

Memorandum From Purchasing Department

Letter of Instruction For IFB #251-25-110

To: Prospective Parties

Thank you for your interest in the Wake County Public School System. Please review the following instructions prior to submitting your proposal.

- Prior to submitting and executing the proposal, please make sure you read and understand the terms and conditions referenced. All proposals are subject to the terms and conditions outlined herein. All responses will be controlled by such terms and conditions and the submission of other terms and conditions, price lists, catalogs, and/or other documents as part of an offeror's response will be waived and have no effect either on this Invitation For Bid or on any contract that may be awarded resulting from this solicitation. The attachment of any other terms and conditions by the Offeror may be grounds for rejection of that proposal. Offeror specifically agrees to the conditions set forth in the above paragraph by signature to the proposal.
- Please read carefully the section titled CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE IFB PROCESS. All questions should be directed to <u>bids-mcalvert@wcpss.net</u>
- Offerors are cautioned that this is a request for offers, not a request to contract, and WCPSS reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all offers when such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of WCPSS.
- Submit one (1) <u>signed, original</u> executed proposal responses, and 1 electronic copy (emails not accepted) of your proposal simultaneously to the address identified below.

Clearly mark each package with: (1) Vendor name; (2) the IFB number; and (3) the due date. Address the package(s) for delivery as shown in the table below. If the Vendor is submitting more than one (1) proposal, each proposal shall be submitted in separate envelopes and marked accordingly. For delivery purposes, separate envelopes from a single Vendor may be included in the same outer package. Proposals are subject to rejection unless submitted with the information above included on the outside of the proposal package.

WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM	Invitation for Bid # 251-25-110
1551 Rock Quarry Rd – Bldg. F	Proposals will be publicly opened: August 7, 2024 @ 2:00 PM
Raleigh, NC 27610	Contract Type: Agency Specific Term Contract
Refer <u>ALL</u> Inquiries to: Marcella Calvert Telephone No: 919-588-3457	Commodity: ONLINE INTERACTIVE LESSON PLANNING AND CONTENT DELIVERY TOOL FOR EDUCATORS
E-Mail: bids-mcalvert@wcpss.net	Using Agency Name: WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Sealed Proposals, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received at this office (1551 Rock Quarry Road, Bldg. F, Raleigh, NC) until **2:00 p.m.** on the day of opening and then opened, for furnishing and delivering the commodity as described herein. Refer to page 2 for proper mailing instructions.

Proposals submitted via facsimile (FAX) machine in response to this Request for Proposal <u>will not</u> be accepted. Proposals are subject to rejection unless submitted on this form.

EXECUTION

In compliance with this Request for Proposal, and subject to all the conditions herein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish and deliver any or all items upon which prices are proposed, at the prices set opposite each item within the time specified herein. By executing this proposal, I certify that this proposal is submitted competitively and without collusion.

- The submission of false or misleading information in the vendor's proposal.
- Any efforts to dissuade or discourage other vendors from submitting proposals.
- Any efforts to influence, dictate, or change the terms of another vendor's proposal.
- Any form of bid collusion or bid rigging.

Failure to execute/sign this page prior to submittal shall render bid invalid. Late bids are not acceptable.

BIDDER:		FEDERAL ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		
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:		

Offer valid for 60 days from date of bid opening unless otherwise stated here: _____ days.

IFB SCHEDULE

The table below shows the intended schedule for this IFB. WCPSS will make every effort to adhere to this schedule.

Event	Responsibility	Date and Time (ET.)
Issue IFB	WCPSS	July 23, 2024
Submit Written Questions	Vendor	July 29, 2024 by 2:00 pm
Provide Response to Questions	WCPSS	August 1, 2024 by End of Business
Submit Proposals	Vendor	August 7, 2024 by 2:00 pm

PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

Upon review of the IFB documents, Vendors may have questions to clarify or interpret the IFB in order to submit the best proposal possible. To accommodate the Proposal Questions process, Vendors shall submit any such questions by the above due date.

Written questions shall be emailed to <u>bids-mcalvert@wcpss.net</u> by the date and time specified above. **Vendors should enter "IFB 251-25-110 Questions" as the subject for the email.** Question's submittals should include a reference to the applicable IFB section and be submitted in a format shown below:

Reference	Vendor Question
IFB Section, Page Number	Vendor question?

