



WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Wake County Public School System
Purchasing Department
ATTN: Petra Gooding
1551 Rock Quarry Road Bldg. F
Raleigh, NC 27610

Request for Information #251-23-378

Submissions will be publicly opened: **March 16, 2023, at 2:00 pm**

Contract Type: Agency Specific RFI

Commodity No. and Description: Device as a Service (DaaS) –
Staff Devices

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS:

Sealed proposals subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received at this office (1551 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC) until **2:00 p.m.** on the day of opening and then opened, for furnishing and delivering the commodity as described herein. Bids submitted via electronic (email) response to this Request for Information will not be acceptable.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Mail only one Request for Information (RFI) per envelope. Address envelope and clearly note RFI number as shown below. It is the responsibility of the vendor to have the RFI in this office by the specified time and date of opening. The proposal shall be labeled as follows:

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QUESTIONS

All questions should be directed to Petra Gooding at bids-pgooding@wcpss.net in written form. Vendors are cautioned that any communication regarding this Request for Information must be directed only to Petra Gooding, Purchasing Manager, WCPSS Purchasing Department.

EXECUTION

In compliance with this Request for Information, and subject to all the conditions herein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish and deliver any or all items as requested within the time specified herein. By executing this RFI, I certify that this RFI is submitted competitively and without collusion (G.S. 143-54).

VENDOR:		
STREET ADDRESS:	P.O. BOX:	ZIP:
CITY & STATE & ZIP:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:	TOLL FREE TEL. NO (800)
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE		
TYPE OR PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING:		FAX NUMBER:
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:	E-MAIL:

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) is seeking information regarding Device as a Service (DaaS) to consider whether it is a viable option for refreshing our current inventory of 19,000 staff laptops starting in the 2023-24 school year.

Qualified parties should submit detailed information on their respective DaaS model and how it might benefit WCPSS. The district's desired outcome is a refresh option that provides sustainability, financial predictability, optimal customer service, and flexibility.

For background purposes, WCPSS is currently the largest school district in the state of North Carolina and the 15th largest in the United States. WCPSS employs approximately 20,000 staff members, of whom 18,500 currently qualify for a laptop.

This Request for Information (RFI) shall not result in award. The information received will assist WCPSS in creating and RFP for services later. Vendors are cautioned that information submitted may be used for this purpose and does not imply that one vendor's response is better than another vendor. However, the information will be used in a non-brand specific or non-sole source solicitation for services.

2.0 RFI PROCEDURES

A. Schedule

Respondents will have 30 days to prepare their submissions to this RFI. Responses must be received by the date, time and the location specified on the cover sheet of this RFI.

B. Response

WCPSS recognizes that considerable effort will be required in preparing a response to this RFI.

However, please note this is a request for information only, and not a request for services.

The Vendor shall bear all costs for preparing this RFI.

Multiple responses will be accepted from a single vendor provided that each response is comprehensive, meets all of the WCPSS' requirements, and is truly unique. Please place in separate envelopes and clearly mark responses as "Response #1, Response #2, etc.

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY. This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes. This RFI it does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future. This request for information does not commit WCPSS to contract for any supply.

At this time WCPSS is not seeking proposals and will not accept unsolicited proposals. If you choose not to respond to this RFI it shall not preclude future participation in any WCPSS RFP. If a solicitation is released, it will be advertised utilizing the State of NC IPS tool.