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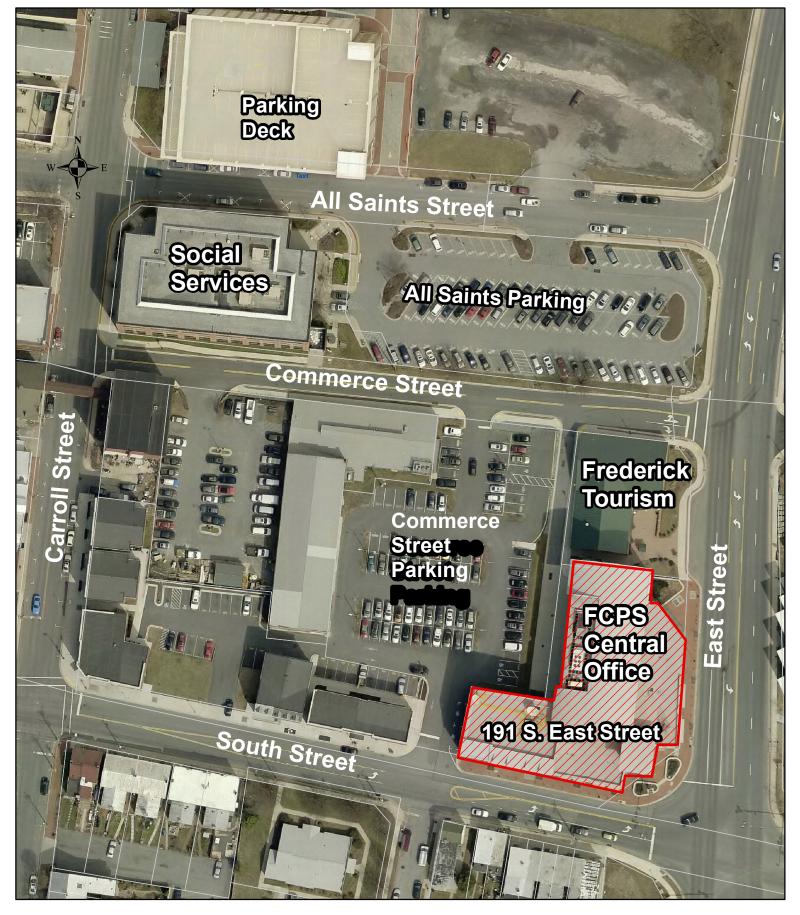
PROPOSAL NUMBER/NAME:	21MISC9, Fun Academics in the Summer Time (FAST)
PROPOSAL ISSUE DATE:	February 22, 2021
CONTRACT MANAGER:	Bill Meekins CPPB, CPPO, CSBO, CPCP, Purchasing Agent, willis.meekins@fcps.org
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:	Jessica Zentz-Ridenour, Teacher Specialist, System Accountability and School Improvement, jessica.zentz@fcps.org
QUESTIONS:	Questions due no later than 4:00 P.M., local time, on March 8, 2021. Submit questions in writing to the Contract Manager listed above with a copy to the Contract Administrator.
OBTAINING PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS:	To view and/or download this solicitation package please visit our webpage at: <u>www.fcps.org/bidlist</u> . If you have problems downloading this bid or applicable addenda, contact: Krista at <u>krista.long@fcps.org</u>
BONDS REQUIRED:	NO
MBE REQUIREMENTS:	NO
PROPOSAL DUE:	4:00 P.M., local time, on March 15, 2021. Location: Skype Meeting (240) 236-6172, 9065784# (FCPS), Conference ID: 9065784 Faxed or emailed bids are not acceptable.
SEALED PROPOSAL DELIVERED TO:	FCPS is accepting electronic bid submissions through ProcureNow Bidders can create a FREE account with ProcureNow by signing up at <u>http://secure.procurenow.com/signup</u> . Instructions on how to do so may be found at <u>https://www.fcps.org/fiscal/solicitations-and-awards</u> . No proposal submissions will be accepted via mail.
TENTATIVE AWARD DATE:	BOE Work Session, TBD
ELIGIBILITY TO BID:	All Frederick County Public School vendors and or contractors interested in bidding on FCPS projects must register at eMaryland Marketplace Advantage <u>www.procurement.maryland.gov</u> . FCPS will no longer accept bidder's applications.

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Frederick County Public Schools 191 S. East Street



THE SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

2020

August 31 (Monday)	First Day of School
September 7 (Monday)	Schools [*] and Offices Closed
September 25 (Friday)	Schools* Closed
September 28 (Monday)	Schools* Closed
October 2 (Friday)	2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
October 16 (Friday)	Schools [*] Closed for Students
October 21 (Wednesday)	4-Hour Delayed Opening: Elementary and Middle Only (Parent-Teacher Conferences), No Pre-K; High Schools Open on Time
October 22 (Thursday)	4-Hour Delayed Opening: Elementary and Middle Only (Parent-Teacher Conferences), No Pre-K; High Schools Open on Time
October 23 (Friday)	3 ½-Hour Early Dismissal: Elementary and Middle Only (Parent-Teacher Conferences), No Pre-K; High Schools Open Full Day
November 3 (Tuesday)	Schools** Closed
November 9 (Monday)	Schools* Closed for Students
November 25 (Wednesday)	Schools* and Offices Closed
November 26-27 (Thursday-Friday)	Schools** and Offices Closed
December 11 (Friday)	2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
December 24-25 (Thursday-Friday)	Schools** and Offices Closed
December 28-31 (Monday-Thursday)	Schools** Closed

All dates are subject to change, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact educational programs and school operations during the 2020-2021 school year. The *Maryland Strong Roadmap to Recovery* and the Maryland State Department of Education's *Recovery Plan for Education* guide FCPS in determining responses that will best keep students and staff safe as we work to achieve our mission to reach, challenge and prepare all students for success. Please check www.fcps.org/update and monitor FCPS FindOutFirst messages for the newest information. **★**