Questions received prior to the submission deadline date, WCPSS' response, and any additional terms deemed necessary by WCPSS will be posted in the form of an addendum and shall become an Addendum to this IFB. No information, instruction or advice provided orally or informally by any WCPSS personnel, whether made in response to a question or otherwise in connection with this IFB, shall be considered authoritative or binding. Vendors shall rely *only* on written material contained in an Addendum to this IFB. **Addendums associated with the Invitation for Bid will be posted to the following links and it will be the vendor's responsibility to adhere to and check these addendums prior to bid submittal:**

(http://webarchive.wcpss.net/about-us/purchasing/open-bids.html) (https://evp.nc.gov/solicitations/)

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

Proposals, subject to the conditions made a part hereof and the receipt requirements described below, shall be received at the address indicated in the table below, for furnishing and delivering those items or services as described herein.

Mailing address for delivery of proposal

PROPOSAL NUMBER: IFB: 251-25-110 Wake County Public Schools ATTN: Marcella Calvert 1551 Rock Quarry Rd. Building F Raleigh, NC 27610

IMPORTANT NOTE: All responses shall be physically delivered to the office address listed above on or before the response deadline in order to be considered timely, regardless of the method of delivery. <u>This is an absolute</u> <u>requirement.</u> All risk of late arrival due to unanticipated delay—whether delivered by hand, U.S. Postal Service, courier, or other delivery service is entirely on the Vendor. <u>It is the sole responsibility of the Vendor to have the</u>

proposal physically in this Office by the specified time and date of opening. The time of delivery will be marked on each proposal when received, and any proposal received after the proposal submission deadline will be rejected. Sealed proposals, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received at the address indicated in the table in this Section, for furnishing and delivering the commodity as described herein.

- a) Submit one (1) signed, original executed proposal response, and one (1) electronic copy on a flash drive simultaneously to the address identified in the table above.
- b) Clearly mark each package with: (1) Vendor name; (2) the IFB number; and (3) the due date. Address the package(s) for delivery as shown in the table above. If Vendor is submitting more than one (1) proposal, each proposal shall be submitted in separate envelopes and marked accordingly. For delivery purposes, separate envelopes from a single Vendor may be included in the same outer package. Proposals are subject to rejection unless submitted with the information above included on the outside of the proposal package.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose and intent of this request for bid is to secure a 12-month district-wide subscription license for an online, interactive lesson planning and content delivery tool that will provide K-12 educators ready access to lesson plans as well as the ability to utilize content to create their own courses, manage features, and check for student understanding in real-time through a variety of formative assessments offered.

For informational purposes, WCPSS is the nation's 15th largest school district and the largest in North Carolina. With 119 elementary schools, 41 middle schools, 33 high schools, and 5 special schools, we serve over 160,000 students and have over 20,000 staff in the district. The district has multiple school calendars, and our school year begins the first week of July and ends June 30. A list of schools and locations can be found <u>here</u>. A list of future schools and locations can be found <u>here</u>.

SCOPE OF WORK

The vendor shall supply a 12-month subscription for Nearpod as a Course Development aid for teachers for 198+ Wake County public school sites.

- Vendor to provide a fixed overall cost for the entire district for the 2024-2025 school year. Access for additional schools that may open during term may be added as needed. Vendors must note if any additional cost will be incurred in the event additional schools are added.
- If vendor is proposing an alternative product to Nearpod, please indicate such in your response and attach all specifications and information in order for the review committee to compare and review. Proposal should include cost for and description of any implementation and training required for alternative product. Minimum qualifications are listed directly below. WCPSS reserves the right to determine if bidder's functional equivalent is acceptable. Proposals submitted without the proper documentation will not be considered.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM

District license for alternative product must provide the following:

- Easily integrates with the Canvas Learning Management System as an external tool.
- Easily accessible on a variety of devices, including but not limited to, Chromebooks, Apple devices, smartphones, tablets.
- Provides lessons and supports lesson creation that uses supported educational services such as Youtube, Virtual Reality Field Trip options, Integrated Calculators, and pre-recorded videos.
- Unlimited storage.
- Provide multiple options for synchronous and asynchronous instruction, including Live Teacher Annotation and Co-Teaching options.
- Provides a lesson, activity, and video library that is aligned to NC standards with interactive lessons for all K-12 subject areas that can be used "as is" or customized.
- Provides targeted, on-going professional learning to effectively shift teacher practices and positively impact student outcomes with content and coaching designed to ensure all students demonstrate proficient levels of achievement.
- Ability to provide updates on participant progress, fidelity of implementation, and identified areas of opportunity through technical assistance and progress monitoring.

