPS as directed.

k. Invoices may be mailed in duplicate or emailed to:
   Accounts Payable Office
   Accounts.payable@fcps.org
   Frederick County Public Schools
   191 South East Street
   Frederick, MD 21701

l. FCPS will pay invoices at terms of Net 30 days upon verification of work performed and receipt of required documentation.

m. Questions regarding payment status should be made directly to Accounts Payable, Christie Williams, Manager, 301.644.5049.

7. PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL

a. Due to possible changes and/or additions to the solicitation package, FCPS requests that bidders delay submission of their bid package until after the date that questions are due to allow time for the possible issuance of an addendum. All changes will be processed through appropriate addenda.

b. Individual providers are exempt from providing a Certificate of Registry and proof of a business registration with the State of MD Department of Assessments and Taxation. This is applies only to companies.

c. Where any form contained herein calls for the legal name of the company or authorized representative, individual providers should fill in the space with “Not Applicable”.
d. The Technical and Cost Proposals are to be in separate sealed envelopes and submitted, clipped/banded together, at the same time. The cost proposals will be opened at a different time than the technical proposals.

e. **Technical Proposal:**
   i. Submit one original of the Technical Proposal, along with an electronic copy on a USB flash drive, in a sealed envelope, properly labeled on the outside with the bidder’s name, bid # and “TECHNICAL PROPOSAL”. Do not include the cost proposal on the flash drive!

   ii. The Technical Proposal will include the following forms completed:
       - Signature Page
       - Statutory Affidavit and Non-Collusion Certification
       - Certification of Compliance
       - Questionnaire
       - Supporting documents

f. **Cost Proposal:**
   i. Submit one original Cost Proposal in a sealed envelope, properly labeled on the outside with the bidder’s name, bid # and “COST PROPOSAL”. The Cost Proposal will include only a completed Form of Proposal.

   ii. No separate costs for travel, mileage, overhead or miscellaneous are acceptable. All costs are to be included in the rates on the Form of Proposal.

8. **EVALUATION CRITERIA AND AWARD**

   a. A committee of FCPS staff will independently review and evaluate each technical proposal.

   b. The process for determining which vendor(s) to approve may take the form of either a questionnaire, interview, and/or site visit, and includes appraisals of various aspects of the provider’s business including capacity, financial stability, quality assurance, organizational structure and processes and performance.

   c. 70 points will be assigned for the technical proposal and will be assigned as follows:
       - Qualifications – 40
       - Insurance – 5
       - Legal Issues – 5
       - References – 20

   d. Based on the information obtained via the evaluation, a provider is scored and is either approved or not approved as one from whom to procure services.

   e. Points will be deducted for incomplete or missing responses, or responses that do not follow the required format. Extraneous marketing materials or irrelevant information is not to be submitted.

   f. If not approved, the provider will not be considered further in price evaluations.

   g. If approved, cost proposals will be evaluated utilizing historical data. 30 total points will be assigned with the maximum points given for the lowest overall calculated costs.

   h. Final ranking will be made on the basis of the criteria and rubric listed above.
i. An interview may be required to obtain more information prior to recommendation for award, and additional points may be assigned or deducted.

j. It is our intention to qualify multiple providers in each of the categories in order to facilitate the varied needs of FCPS. If the qualified list does not yield a consultant for a particular project, FCPS retains the right to obtain the service from another source. Conversely, if there are a large number of responses received for any particular category, FCPS retains the right to score the proposals and qualify only the highest ranking submissions.

9. VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Modified)
   a. The contract manager and administrator shall confer periodically to discuss the status of the contract. If issues of noncompliance which may arise throughout the contract term shall be brought to the attention of the contract manager as they occur.
   b. Where performance specifications have been identified in the bidding document, the contract administrator shall utilize these and other professional standards as the basis of determining contract compliance.
   c. If noncompliance occurs, it shall be documented in a timely manner, including actions taken and final resolution. Copies of the correspondence will be maintained in the Purchasing Department bid documents.
   d. Issues of noncompliance will be handled on a case-by-case basis. This may include, but is not limited to, written correspondence, face-to-face meetings, and/or an agreed upon performance management plan. FCPS retains the right to terminate the contract, in whole or in part, if the noncompliance issue is not resolved to the satisfaction of FCPS.