2021

January 1 (Friday)	Schools** and Offices Closed
January 18 (Monday)	Schools** and Offices Closed
January 29 (Friday)	Schools* Closed for Students
February 15 (Monday)	Schools** and Offices Closed
March 3 (Wednesday)	2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
March 29-31 (Monday-Wednesday)	Schools* Closed
April 1 (Thursday)	Schools* Closed
April 2-5 (Friday-Monday)	Schools** and Offices Closed
April 12 (Monday)	Schools [*] Closed for Students
May 18 (Tuesday)	2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
May 31 (Monday)	Schools** and Offices Closed
June 22*** (Tuesday)	2-Hour Early Dismissal/Last Day of School for Students

*BOE Determined

**State Mandated (See page 40)

*** This calendar includes 5 days for snow or other emergency closings. FCPS will make up days closed for inclement weather or other emergencies in the following sequence: June 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22. If no snow days are used, the last day for students is Tuesday, June 15. The June 2-hour early dismissal will occur on the last day of school for students. 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. Dates are subject to BOE revision.

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- 6. Deer Crossing 240-236-5900 Ms. Amy Routzahn, Principal 10601 Finn Drive New Market, MD 21774 Fax 240-236-5901
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- Green Valley 240-236-3400
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- 14. Lincoln ●◆★ 240-236-2650 Mr. Eric Rhodes, Principal 200 Madison Street Frederick, MD 21701 Fax 240-236-2651
- 15. Middletown 240-236-1100 Grades 3-5 Ms. Jan Hollenbeck, Principal 201 East Green Street Middletown, MD 21769 Fax 240-236-1150
- 16. Middletown Primary Grades Pre-K-2 Ms. Sandra Fox, Principal 403 Franklin Street Middletown, MD 21769 Fax 240-566-0201
- 17. Monocacy ▶●★ 240-236-1400 Mr. Troy Barnes, Principal 7421 Hayward Road Frederick, MD 21702 Fax 240-236-1401
- Myersville 240-236-1900 Ms. Dana Austin, Principal 429 Main Street Myersville, MD 21773 Fax 240-236-1901
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 Grades 3-5
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 Keymar, MD 21757
 Fax 240-236-1501
 B) Woodsboro ●
 240-236-3700
 Grades Pre-K-2
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- 23. Orchard Grove ●◆ 240-236-2400 Mr. Jay Corrigan, Principal 5898 Hannover Drive Frederick, MD 21703 Fax 240-236-2401
- 24. Parkway 240-236-2600 Ms. Nicole Bell, Principal 300 Carroll Parkway Frederick, MD 21701 Fax 240-236-2601
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- 28. Thurmont 240-236-0900 Grades 3-5 Ms. Debra O'Donnell, Principal 805 East Main Street Thurmont, MD 21788 Fax 240-236-0901

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- 33. Valley 240-236-3000 Ms. Jennifer Hyde, Principal 3519 Jefferson Pike Jefferson, MD 21755 Fax 240-236-3001
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- 55. Governor Thomas 240-236-8200 Johnson Ms. Tracey K. Kibler, Principal 1501 North Market Street Frederick, MD 21701 Fax 240-236-8201
- 56. Linganore 240-566-9700 Ms. Cynthia Hanlon, Principal 12013 Old Annapolis Road Frederick, MD 21701 Fax 240-566-9701
- 57. Middletown 240-236-7400 Mr. Bernard Quesada, Principal 200 Schoolhouse Drive Middletown, MD 21769 Fax 240-236-7450
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KEY

- Half-day pre-kindergarten program available
- Full-day pre-kindergarten program available
- Special education pre-kindergarten available
- ★ STAR (Title I) Schools

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- 60. Urbana 240-236-7600 Mr. David Kehne, Principal 3471 Campus Drive Ijamsville, MD 21754 Fax 240-236-7601
- 61. Walkersville 240-236-7200 Dr. Stephanie Ware, Principal 81 West Frederick Street Walkersville, MD 21793 Fax 240-236-7250

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- 63. Carroll Creek 240-566-0600 Montessori Public Charter School * Ms. Marilyn Horan, Principal 7215 Corporate Court Frederick, MD 21703 Fax 240-566-0601
- 64. Frederick Classical 240-236-1200 Charter School Dr. Camille S. Bell, Principal 8445 Spires Way, Suite CC Frederick, MD 21701 Fax 240-236-1201
- 65. Frederick County 240-236-8450 Virtual School (includes Flexible Evening High School) TBD, Principal c/o GTJMS 1799 Schifferstadt Boulevard Room 116 Frederick, MD 21701 Fax 240-236-8451
- 66. Heather Ridge School 240-236-8000 Ms. Elizabeth Stiffler, Principal 1445 Taney Avenue Frederick, MD 21702 Fax 240-236-8001
- 67. Monocacy Valley Montessori Public Charter School * Ms. Amy Dorman, Principal 217 Dill Avenue Frederick, MD 21701 Fax 240-236-6101
- 68. Rock Creek School 240-236-8700 Ms. Katie Buckley, Principal 191 Waverley Drive Frederick, MD 21702 Fax 240-236-8701

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (FCPS) GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SECTION I

1. BIDDER REGISTRATION

- a. All Frederick County Public School (FCPS) suppliers and or contractors interested in bidding on FCPS projects must register on eMaryland Marketplace Advantage <u>https://emma.maryland.gov</u> FCPS will no longer accept bidder's applications.
- b. Contractors are required to register with eMaryland Marketplace Advantage <u>https://emma.maryland.gov</u> within five days following notice of award. Maryland law requires local and state agencies to post award notices on eMaryland Marketplace Advantage. 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 Advantage regardless of the award outcome for this procurement as it is a valuable resource for bid notification for municipalities through Maryland.

2. PRE-BID MEETING (Modified)

- a. A Pre-Bid Meeting will not be held.
- b. Questions shall be submitted, via email, to the person(s) indicated on the cover page of this solicitation package. Due to possible changes and/or additions to the specifications, bids should not be submitted prior to the submission deadline for questions.