- Canvas integration, Google Suite (Drive, Slides) Integration.
- ClassLink rostering.
- Support from a dedicated account manager.
- Allows educators 24/7 access thereby providing ultimate flexibility.
- Ability to utilize SSO for login.
- A proven track record of supporting large, urban school districts.
- Description of any required implementation or training for alternative product.
- Online training on product use.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Please indicate how your proposal will address the following specifications in each area. In terms of rostering, integration, and user authentication, WCPSS' acceptable methods are listed below, in order of preference. Bids must identify which methods are available.

USER ACCOUNT PROVISIONING

The system must allow for the use of the state's unique student ID number to identify students as a master key with their email address being the login ID.

Users must have individual and unique credentials. The system must support the same email prefix assigned to <u>both</u> a staff user <u>and</u> to a student user (e.g., jsmith@wcpss.net and jsmith@students.wcpss.net).

Preferred	Classlink Roster Server
Accepted	IMS Global Learning Tool Interoperability (LTI) 1.3 or greater
Accepted	Clever
Accepted	Log in with Google
Accepted	SFTP (SSH File Transfer Protocol/Secure File Transfer Protocol) using public/private keys in lieu of static passwords

ROSTERING / INTEGRATION

Preferred	Classlink Roster Server
Preferred	IMS Global Learning Tool Interoperability (LTI) 1.3 or greater
Preferred	Clever
Accepted	SFTP (SSH File Transfer Protocol/Secure File Transfer Protocol) using public/private keys in lieu of static passwords

USER AUTHENTICATION

User sessions must timeout (i.e., require logging in again) after a specified length of inactivity (typically 30 minutes.)

The system must store any local authentication credentials in a salted, encrypted format.

Preferred	Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) 2.0 as a Service Provider (SP)		
Accepted	Sign in with Google		
Accepted	Sign in with Classlink (No Form Fill)		

Accepted	Sign in with Clever
Accepted	

ACCESSIBILITY

 Must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) section 508 compliance found at: <u>http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/disability/ada.htm</u>

USER ROLES

At a minimum, software must provide the user roles listed below. The ability to create custom user roles is ideal.

Super Administrator	Full administrative control over all settings to include data integration settings, manage user roles/permissions, etc.
District Administrator	Able to view all users and all data, system-wide reporting, but CANNOT access/change any technical settings.
School Administrator	Able to view all users and user data within a specific school.
Teacher/Staff	Able to view all students and associated data for students in their class.
Student	Able to view their content only.

REPORTING

• The system must allow for reporting of student progress at various levels (i.e., classroom teachers can run class level reports, principal or district admin can run school level or district level reports).

DATA PORTABILITY

- The system shall allow for the export of data to be used with other data systems such as Student Information Systems (SIS), Instructional Management Systems (IMS), and Learning Management Systems (LMS). Or, in the case of staff systems, Oracle or other data systems.
- Data will be provided in a spreadsheet or database format. Describe how the solution provides for the export or transfer of data, including all formats and methods supported.

REFERENCES

Provide at least two reference accounts where:

- Solution is deployed in a production environment.
- For a duration of one (1) year
- For at least 40,000 students
- WCPSS shall not be used as one of the references.

BROWSERS

Must provide support for the most recently released versions of Google Chrome Browser

ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE

If the solution requires the use of additional software components such as plugins or proprietary packages, please provide details. List if they are required or if this would give an enhanced experience.

- Software installs (Is this required, optional for an enhanced experience, or not needed?)
- Browser plugin required.
- Browser extension required.
- Application required

SUPPORTED DEVICES

List any limitations.