10. INSURANCE (Modified)
   FCPS requires insurance certificates evidencing the compliance of insurance requirements at least ten calendar days after receipt of the Notice of Award. The vendor will not commence work until a notice to proceed letter, or purchase order, is issued, nor will the vendor allow any subcontractor to commence work on their subcontract until the insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.
   a. Worker's Compensation (Only Applies To Companies With Five Or More Employees)
      The vendor will procure and maintain, during the life of the contract, Worker's Compensation Insurance, as required by applicable State laws. In the case of sublet work, the vendor will require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the vendor’s Worker's Compensation Insurance.
   b. Employers' Liability Insurance (May Not Apply)
      The vendor will procure and maintain, during the life of the contract, Employers' Liability Insurance in the following amounts:
      
      | Description                  | Amount               |
      |-------------------------------|----------------------|
      | E.L. Each Accident            | $100,000.00          |
      | E.L. Disease - Each Employee  | $100,000.00          |
      | E.L. Disease - Policy Limit    | $500,000.00 each employee |
      
      The vendor will require any subcontractor to procure and maintain Employer's Liability Insurance during the life of the contract. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to ensure that all subcontractors comply with this provision, and the vendor will indemnify, and hold harmless, the
c. **Commercial General Liability Insurance (Limits May Vary)**

The vendor will procure and maintain, during the life of the contract, Commercial General Liability Insurance including premises and operations, completed operations and products, on a per occurrence basis, with at least the following limits:

- General Aggregate: $2,000,000 per project
- Products-Completed Operations Aggregate: $2,000,000
- Personal & Advertising Injury: $1,000,000 each occurrence
- Each Occurrence: $1,000,000
- Fire Damage: $50,000
- Medical Expense: $5,000 any one person

The “X, C, U” Coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground property damage shall not be excluded from the policy. (Not Applicable)

Completed operations liability coverage shall be in force for one year after completion of work. (Not Applicable)

d. **Professional Liability Insurance (Added for this Contract)**

The vendor will procure and maintain, during the life of the contract, Professional Liability Insurance with at least the following limits:

- Per Occurrence: $1,000,000
- Aggregate Limit: $3,000,000

e. **Scope of Insurance and Special Hazards (Not Applicable)**

f. **Comprehensive Automobile Liability (Limits May Vary)**

The vendor shall maintain Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance including all automotive equipment owned, non-owned and hired, operated, rented, or leased. Minimum limits of Automobile Liability Insurance shall be:

- Bodily Injury: $1,000,000 per person/$1,000,000 accident
- Property Damage: $1,000,000 each occurrence, or
- Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability: $1,000,000

g. **Subcontractor's Insurance (Not Applicable)**

h. **Builder's Insurance (Not Applicable)**

i. **Proof of Carriage of Insurance (Contact Your Insurance Carrier To Provide A “Certificate Of Insurance”)**

The vendor will furnish FCPS with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations covered, effective dates and dates of expiration of policies. Such certificates also shall contain substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certificate will not be cancelled or materially altered, except after thirty days written notice has been received by FCPS."

i. **Additional Insured**

The Owner, Board of Education of Frederick County, the Frederick County Government, and other entities stipulated by the Owner, shall be named as additional insured on all vendor’s policies, other than Worker’s Compensation Insurance policy. The vendor’s insurance will be primary and non-contributory to any insurance carried by the Board of Education of Frederick County or other entity.
Waiver of subrogation applies to above policies in favor of the certificate holder. Insurance providers must have an AM Best Company rating of at least A-/VIII.

11. PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS

a. MUSIC THERAPIST

1.) Music therapy is the specialized use of music by a credentialed professional who develops individualized treatment and supportive interventions for people of all ages and ability levels to address their social, communication, emotional, physical, cognitive, sensory and spiritual needs.

2.) The Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT) is the only organization to certify music therapists to practice music therapy nationally. Its MT-BC program has been fully accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) since 1986.

3.) Ethical behavior is essential for professional therapists in order to protect the public. In order to remain current in knowledge of ethical issues, continuing education in this topic is necessary. Other ICE (Institute for Credentialing Excellence) organizations have implemented or will implement a continuing education requirement in ethics and professional practice. CBMT will remain consistent with and equal to other ICE organizations by adding this requirement.

b. ART THERAPIST

1.) Art therapy is the specialized use of art by a credentialed professional who develops individualized treatment and supportive interventions for people of all ages and ability levels to address their social, communication, emotional, physical, cognitive, sensory and spiritual needs.

2.) Art therapists are master’s level clinicians who are required to have both credentialing through the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB), a division of the American Art Therapy Association, and are a Licensed Professional Art Therapist.