3. PREPARATION OF BID (Modified)

- 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 addendum.
- b. 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.
- c. Bidder must submit one original proposal, with original signatures, unless otherwise specified. Bids must be prepared on the proposal form(s) provided. FCPS proposal forms format shall not be altered.
- d. 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.
- 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 .

- 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, which must match the information on the submitted W-9, 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.
- j. 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 supplier's business

4. **BID PRICING (Modified)**

- a. Prices quoted shall not exceed the prices established under any governmental price control regulations.
- b. All proposals submitted shall be irrevocable for a period of 180 days following the proposal due date, and FCPS has within that time period after due date to accept the proposal. FCPS reserves the right to reject any offer that specifies less than 180 days of acceptance time. Upon mutual agreement between FCPS and the contractor, the acceptance time may be extended. Proposals may not be withdrawn during this period.
- c. FCPS retains the right, with mutual consent of the bidder(s), to utilize the bid pricing and approved price changes for future purchases for as long as the bidder(s) mutually agrees to extend the prices.
- d. If the contract includes equipment, all prices must be FOB-Destination (inside delivery), unless specifically authorized in Section II FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions.
- e. All unit prices on items bid shall be completed on the provided proposal sheet(s). A "NO BID" or "N/A" notation should be completed for each item not being bid. Blank spaces in the proposal sheet will be considered as not being bid.
- f. In case of an error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit price shall govern.
- g. 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.

- h. Unit Prices must be rounded off to no more than two decimal places unless so specified in Section II FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions.
- i. FCPS reserves the right to consider discounts in evaluating a bid with line item pricing requirements. The bidder should calculate all discounts, other than prompt payment, as part of their unit pricing.

5. <u>TAXES</u>

- a. No charge will be allowed for federal excise, state, and/or municipal sales and use taxes, from which the Board of Education of Frederick County is exempt.
- b. A contractor is not eligible, per the Maryland Comptroller's Office, to utilize the tax exemption certificate for governmental agencies

6. <u>ADDENDUM</u>

- a. All changes to the bid solicitation will be made through appropriate addendum issued from the Purchasing Department.
- b. Addendum will be available on the FCPS Purchasing Department webpage. All suppliers who are known by the Purchasing Department to have downloaded the bid documents will receive an email notification.
- c. Addendum will be issued a minimum of four (4) days prior to the bid opening date, unless the addendum issued extends the due date. (verified with COMAR, which states addendums within a "reasonable" time)
- d. Each bidder shall ascertain, prior to submitting a bid that they have received all addendum issued and the bidder shall acknowledge receipt on the Signature Acknowledgement Form. Failure of any bidder to acknowledge the receipt of addendum will not relieve that bidder from any obligations under this solicitation as amended by addendum. All addendum so issued will become a part of the award and contract documents.

7. <u>RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS (Modified)</u>

- a. Proposals received prior to the time of opening will be time stamped and securely kept unopened. No proposal received thereafter will be considered. FCPS will not be responsible for the premature opening of proposals received that are not properly addressed or identified. Any proposal may be withdrawn before the scheduled time for opening bids, via written request approved by the Purchasing Manager.
- b. Proposals received after the designated date and/or time will not be accepted, regardless of when they were mailed or given to a delivery carrier. It is the responsibility of the supplier to ensure that submittals are delivered on time, to the proper location listed in the solicitation.
- c. Proposals not received by the date, time, and location designated on the solicitation cover sheet, due

to improper labeling, will be considered non-responsive.

8. OPENING OF BIDS (Modified)

- a. Sealed proposals will be publicly opened at the location, date, and time indicated on the solicitation cover sheet.
- 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. Final award recommendation, and the bid tabulation, will be posted on the FCPS webpage, <u>www.fcps.org/bidlist</u>, after the Board of Education of Frederick County approval.

9. STANDARD OF QUALITY, "OR EQUAL CLAUSES," AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Any make/model specified in the solicitation is used only to establish a quality level, unless specifically noted in Section II FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions. Any material or article that will perform adequately the duties imposed by the general design will be considered equal and satisfactory. FCPS retains the right to determine if items are equivalent and will be accepted.
- b. It will be the responsibility of the bidder to submit a clear and concise proposal wherein each substitution and deviation is identified and described, in writing, at the time of solicitation submission.
- c. In the absence of any statement to the contrary by the bidder, the submission will be interpreted as being the exact brand and/or qualities, etc., enumerated in the detailed specifications, whenever the specifications indicate a product of a particular manufacturer, model or brand.
- d. Bidders must submit detailed literature if bidding an item other than the specified item. Detailed literature is defined as product features or specifications relating to construction and/or performance.
- e. The detailed literature is to be arranged and labeled according to item number referenced on the solicitation document.
- f. It is the bidders' responsibility to submit required literature, or links to webpages, with the bid submission. Failure to submit such data as required and/or at the time designated by the Purchasing Department shall be cause for rejection of that item.
- g. No substitutions or deviations will be permitted following the award of the contract unless "cause and effect" is presented in writing and approved by the Contract Manager. A statement of any credit or extra cost involved will be included with the request.

- h. FCPS shall not be responsible to provide personnel, testing facilities, or other resources necessary to search out substitutions and deviations in bid proposals which are unclear through the nebulous terms such as "comparable", or blanket statements of deviation such as "our standard design, construction, hardware, finishes, etc."
- i. The bidder will, upon request and with no cost to the FCPS, furnish documents, independent laboratory tests reports, and/or similar materials of proof to substantiate that the substitutions and deviations of the items they propose to furnish do not prevent these items from being truly and factually equal to, or exceeding, that which is specified.
- j. The cost of testing a representative sample of an order or shipment for acceptance and compliance with specifications shall be borne by FCPS. If the order or shipment is rejected for failure to meet the requirements of the specifications or purchase description, the cost of testing will be charged to the awarded suppliers