- Windows 10
- Apple MacOS

- Chromebook (the three most recent versions of ChromeOS)
- iPhone
- iPad

DATA DELETION AND RETENTION

- User data will be deleted no longer than six months after a user has been removed from the provisioning view.
- While under contract, the system must maintain student data records for a minimum of five (5) years and make these records available to the district.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

- Customer support must be available to district and school administrative users by phone and email during regular business hours (M-F, 8-5 Eastern Standard Time).
- Identify any additional support avenues that may be available such as online chat.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Technical support, licensing fees, upgrades, and patches must be included in the annual solution fee.

SERVER UPTIME

Describe your uptime Service Level Agreement. The system is expected to be utilized 24 hours a day.

COST PROPOSAL

Vendor shall provide pricing as an overall cost of the resource. Vendors shall submit their cost proposal as the final page of the IFB. Cost must be all inclusive of the items listed in the 'SCOPE OF WORK' above.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

It is the general intent to award this contract to a single overall bidder.

The successful bidder(s) will be notified by "Notice(s) of Award" issued by the Purchasing Department.

AWARD CRITERIA

- 1. Pricing: Each bidder must complete the Price Quote
- 2. Quality of Service: Includes answers and methodology where applicable.
- 3. **Experience and References:** WCPSS requests minimum of three reference accounts be provided. Each reference should demonstrate a record of quality work spanning at least three years. If any vendor submitting a proposal is limited in the number of reference accounts available, vendor should submit a list of all accounts of record within the last three years. Vendors shall not use WCPSS as a past reference.
- 4. Conformity with specifications herein.

SOURCE SELECTION

WCPSS will review all information submitted in order for WCPSS to award the contract to the bidder providing the most responsive/responsible low bid.

- i. The evaluation committee may request clarifications, an interview with or presentation from any or all bidders. However, the WCPSS may refuse to accept, in full or partially, the response to a clarification request given by any bidder. Bidders are cautioned that the evaluators are not required to request clarifications; therefore, all offers should be complete and reflect the most favorable terms.
- ii. Evaluation Process Explanation. WCPSS employees will evaluate all proposals. All proposals will be initially classified as being responsive or non-responsive. If a proposal is found non-responsive, it will not be considered further. All responsive proposals will be evaluated based on stated evaluation criteria, as provided with this IFB. Any references in an answer to another location in the IFB materials or Proposal shall have specific page numbers and sections stated in the reference.
- iii. To be eligible for consideration, a bidder <u>must</u> meet the intent of all requirements. Compliance with the intent of all requirements will be determined by WCPSS. Responses that do not meet the full intent of all requirements listed in this IFB may be subject to point reductions during the evaluation process or may be deemed non-responsive. Further, a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection.
- iv. Bidders are advised that WCPSS is not obligated to ask for or accept after the closing date.

Bidder may be disqualified from any evaluation or award if bidder or any key personnel proposed, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily during the performance of any contract with WCPSS, or violated rules or statutes applicable to public bidding in the State of North Carolina, as documented. Vendors must not be debarred from doing business with the State of North Carolina or Federal Government.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS DURING EVALUATION

During the evaluation period—from the date bids are opened through the date the contract is awarded—each Vendor submitting a bid (including its representatives, sub-contractors and/or suppliers) is prohibited from having any communications with any person inside or outside of WCPSS, other government agency office, WCPSS body or private entity, if the communication refers to the content of Vendor's bid or qualifications, the contents of another Vendor's bid, another Vendor's qualifications or ability to perform the contract, and/or the transmittal of any other communication of information that could be reasonably considered to have the effect of directly or indirectly influencing the evaluation of bids and/or the award of the contract. <u>A Vendor not in compliance with this provision shall be disqualified from contract award</u>, unless it is determined in WCPSS' discretion that the communication was harmless, that it was made without intent to influence and that the best interest of WCPSS would not be served by the disqualification. A Vendor's bid may be disqualified if its sub-contractor and supplier engage in any of the foregoing communications during the time that the procurement is active (i.e., the issuance date of the procurement to the date of contract award). Please contact <u>bids-mcalvert@wcpss.net</u>.

VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALL RESPONSES MUST BE ORGANIZED, IDENTIFIABLE AND READILY ACCESSIBLE. A TEMPLATE IS PROVIDED FOR USE BUT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD REFLECT IDENTIFIABLE LANGUAGE AND BE ACCESSIBLE AND ORGANIZED.