3.) The American Art Therapy Association supports federal and state policies, legislation, regulations, judicial actions, and initiatives that encourage, promote, and support efforts to gain a professional art therapy license and licensure of art therapists.

c. SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

1.) The Bidder shall have three years of experience providing speech-language therapy services for students identified with speech-language impairments.

2.) The Bidder shall be certified as a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and be able to provide proof of current certification by the Maryland State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists. Certification of a Masters of Arts or Science Degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

3.) Certification of clinical competence issued by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).

4.) The Speech-Language Pathologist shall provide verification of tuberculosis test acceptable for licensure standards prior to beginning speech therapy services.

d. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
1.) A School psychologist has the primary responsibility for completing psychological evaluations and providing a written report to help determine special education eligibility and provide educational planning.

2.) Required:
   • Nationally Certified School Psychologist or Maryland School Psychologist Certification, or be a Licensed Psychologist.
   • Minimum two year work history as a psychologist.
   • Demonstrated outstanding written and oral communication skills.
   • Understanding of professional ethics and behaviors.
   • Capable of performing the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodations.

3.) Evaluations:
   • The provider will possess the ability to select, administer and interpret the appropriate psychological assessments for **English** speaking students of all ages with suspected disabilities. These assessment tools may include standardized instruments, informal measures, rating scales and observations to collect data.
   • FCPS also requires **Spanish/English bilingual assessments**. The provider will possess the ability to select, administer and interpret the appropriate psychological assessments for Spanish speaking students of all ages with suspected disabilities. These assessment tools may include standardized instruments, informal measures, rating scales and observations to collect data.

4.) For all evaluations, a formal report summarizing this information will be provided to the Office of Psychological Services within the specified time frame.

**e. BILINGUAL ASSESSMENTS**

1.) The provider will possess the ability to select, administer and interpret the appropriate educational or speech and language assessments for students of all ages who are English Language Learners with suspected disabilities. These assessment tools may include standardized instruments, informal measures, rating scales and observations to collect data. A formal report summarizing this information will be provided to school based Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams to assist their decision making and problem solving when determining eligibility for special education services.

2.) The examiner must possess valid Maryland teaching certification in Special Education which includes Grades K-12, or a valid Maryland school psychologist certification, or be a licensed Psychologist.

3.) FCPS completes our own educational assessments within the county through our special education teachers. We only have a need for bilingual educational assessments, the majority of which are conducted in Spanish.

**f. SCHOOL THERAPIST**

1.) A School Therapist has the primary responsibility to provide group, individual, and intervention services for students with serious social, emotional and behavioral issues, and to coordinate services provided by the school system and community agencies.

2.) Required:
   • Master’s degree from an accredited institution.
   • Hold current license as: Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical, Licensed Clinical
Professional Counselor, or Licensed Psychologist.
- Minimum of three years’ experience as a therapist.
- Demonstrated outstanding written and oral communication skills.
- Understanding of professional ethics and behaviors.
- Capable of performing the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodations.

3.) Preferred:
- Experience working in schools with children and adolescents with significant emotional and behavioral difficulties.
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TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

This form or a facsimile thereof must be completed in its entirety and the requested documents submitted accordingly. Additional sheets may be included for lengthy responses but the question or line item number must be used as reference. Extraneous marketing materials are not to be submitted because this will slow down the evaluation process.

I. QUALIFICATIONS

1. For which category(ies) of services do you wish to be considered:

   _____ Educational/Developmental Assessments   _____ Speech-Language Pathology
   _____ Music Therapy        _____ Psychological Assessments
   _____ Art Therapy         _____ School Counseling Services

2. How many years have you been practicing in this field?

3. Submit a resume or curriculum vitae, evidencing education and work history.

4. List the credentials and certifications that you hold.

5. List any special skills that distinguish you from other consultants in your field—i.e. speak a foreign language?

6. What is the minimum amount of notification time you require to be able to conduct an evaluation?

7. Acknowledge that mileage will not be charged to or from a school assignment or between assignments should they occur at different sites on the same day.

8. Provide your contact information for scheduling evaluations:

   Email Address: ___________________________ Phone: ____________________

II. INSURANCE

1. Do you carry auto liability insurance?

2. Do you carry general liability and/or professional liability insurance?

3. Submit a copy of your insurance card or a certificate of insurance (COI) from the insurance company(s) evidencing the amount of coverage in #2.
III. LEGAL ISSUES

1. List any past or pending lawsuits or legal actions including year, reason for litigation, and final disposition. If none, state ‘Not Applicable’.

2. List and describe of any incidences of termination of contracts. If none, state ‘Not applicable’.

IV. REFERENCES: Our objective is to validate your work experience.

1. Have you performed any contractual work with Frederick County Public Schools in the last five years? If so, briefly describe the services provided and year in which they were performed.