10. SAMPLES

- a. Samples will be requested for testing and evaluation purposes. Failure to submit samples as required at the time designated may be cause for rejection of that item.
- b. All samples must be delivered with all charges prepaid to the designated point of delivery. Samples must be marked as "SAMPLE" and include the name of the bidder, bid name and number, and return instructions, if applicable.
- c. The right is reserved to retain any sample submitted with bids for the purposes of examination and testing. FCPS reserves the right to use all samples in any manner which may best serve the final determination of the successful bidder, even if said examination and testing results in damage to or destruction of the sample.
- d. FCPS retains the right to determine the method of testing to be utilized.
- e. Samples that are not retained by FCPS must be removed within two weeks upon notification. Return shipping must be prepaid by the suppliers. Samples not removed within this two-week period shall be retained, or disposed of, at the discretion FCPS, and without compensation to the bidder

11. GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES

- a. The awarded supplier(s) will guarantee the material and workmanship on all services, equipment, materials, supplies, and labor, furnished by them, for a minimum period of one year from the date of acceptance, unless a longer period of time is specified in Section II FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions.
- b. If, within the guarantee period, any defects or signs of deterioration are noted, the awarded supplier(s)s at their expense, shall correct the condition or they shall replace the part or entire unit of work/equipment to the complete satisfaction of FCPS. These repairs, replacements, or adjustments shall be made only at such times as will be designated by FCPS to minimize the disruption to building/school operations.
- c. Should the awarded supplier(s) fail to comply with the terms of this guarantee, FCPS may have such work performed as it deems necessary to fulfill the guarantee, charging the cost to the awarded

supplier(s).

12. AWARDS OR REJECTION OF BIDS (Modified)

- a. The basis of award shall be the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive proposal that conforms to the specifications established in the solicitation with consideration given to the quantities involved, time required for delivery, purpose for which required, competency and responsibility of bidder, the ability of the bidder to perform satisfactory service, and the plan for utilization of minority contractors, if applicable.
- b. FCPS reserves the right to determine completeness and/or timeliness of proposals, to reject any or all proposals 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 proposal, to reject any proposal 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.
- c. 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.
- d. The Board of Education of Frederick County reserves the right to award the bid within 180 days from the date of the bid opening unless a different time period is stated in the bid document.
- e. Unless stated otherwise in Section II FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions, the contract may be awarded by line item, group, or in the aggregate, whichever is in the best interest of FCPS.
- f. In the event of a tie, where all other factors, such as past performance, are considered comparable, the award shall be made to the Frederick County based bidder; the closest Maryland out-of-county based bidder; and the closest out-of-state based bidder, in that order of preference.
- g. FCPS does not have local, state or federal preference requirements except when mandated by a targeted funding source.
- h. If, after competitive sealed proposals have been opened, the Purchasing Manager determines that only one responsible bidder has submitted a responsive proposal, the procurement contract may be negotiated with that one bidder as sole source procurement.
- i. 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.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.
- 1. 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.

13. CONTRACT FORMATION

- a. Notification of the contract award will be made by letter after approval by the Board of Education of Frederick County.
- b. The primary form of contract is the purchase order(s), and any agreed upon schedules, addendum, shop drawings, and documents associated with the bid solicitation/submission/award.
- c. A secondary form of contract, if required, may be noted in Section II FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions, of this bid solicitation.
- d. 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 supplier(s). Changes may not significantly alter the original scope of the agreement.

14. PROTESTS

- a. The Purchasing Manager 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 supplier'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 \$50,000 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.

15. 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 supplier. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless, within 30 days, the supplier 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 supplier will be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of his appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute, the supplier 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.

16. CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT

- a. The awarded supplier(s) will not assign or transfer any portion of their interest or obligation under this Agreement to any third party, without the prior written consent of the Contract Manager. Nothing herein shall be construed to create any personal or individual liability upon any employee, officer, elected official of the Board of Education of Frederick County, nor shall this Agreement be construed to create any rights hereunder in any person or entity other than the parties to this Agreement.
- b. The awarded supplier(s) will, when required, submit to the Contract Manager, in writing, the name of each subcontractor they intend to employ, the portion of the material to be furnished, their place of business, and any such information as may be required in order to know whether such subcontractor is reputable and reliable and able to furnish satisfactorily the material as called for in the specifications.
- c. FCPS reserves the right to approve or disapprove all subcontractors to be employed on a project. FCPS further reserves the right to approve or disapprove a change of subcontractor once an initial subcontractor has been approved. Any increased cost associated with the change of a subcontractor shall be the full obligation and responsibility of the awarded supplier(s)
- d. The awarded supplier(s) will not legally, or equitably, assign any of the funds payable under the contract, or its claim thereto, unless by, and with, the consent of the Contract Manager.
- e. The awarded supplier(s) will have the same provisions inserted in all subcontracts relative to the terms of the general conditions and other contract documents. Nothing contained in this contract shall create any contractual relations between any subcontractor and FCPS.

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

18. HOLD HARMLESS

It is understood that the awarded supplier 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.

19. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

- a. When an awarded supplier 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 supplier terminate the whole or any part of the contract in any of the following circumstances:
 - i. If the supplier fails to perform the services or provide the products within the time and manner specific herein or any extension thereof, or:
 - ii. If the supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier 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.

20. 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 supplier(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 supplier does not have a right to unilateral termination for convenience.

21. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

- a. The supplier will comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to work under their charge. If the supplier performs any work which it knows tor 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 suppliers and subcontractors must abide by the Board of Education of Frederick County policies and FCPS regulations while working on school property.
- c. The supplier 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.
- d. 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.

22. 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 supplier(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 supplier(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 supplier'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 supplier and the public agency.
- d. Each participating jurisdiction or agency shall enter into its own contract with the awarded supplier(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 supplier(s). The Lead Agency does not assume any

responsibility other than to obtain pricing for the specifications provided.