NON-PREFERENCE

It is the intent of WCPSS to procure products in the stated quantity, quality, and size as described in this request while adhering to general statutes specific to public schools and WCPSS Board of Education policy. The manufacturer, brand name and model numbers are used to provide respondents specific information on the quality and usefulness of the product that is being requested. These references are not intended to restrict comparable products. Other manufacturers and brands will be considered if they meet or exceed the minimum standards of the product referenced. See below for accompanying literature that is required when submitting your bid.

DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE/CERTIFICATION

Each bid shall be accompanied by complete descriptive literature, specifications, certifications, and all other pertinent data necessary for thorough evaluation of the item(s) bid and sufficient to determine compliance of the item(s) with the specifications.

DELIVERY

If applicable, WCPSS reserves the right to consider the delivery time offered as a factor in the award of contract.

DEVIATIONS

Any deviations from specifications and requirements herein by bidder may subject proposal to disqualification.

FIRM BID

Prices and any other entry made hereon by the bidder shall be considered firm and not subject to change or withdrawal.

TAXES

Wake County Public School System is **<u>NOT tax-exempt.</u>** Unless otherwise indicated, tax must be computed and added to your bid. Any itemized shipping charges are also subject to tax.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

- 1. Signed execution page (page 1)
- 2. Attachments A & C

CUSTOMER REFERENCES

Vendors shall provide at least three references, for similar size and scope projects, for which comparable services and supplies have been, and continue to be, provided. WCPSS may not be used as one of the references.

Name of Organization	Contact Person Name	
Annual Contract Value	Contact Person Title	
Contract Start Date	Contact Person Telephone Number	
Contract End Date	Contact Person Email Address	

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DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL:

The proposals are due no later than August 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. WCPSS reserves the right to reject any proposals that are not submitted by the deadline in its sole discretion. Questions regarding the IFB shall be answered per instructions.

<u>TERM</u>

Contract shall begin October 1, 2024 for one year based on terms and conditions listed herein. WCPSS retains the option to extend this contract at its sole discretion for an additional two (2) one-year periods at the same cost.

ETHICS AND THE PURCHASING FUNCTION Policy Code: 6401/9100

The Wake County Board of Education is committed to conducting the purchasing function in an ethical manner and in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. The Board expects all employees who are directly or indirectly involved in any aspect of the purchasing function to be aware of and comply with all current state and federal laws and regulations as these standards apply to the school system's purchasing activities. The Board's purchasing goals and principles will not be compromised by individuals motivated by personal gain.

Employees directly or indirectly involved in any aspect of the school system's procurement, purchasing, and/or contracting process for apparatus, materials, equipment, supplies, services, real property, or construction or repair projects, regardless of source of funds, must adhere to the following standards of conduct and those established in any policies regarding employee conflict of interest and 8305: Federal Grant Administration.

1. Employees are expected to make all purchasing-related decisions in a neutral and objective way based on what is in the best interest of the school system and not in consideration of actual or potential personal benefit.

2. Employees shall not participate, directly or indirectly, in making or administering any contract from which they will obtain a direct benefit, unless an exception is allowed pursuant to law.

An employee obtains a direct benefit when the employee or his or her spouse will receive income, commission, or property under the contract, or the employee or spouse has more than a 10 percent interest in an entity that is a party to the contract. See G.S. 14-234 and any policies regarding employee conflict of interest.

Participation in making or administering a contract includes, but is not limited to, participating in the development of specifications or contract terms; obtaining or reviewing bids; preparation or award of the contract; and having the authority to make decisions about, interpret, or oversee the contract.

3. Employees shall not participate, directly or indirectly, in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported in whole or part by a federal grant or award if the employee has a real or apparent conflict of interest. See 2 C.F.R. 200.318 and policy 8305: Federal Grant Administration.

A real or apparent conflict exists when the employee, his or her immediate family member or partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of those individuals, has a financial or other interest in or receives a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. For purposes of this subsection, a "financial interest" means a financial interest which comprises more than five percent of the equity of the firm or business or more than five percent of the assets of the economic interest in indebtedness. It does not include an ownership interest held through a fiduciary, such as *Policy Code:* **6401/9100** a mutual fund or blind trust, where the individual or individual's employer has no control over the selection of holdings.

4. Employees shall not influence or attempt to influence any person involved in making or administering a contract from which the employee will obtain a direct benefit as described in paragraph 2, above.