2. Provide additional references for three non-FCPS clients during the last five years. References are preferred for non-profit agencies or school systems and within the State of Maryland. If no clients are in Maryland, list clients in nearby states. FCPS will contact them as references. If you have only provided services for individual clients, so indicate below, and you will be exempt from this section. We acknowledge HIPPA and FERPA client privilege.

   #1 Customer Name: ________________________________ City/State: __________________
   Name of Contact: ________________________________ Title: _________________________
   Email Address: ________________________________ Phone: _________________________
   Services Provided: ______________________________________________________________

   #2 Customer Name: ________________________________ City/State: __________________
   Name of Contact: ________________________________ Title: _________________________
   Email Address: ________________________________ Phone: _________________________
   Services Provided: ______________________________________________________________

   #3 Customer Name: ________________________________ City/State: __________________
   Name of Contact: ________________________________ Title: _________________________
   Email Address: ________________________________ Phone: _________________________
   Services Provided: ______________________________________________________________
In compliance with your request for proposal, the undersigned proposes to provide services, including all related expenses (for overhead, profit, labor, administrative fees, insurance, workmen’s compensation, license fees, travel, mileage, report writing, and incidentals) as indicated below for Special Education. I/we understand that this is on an indefinite quantities basis, for the initial contract term, and is in strict accordance with the specifications, at the following rates:

**PART I: SERVICE TYPE:**
Please identify below whether you are a bidding as a company or an individual provider, and the specific services for which you have submitted this proposal. Unit price contracts may be established with more than one firm for each of these categories. (Check all applicable)

A. _____ Company or _____ Individual Provider

B. SERVICES PROVIDED (check all that apply):
   _____ Educational/Developmental Assessments
   _____ Speech-Language Pathology Services
   _____ Music Therapy Services
   _____ Psychological Evaluations/Assessments
   _____ Art Therapy Services
   _____ Mental Health Therapy Services

**PART II: PRICING:**

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NAME: ____________________________________________________________

TITLE: ____________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE: _______________________________________________________

COMPANY NAME: __________________________________________________

(If submitting on behalf of a company)
SIGNATURE ACKNOWLEDGING PROPOSAL

Note: When submitting your bid/proposal, please use this page as a cover sheet for your proposal.

In compliance with your invitation for bidders, the undersigned proposes to furnish and deliver all labor and materials in accordance with the accompanying specifications and "Instructions and General Conditions" for the price as listed on the enclosed Proposal Sheet(s).

I/We certify that this bid/proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm, or corporation submitting a bid/proposal for the same goods/services and is, in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that none of this company's officers, directors, partners or its employees have been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or federal government; and that no member of the Board of Education of Frederick County, Administrative or Supervisory Personnel or other employees of the Frederick County Public Schools, has any interest in the bidding company except as follows:

COMPANY: ________________________________________________________________

dba: _______________________________________________________________________

REGISTERED MARYLAND CONTRACTOR NUMBER: _____________________________

FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION: __________________________________ DATE: __________

The undersigned has familiarized themselves with the conditions affecting the work, the specifications, and is legally authorized to make this proposal on behalf of the Contractor listed above.

NAME (please print): _________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE OF ABOVE: ____________________________________________________

TITLE: _____________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:

____________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE # ______________________ FAX # ______________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS (for correspondence): ________________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS (for receiving Purchase Orders): _________________________

(DO NOT COMPLETE THIS AREA IF YOUR COMPANY IS UNABLE TO RECEIVE PURCHASE ORDERS ELECTRONICALLY)

____________________________________________________________________________

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA (if applicable)

The above-signed company/firm acknowledges the receipt of the following addenda for the above-referenced solicitation.

Date Received by Proposer/Bidder:

Addendum #1 ______________________ Addendum #2 ______________________

Addendum #3 ______________________ Addendum #4 ______________________

Addendum #5 ______________________ Addendum #6 ______________________
Special Instructions: An authorized representative of the bidder needs to complete the following affidavit and insert an answer to paragraphs 1 and 3.

BIDDERS: The submission of the following Affidavit at the time of the bid opening is:

- [X] requested to be completed but not required to be notarized.
- [ ] required to be completed and notarized.

I, _________________________________, being duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I am the ________________________ (officer) and duly authorized representative of the firm of the organization named ________________________________ whose address is ________________ and that I possess the authority to make this affidavit and certification on behalf of myself and the firm for which I am acting.