23. PACKAGING AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

- a. All materials must be securely packed in accordance with accepted trade practices.
- b. A packing list will be included in each shipment. This list shall contain the following information: Purchase Order Number, Supplier Name, Item Description, Item Number, Quantity and Delivery Location. Failure to comply with this condition may be considered sufficient reason to refuse to accept the goods.
- c. All materials, supplies and equipment for FCPS shall be delivered F.O.B Destination. Unless otherwise noted in Section II FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions, all items shall be delivered inside the office, school, or warehouse.
- d. Special delivery and handling instructions will be defined in Section II FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions, of each bid.
- e. All school deliveries shall be made during the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. local time and only on regular school days, see School Calendar Closings enclosed, except where modified in Section II
 – FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions.
- f. All warehouse deliveries shall be made during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. on all regular scheduled school days, see School Calendar Closings enclosed, except where modified in Section II
 – FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions.
- g. Bulk materials, delivered to the Warehouse, are to be delivered on skids, or pallets, to the Warehouse receiving platform.
- h. No help for unloading will be provided. Suppliers shall notify their delivery personnel accordingly.
- i. The awarded supplier(s) shall be held responsible for and shall be required to make good at their expense, any and all damage done or caused by their employees in the execution of the contract as determined by FCPS.
- j. The supplier will be required to furnish proof of signed delivery in every instance. Delivery receipts indicating only the number and weight of cartons received will not constitute "proof" of delivery in the event of a dispute. FCPS will not accept responsibility for deliveries that have not been signed for by an FCPS employee.

24. BILLING AND PAYMENT

a. Invoices shall be submitted to:<u>accounts.payable@FCPS.org</u> 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 including the dates worked
- 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.
- d. Invoices to be submitted once commodities have been received and/or services have been rendered.

25. COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS

- a. The awarded supplier(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. Whenever mention is made of any article, material, or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's code, A.S.M.E. regulations, or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed as to the minimum requirements of these specifications.
- c. Where the requirements of the specifications call for a higher grade and are not in conflict with the laws, ordinances, etc., the specifications shall govern.
- d. In the case of any apparent conflict between the specifications and such laws, ordinances, etc., the awarded supplier(s) will contact the Contract Administrator and the Contract Manager for a decision before proceeding with any work.

26. <u>LIQUIDATED DAMAGES</u>

- a. A date for delivery and/or installation/assembly shall be stated in the specifications. Requests for extension of completion time due to strikes, lack of materials, or any other causes over which the awarded supplier(s) has no control must be submitted, in writing, with supporting documentation, to the Contract Manager. Requests must occur immediately upon occurrence of conditions for a time extension to be granted. Extensions are not guaranteed.
- b. If the awarded supplier(s) fails to provide the services, equipment, or other items required within the prescribed time limits, the Contract Manager may elect to obtain services, equipment, or other items necessary from an alternate source.
- c. The awarded supplier(s) will pay any additional cost(s) incurred by FCPS for obtaining replacement services, equipment, and other necessary items.
- d. FCPS shall have the unilateral right of alternate source selection to perform the work when the awarded supplier(s) does not perform the required work.
- e. In addition to, or in lieu of, paying for any incurred replacement costs(s), the awarded supplier(s) may pay liquidated damages, in the amount of \$150 per day, for any delay or failure in performance, as well as any related damages sustained by FCPS.

f. The assessment of liquidated damages by FCPS against the awarded supplier(s) does not supersede or affect the right of FCPS to impose other remedies that may be available.

27. <u>SAFETY REQUIREMENTS</u>

- a. When applicable, all machinery/equipment must meet OSHA-MOSHA requirements as to the safety of the operation of the equipment. All required safety devices shall be included in the price(s) bid.
- b. When applicable, kitchen equipment and supplies must meet Maryland State Health Department, National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) and Frederick County Health Department requirements.
- c. All construction activities must be conducted in strict compliance with OSHA/MOSHA requirements.
- d. Equipment offered which fails to comply with any applicable section of the National Electrical Code, or is not U.L. Listed (where U.L. Listings have been established for that type of device) shall be rejected.
- e. The awarded supplier(s) shall submit Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for all items awarded to that supplier provided under the terms of this proposal, if applicable.
- f. The awarded supplier(s) and subcontractor(s) are required to comply with all provisions of the Access to Information about Hazardous and Toxic Substances Act, a part of the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Law.
- g. The awarded supplier(s) is responsible to report to FCPS any asbestos material or suspected material found or uncovered that is not part of the scope of the project. In addition, they may not introduce new asbestos or asbestos bearing materials into the site.
- h. It is the responsibility of the awarded supplier(s) to comply with all Municipal, State, and Federal EPA regulations and laws when handling or disposing of asbestos materials.
- i. If the awarded supplier(s) intentionally endangers or jeopardizes the health of any building/school occupant(s) through mishandling of hazardous material, the supplier(s) will be held liable for such action.

28. <u>PATENTS</u>

The supplier will defend all suites or claims for infringement of any patent rights and will save the Board of Education of Frederick County harmless from loss.

29. TECHNOLOGY-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL PRODUCTS

All FCPS technology based instructional products (instructional software, online resources, and computer-based equipment) must be consistent with the federal Rehabilitation Act, Maryland Subpart B Technical Standards, Section 508, and the most recent revision of WCAG Standards at level AA, for accessibility by students and staff, with disabilities unless doing so would fundamentally alter the nature of the instructional activity or result in undue financial and administrative burdens. Requests for bids, proposals, procurement contracts, and grants will follow established procedures for evaluating compliance to accessibility standards in all purchase decisions.

30. <u>EMPLOYMENT OF CHILD SEX OFFENDERS AND PERSONS WITH UNCONTROLLED</u> <u>ACCESS TO STUDENTS</u>

- a. Be advised that individuals who are registered sex offenders are not eligible to work on any FCPS' project. The awarded supplier(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 supplier 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 supplier, 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 supplier 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 supplier(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 – FCPS Specific Terms and Conditions.
- c. The awarded supplier(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 supplier(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 supplier 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.
- f. With the passing of Maryland Law MD. Code, Educ. 6-113.2, employers of all contracted staff must obtain background information relating to child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct. This means that all contracted staff having direct contact with students must meet all of the FCPS and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requirements before doing business with FCPS. For additional information, visit:
 - Maryland State Department of Education Website;
 - House Bill 486 Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention;
 - MSDE Guidelines For MD. Code, Educ. 6113.2;
 - Employment History Review Form for Child Abuse and Sexual Misconduct

Effective immediately, we will not fingerprint staff provided to FCPS by contractors or staffing agencies. Based on recent procedural review and guidance received from the state of Maryland, it is confirmed that the fingerprint records from the state's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) are to be processed and kept by employers only. This means that the contractors providing staff to FCPS are responsible to perform the CJIS fingerprint check since they are the employers of staff being provided to FCPS under various agreements. The fingerprint check required by FCPS and all Maryland school districts is the Adam Walsh Act background transaction (commonly referred to as the Child Care background check).

31. DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE

- a. All awarded suppliers 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.

32. 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 supplier(s) whose employees violate this clause may be subject to the termination of the contact for cause.

33. FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATOR REQUIREMENT

- a. An awarded supplier(s) that assigns employees to an FCPS project that do not speak English must have an on-site, full time interpreter.
- b. Failure of an awarded supplier(s) to have an on-site, full time interpreter that is fluent in speaking and understanding an employee's native language for those employees that do not speak English is reason for immediate termination of the contract for cause.

34. ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT LABOR

The use of illegal immigrant labor to fulfill contracts solicited by FCPS is in violation of the law and is strictly prohibited. Awarded supplier(s) and subcontractors must verify employment eligibility of workers in order to assure that they are not violating federal/state/local laws regarding illegal immigration. A compliance audit may be conducted.

35. <u>STUDENT/STAFF CONFIDENTIALITY</u>

Under no circumstances may any supplier /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.

Security & Confidentiality

"Company" shall adopt, implement, and maintain commercially reasonable security measures and procedures (including firewalls, passwords, encryption, commercially available virus protection, access and use of adequate back-up computer servers, and periodic back-up of data) on a continuing basis.

"Company" acknowledges that the CUSTOMER data housed on the "company" system is the property of CUSTOMER and "company" agrees not to use such data for any purpose except to the extent necessary to fulfill its obligations under the agreement. "Company" agrees that it shall treat the CUSTOMER data with the same degree of care as it accords its own confidential information of a similar nature. "Company" will agree to comply with the provisions regarding the protection of confidential student data as proscribed in the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015 (H.B. 298), and FCPS Policy 442: Student Data Privacy.

36. 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.

37. 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 supplier 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.

38. 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.

39. <u>NON-COLLUSION</u>

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 supplier 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.

40. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All suppliers interested in conducting business with Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) must complete and return the Suppliers Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form included in the solicitation packet, in order to be eligible to be awarded a contract with FCPS.

41. FEDERAL CONTRACT AWARDS

In the event that federal funds are utilized for purchases under this contract, <u>Appendix II to Part 200 –</u> <u>Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards</u>, will be applicable.

This document can be found at the end of Section I, General Terms and Conditions, as Attachment "A".

ATTACHMENT A - APPENDIX II TO PART 200—CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous.

These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the

open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.



PARTNERSHIP/GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FUN ACADEMICS IN THE SUMMER TIME (FAST) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: Monday, March 15, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.

Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) invites community-based organizations in Frederick County to join in its application to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Center program. Through a contractual arrangement, FCPS can assist with funding the services or activities provided to students at Community Learning Center sites by community-based organizations.

Purpose of the Grant Program: The 21st Century Community Learning Center is a federal grant program, with funds coming from the United States Department of Education to MSDE for dissemination to local entities. The purpose of the 21st Century program is to create community learning centers that provide students with academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional services designed to complement their regular academic program. Proposed activities must target students and families of students who attend schools eligible for Title I schoolwide programs or schools that serve a high percentage of students (above 40%) from low-income families.

Existing 21st Century Learning Centers: FCPS has been operating 21st Century Community Learning Centers since 2009. Currently, FCPS has a grant from MSDE that funds 21st Century summer programs at Lincoln, Waverley, North Frederick and Monocacy Elementary Schools, as well as Monocacy Middle and West Frederick Middle Schools. Locally, these programs are known as **Fun Academics in the Summer Time (FAST)**. The federal funding for these programs ends in August 2021.

I. PROPOSED PROJECT

MSDE recently announced a new round of grant funding for 21st Century programs. FCPS will submit an application to MSDE to implement FAST summer programs serving Hillcrest, Waverley, Lincoln and Butterfly Ridge Elementary Schools.

Locations: Each of the four schools identified above will host a FAST program in summer 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Students Served: Each school will serve 50 students in grades 1-5; a total of 200 students will be served each summer across all four FAST sites. Students will be targeted for participation in FAST if they are not meeting identified academic grade-level standards and are in poverty.

Focus: The FAST program will focus on health and well-being.

Program Hours of Operation: If funded, the program will operate for five weeks (20 days) during summer 2022, 2023 and 2024. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Enrichment activities provided by partner organizations will begin at 9:00 a.m. and run through noon. See Table 1, below, for the proposed schedule.

TABLE 1 PROPOSED SCHEDULE: SUMMER PROGRAM				
	Activity			
Time	2 classes = 20 students Grades 1 & 2	2 classes = 20 students Grades 3 & 4	1 class = 10 students Grade 5	
8:30 – 9:00 am	Arrival by FCPS bus or parent drop off, breakfast and Morning Meeting			
9:00 – 10:00 am	English Language Arts Block Provided by FCPS teachers	Math Block Provided by FCPS teachers	Enrichment Block Provided by Partners	
10:00 - 11:00 am	Enrichment Block Provided by Partners	English Language Arts Block Provided by FCPS teachers	Math Block Provided by FCPS teachers	
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Math Block Provided by FCPS teachers	Enrichment Block Provided by Partners	English Language Arts Block Provided by FCPS teachers	
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Lunch			
12:30 pm	Dismissal: FCPS bus transportation or parent pick up			

II. COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS

FCPS is seeking partners who can provide enrichment programming that prioritizes health and wellness, character education and service learning.