2. Except as described in paragraph 3 below, neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, the above firm, nor any of its officers, directors, or partners, or any of its employees who are directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with any public bodies has:
   
   a. been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe, under the laws of any state or of the federal government;
   
   b. been convicted under the laws of the state, another state, or the United States of: a criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, or receiving stolen property;
   
   c. been convicted of criminal violation of an antitrust statute of the State of Maryland, another state, or the United States;
   
   d. been convicted of a violation of the Racketeer influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, or the Mail Fraud Act, for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
   
   e. been convicted of any felony offenses connected with obtaining, holding, or maintaining a minority business enterprise certification, as prohibited by Section 14-308 of the State Finance & Procurement Article;
   
   f. been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction under any of the laws or statutes described in Paragraph (a) through (e) above; or
   
   g. been found civilly liable under an antitrust statute of this State, another state, or the United States for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract.

3. The only conviction, plea, or admission by any officer, director, partner, or employee of this firm to involvement in any of the conduct described in Paragraph 2 above is as follows:
If none, write “None” below. If involvement, list the date, count, or charge, official or administrative body, the individuals involved, their position with the firm, and the sentence or disposition of the charge.

__________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________
(you may attach an explanation if necessary)

4. I affirm that this firm will not knowingly enter into a contract with a public body under which a person or business debarred or suspended under Maryland State Finance and Procurement Title 16, subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction-related services, leases of real property, or construction.

5. I affirm that this proposal or bid to the Board of Education of Frederick County is genuine and not collusive or a sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived and agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding and is not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement of collusion or communication or conference, with any person to fix the bid prices of the affidavit or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or that if any bidder, or to secure an advantage against the Board of Education of Frederick County or any other person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in the proposal or bid are true. I acknowledge that, if the representations set forth in this affidavit are not true and correct, the Board of Education of Frederick County may terminate any contract awarded and take any other appropriate action.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct, that I am executing this Affidavit in compliance with Section 16-311 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and in compliance with requirements of the Board of Education of Frederick County, and that I am executing and submitting this Proposal on behalf of and as authorized by the bidder named below.

(Legal Name of Company)

dba

(Address)

(City)  (State)  (Zip)

(Telephone)  (Fax)

(Print Name)  (Title)  (Date)

(Signature)  (Title)  (Date)

We are/I am licensed to do business in the State of Maryland as a:
(   ) Corporation  (   ) Partnership  (   ) Individual  (   ) Other

If required to be notarized:

(Witness)  (Title)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this __________ day of ____________, 20___.

__________________________
NOTARY PUBLIC
1. All Contractors, subcontractors or vendors must abide by FCPS Board policies and regulations while working on FCPS property.

2. Maryland Law requires that any person who enters into a contract with a county board of education may not knowingly employ an individual to work at a school (or FCPS facility) if the individual is a registered sex offender. Please reference §11-113 of the Criminal Procedure Article of Maryland Code for penalty.

3. Be advised that individuals who are registered sex offenders are not eligible to work on any FCPS project. The Contractor must initially check the Maryland Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services’ MARYLAND SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY and search for the name of any employee to be assigned to work on this project. This applies to subcontractors and material/equipment suppliers as well.

4. In the event that a registered sex offender is discovered to be working on a FCPS project, whether through employment by the prime Contractor, subcontractor or vendor, the site superintendent will immediately remove the individual from the premises and permanently terminate his work assignment. FCPS may terminate this contract as a result if the Contractor is unable to demonstrate he has exercised care and diligence in the past in checking the Maryland registry.

5. Effective July 1, 2015, amendments to §6-113 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code further require that a contractor or subcontractor or vendor for a local school system may not knowingly assign an employee to work on school premises with direct, unsupervised, and uncontrolled access to children, if the employee has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a crime involving:

   a. A sexual offense in the third or fourth degree under §3-307 or §3-308 of the Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Code.

   b. Child sexual abuse under §3-602 of the Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Code or any other State; or

   c. A crime of violence as defined in §14-101 of the Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Code or any other State

6. Under recent amendments to §5-561 of the Family Law Article of the Maryland Code, each contractor, subcontractor or vendor shall certify by signing this affidavit that any individuals in its work-force including sub-contractors, have undergone a criminal background check, including fingerprinting, if the individuals will work in a FCPS school facility in circumstances where they have direct, unsupervised, and uncontrolled access to children.

By my signature below, I affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of this Certification of Compliance are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature__________________________________________Date___________________________________

Print name and title of signatory_______________________________________________________________

Print name of company______________________________________________________________________