Program Requirements: Proposals for partnership must serve all four FAST locations. In addition, each student in the program must receive a minimum of one hour of enrichment programming each day. *Partners will create a plan as to how they will serve 50 students at each FAST site during the five-week program. Partners will create and implement differentiated age-appropriate enrichment content to meet the needs of FAST students.*

- Option 1: Create a program where, during Weeks 1-4, you serve each site for one week; during Week 5, you serve each site for one day.
- Option 2: Create a program where you serve each school one day a week for five weeks.
- Option 3: Create a program where you equally serve the four FAST sites throughout the 20 days of implementation.

Cost Sharing Requirement: MSDE requires that all applicants demonstrate 10% cost sharing or in-kind contributions to the project. FCPS is thus requiring all applications for partnership to include a 10% in-kind contribution in their proposed budgets.

Professional Learning Workshop: It is expected that partners will engage in a Professional Learning workshop that is planned in collaboration with the FCPS Project Director. During the workshop, staff of community-based partners will be trained in FAST policies, behavior management and emergency procedures, as well as develop an understanding of the students and communities being served. In their Letters of Commitment, partners must confirm their participation the annual workshop.

Steering Committee: A Steering Committee that includes major stakeholders will meet regularly to establish major program policies, review milestones and annual evaluation reports and make recommendations for program change. In their Letters of Commitment, partners must confirm their participation on the Steering Committee and identify their organization's representative to the committee. That person's resume must be included as an appendix to the application.

Fingerprinting: Any individual working with students must be fingerprinted by the FCPS Human Resources Department. This includes individuals working for an organization contracted to perform services or provide activities for students. Individuals working for our partners in the FAST program must appear in person with photo identification to FCPS' Central Office for fingerprinting. Fingerprints will be submitted to the State Criminal Justice Information System and the FBI. Fees for processing criminal background checks can be funded through the grant. FCPS reserves the right to question any information received and/or dismiss an individual working for a partner agency from his/her work for FAST based upon information received. In their Letters of Commitment, partners must confirm their adherence to these fingerprinting protocols.

Immigration Reform & Control Act of 1986, Public Law 99-603 (8USC 1324a): Our partners are required to ensure that their employees working in the FAST program are eligible to work in the United States. FCPS reserves the right to question any information received and/or dismiss an individual from performing work funded by FAST. In their Letters of Commitment, partners must commit to upheld PL 99-603.

III. PARTNER FUNDING INFORMATION

Number of Subgrants to be Awarded: 2-3

Grant Period:

- Year 1: Summer 2022
- Year 2: Summer 2023
- Year 3: Summer 2024

Anticipated Subgrant Funding to Partners:

- Year 1 (summer 2022): \$30,000
- Year 2 (summer 2023): \$30,000
- Year 3 (summer 2024): \$30,000

Partners must submit a detailed line item budget for Year 1 using the below table. Use as many rows as necessary to show the detail of your budget. Specify and detail how the expense was calculated for each line item.

- Include detailed calculations of hourly rates of pay. The calculation column must include an hourly rate based on the reasonable and allowable rates of pay aligned with the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Note that this is a required from MSDE that we must pass along to our partners.
- Include detailed information on the 10% cost-sharing or in-kind requirement. Sources of the in-kind contribution should be documented as a footnote to your line item budget.
- Note that indirect costs <u>cannot</u> be included in your budget.

Table 2 Year 1 Budget (Summer 2022) Note that a budget is required for Year 1 only. Budgets for Years 2 and 3 are not required at this time.						
Item	Unit Cost	# of Units	Calculation	Total Requested from FCPS	In-Kind Required Contribution	Total Project Costs
Personnel						
Fringe Benefits						
Travel						
Equipment						
Supplies						
Total Costs						

IV. SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Deadline: Submit by <u>4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021</u> using the www.ProcureNOW.com site on <u>www.fcps.org</u>. If you have questions, contact Jessica Zentz-Ridenour, <u>jessica.zentz@fcps.org</u>.

Submission Format: Applicants must adhere to the guidelines set forth below.

- Only submissions using Procure NOW will be accepted.
- The application narrative must be in Microsoft Word format and the budget in Microsoft Excel. The Letter of Commitment (see below) and required resume can be a pdf file.
- The resume of your organization's representative to the Steering Committee must be included as an attachment to your application.
- Limit the application narrative to five pages, excluding the Letter of Commitment, resume and budget.
- Use 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space all text in the five-page narrative.
- Use a 12-point font in the five-page narrative.

Letter of Commitment: A signed and dated Letter of Commitment from your organization's Chief Executive Officer is required at the time of application submission. Letters should be addressed to Dr. Theresa R. Alban, Superintendent of Schools. Each Letter of Commitment must contain the following:

- A statement acknowledging and support the performance measures and indicators of the project (see Section VI, Performance Measures & Indicators, below).
- Your organization's expected gains from the project
- The expertise, resources and the financial contributions your organization is making toward the project. Financial contributions (in-kind and cash) should be quantified.
- Detail your organization's role, responsibilities and capabilities.
- The grant period (September 1, 2021 August 30, 2024).
- Commitment to participate in the Professional Development Workshop.
- Commitment to having a representative serve on the Steering Committee.
- Commitment to working with the project's evaluator.

V. TIMELINE & REVIEW PROCESS

Timeline:

- March 8, 2021 (4 p.m.): Technical Assistance Questions Due
- March 15, 2021 (4 p.m.): Applications Due to FCPS via procureNOW.com
- March 16, 2021: FCPS Scoring Panel meets
- March 17 March 18, 2021: Partners contacted regarding status of application
- April 2, 2021: FCPS Application Due to MSDE
- July 2021: MSDE Notification of Grant Award
- November 2021: Steering Committee Meeting
- January 2022: Steering Committee Meeting
- March 2022: Steering Committee Meeting
- June 2022: Professional Learning Workshop
- June/July 2022: Summer Program Begins

Review Process: The FAST Project Team will score applications based on the review criteria outlined below. Applicants may be called to answer follow-up or clarifying questions. All applicants will receive an email indicating their partnership status.

Review Criteria: Your application must include the following sections, which will be evaluated out of a total of 100 points. *Project Services*, *Management Plan* and *Sustainability* constitute the application narrative and should total no more than five pages.

- <u>Project Services (45 points)</u>: Thoroughly describe the services or activities that your organization will provide to students. Address the likelihood that these services will lead to improvements in student achievement as measured by rigorous academic standards or changes in student behavior. Research that supports the proposed activities **must** be discussed. Also include background information on your organization, any past experience it has in working with students or FCPS and its success in providing the proposed services. Success should be measured by increases in student achievement, attendance or participation in a past program, or by changes in student behavior.
- <u>Management Plan (30 points)</u>: Describe how your activities or services will be implemented. Be specific about the number of activities that will be offered, when they will be offered and how many students will be involved. Be specific about who will plan the activities and who will be working directly with students. If volunteers will be used, list the qualifications of the volunteers, how they will be recruited and the training and supervision they will be provided. Discuss how your organization will meet the criteria for fingerprinting and compliance with the Immigration Reform & Control Act of 1986. Lastly, include the name and qualifications of the project director; this will be the person who will serve as your organization's representative on the FAST Steering Committee. A resume for this individual must be attached to your application.
- <u>Sustainability (5 points)</u>: Specifically describe how your organization will help sustain FAST upon the conclusion of the three-year grant.
- <u>Budget (20 points)</u>: Include a detailed line item budget for Year One of the project. The table included in Section III, Partner Funding Information, must be used. Include detailed calculations of hourly rates of pay. The calculation column must include an hourly rate based on the reasonable and allowable rates of pay aligned with the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Include detailed information on the 10% cost-sharing or in-kind requirement. Note that indirect costs <u>cannot</u> be included in your budget.

Technical Assistance: Questions regarding this partnership opportunity should be submitted via email to Jessica Zentz-Ridenour, Teacher Specialist for School Improvement, Frederick County Public Schools, <u>jessica.zentz@fcps.org</u> by March 8 at 4:00 p.m. Please include the Contract Manager, Bill Meekins, <u>willis.meekins@fpcs.org</u>, in your email.

VI. PERFORMANCE MEASURES & INDICATORS

Performance Measure #1: Assist every student to realize her/his potential. Indicator: Percentage of students participating in the FAST summer program who demonstrate an improvement in teacher-reported engagement in learning.

Performance Measure #2: Develop and support a strong accountability system to increase academic success for all students.

Indicators:

- Percentage of youth participating in the FAST summer program who had a school-day attendance rate at or below 90% in the prior year and demonstrate an improved attendance in the current year.
- Percentage of students in grades 4-5 participating in the FAST summer program who demonstrate growth on state assessments in math and reading/language arts.
- Percentage of students in grades 1-3 participating in the FAST summer program who demonstrate growth in math and reading/language arts.

Performance Measure #3: Promote a safe, healthy, orderly environment for teaching and learning.

Indicator: Percentage of students participating in the FAST summer program who experience a decrease in in-school suspensions compared to the previous school year.

Performance Measure #4: Promote student physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.

Indicator: Percentage of students participating in the FAST summer program who experience a decrease in in-school suspensions compared to the previous school year.

Performance Measure #5: Expand high quality educational opportunities for students and parents.

Indicator: Percentage of students participating in the FAST summer program who experience a decrease in in-school suspensions compared to the previous school year.

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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	

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FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STATUTORY AFFIDAVIT AND NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATION

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	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(Name of Co	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, <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u>, 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, <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u>, 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)				
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(Telephone)		(Fax)		
(Print Name)	(Title)		(Date)	•
(Signature)	(Title)		(Date)	
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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

- 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. With the passing of Maryland Law MD. Code, Educ. 6-113.2, employers of all contracted staff must obtain background information relating to child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct. This means that all contracted staff having direct contact with students must meet all of the FCPS and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requirements before doing business with FCPS. See: <u>Maryland State Department of Education Website</u>; <u>House Bill 486 Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention</u>; <u>MSDE Guidelines For MD. Code, Educ. 6113.2</u>; and <u>Employment History Review Form for Child Abuse and Sexual Misconduct</u> for additional information.

In addition, there has been no change to the current FCPS requirement, that all contracted staff who have contact with students are required to be fingerprinted in order to obtain a criminal background check. Fingerprints and background check are still an enforced FCPS requirement.

7. 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	

Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

All vendors interested in conducting business with Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) must complete and return the Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form, in order to be eligible to be awarded a contract with FCPS.

Please note that all vendors must comply with FCPS's conflict of interest certification, as stated below.

If a vendor has a relationship with a FCPS employee or an immediate family member (spouse, child (stepchild or adopted), parent, or sibling) of a FCPS employee, the vendor shall disclose the information required below.

<u>Certification</u>: I hereby certify, that to the best of my knowledge, there is no conflict of interest involving the vendor named below:

- 1. No FCPS employee or the employee's immediate family member has an ownership interest in the vendor's company, or is deriving personal financial gain from this contract.
- 2. No retired or separated FCPS employee who has been retired or separated from the organization for less then one (1) year has an ownership interest in the vendor's company.
- 3. No FCPS employee is contemporaneously employed or prospectively to be employed with the vendor.
- 4. The vendor did not provide any information or criteria in the drafting of the solicitation prior to it being advertised for competitive pricing.
- 5. Vendor hereby declares it has not, and will not provide gifts or hospitality of any dollar value, or any other gratuities to FCPS employee to maintain a contract.
- 6. Vendor hereby declares that in the process of preparing a quote/bid/proposal for FCPS, there have been no acts of bribery, extortion, trading, laundering of corrupt practices, and/or nepotism have transpired between FCPS employee and the vendor.
- 7. Please note any other exceptions below.

Vendor Name & Email	Vendor Address & Phone Number
Conflict of Interes	st Disclosure
Name of FCPS employee or immediate family member	Disclose the relationship to the employee or the
with whom there may be a potential conflict of interest.	immediate family member, their interest in the
If no conflict of interest, write "N/A" and initial.	vendor's company, and any additional information

I certify that the information provided is true and correct by my signature below:

Signature of Vendor Authorized Representative/Date

Printed Name of Vendor Authorized Representative