5. Employees shall not solicit or receive any gift, favor, reward, service, or promise of reward, including a promise of future employment, in exchange for recommending, influencing, or attempting to influence the award of a contract by the school system.

6. Employees shall notify the superintendent or designee in writing if they have an actual or potential conflict of interest under this policy or applicable state or federal law that would disqualify them from performing any aspect of their job responsibilities.

7. Employees shall not solicit or accept trips, meals, gratuities, gifts, favors, or anything of monetary value from current or recent (within the past year) contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers, or any persons or entities that foreseeably may bid on a contract in the future, unless the item is an unsolicited gift of nominal value (\$50 or less), and is one of the following: an advertising item or souvenir that is widely distributed; an honorarium for participating in a meeting; a meal provided at a banquet; or other item that is clearly permitted by state and federal law. Multiple permitted items from a single contractor may not exceed an aggregate value of \$100 in a twelve-month period.

Employees shall inform existing and potential contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers about these restrictions.

8. Employees shall not solicit or accept any gift from a current or potential provider of E-rate services or products in violation of applicable federal E-rate program gifting rules.

9. Employees shall not divulge confidential information to any unauthorized person. Confidential information includes but is not limited to (1) the school system's cost estimate for any public contract, prior to bidding or completion of other competitive purchasing processes; and (2) the identity of contractors who have obtained proposals for bid purposes for a public contract, until the bids are opened in public and recorded in the Board minutes.

10. An employee shall not misuse information in violation of G.S. 14-234.1. Specifically, an employee shall not, in contemplation

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of the employee's own official action or that of the Board or others acting on behalf of the school system, or in reliance on information known to the employee in his or her official capacity and not made public, to: a. acquire a financial interest in any property, transaction, or enterprise; b. gain a financial benefit that may be affected by the information or contemplated action; or c. intentionally aid another to acquire a financial interest or gain a financial benefit from the information or contemplated action.

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that all affected personnel are aware of Board policy requirements and applicable laws. Any individual aware of any violation of this policy, policy 2121: Board Member Conflict of Interest, any policies regarding employee conflict of interest, the conflict-of-interest provisions of policy 8305: Federal Grant Administration, or applicable conflict of interest laws shall report such violation in accordance with policy 1760/7280: Prohibition Against Retaliation. Employees who violate this policy, policy 2121, any policies regarding employee conflict of interest, or the conflict-of-interest provisions of policy 8305, will be subject to disciplinary action.

Legal References: 2 C.F.R. 200.318(c); 47 C.F.R. 54.503; FCC Sixth Report and Order 10-175; G.S. 14-234, -234.1; 133-32, -33; Attorney General Opinion requested by L.W. Lamar regarding G.S. 133-32, the Applicability to Attorneys and Law Firms Providing Professional Services to Local Boards of Education, dated May 13, 1993

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. **<u>READ, REVIEW AND COMPLY:</u>** It shall be the bidder's responsibility to read this entire document, review all enclosures and attachments, and comply with all requirements specified herein.
- NOTICE TO BIDDERS: All bids are subject to the provisions of special terms and conditions specific to this Invitation for Bids, the specifications. Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) objects to and will not evaluate or consider any additional terms and conditions submitted with a bidder response. This applies to any language appearing in or attached to the document as part of the bidder's response. DO NOT ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. By execution and delivery of this document, the bidder agrees that any additional terms and conditions, whether submitted purposely or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect.
- 3. **DEFINITIONS:**
 - **BIDDER:** Company, firm, corporation, partnership, individual, etc., submitting a response to an Invitation for Bids.
 - **TERM CONTRACT:** A contract generally intended to cover all normal requirements for a commodity for a specified period of time based on estimated quantities only.
 - **OPEN MARKET CONTRACT:** A contract for the purchase of a commodity not covered by a term contract.
- 4. **EXECUTION:** Failure to sign under EXECUTION section will render bid invalid.
- 5. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** In cases of conflict between specific provisions in this bid, the order of precedence shall be (1) special terms and conditions specific to this bid, (2) specifications, and (3) Instructions to Bidders.
- 6. <u>TIME FOR CONSIDERATION</u>: Unless otherwise indicated on the first page of this document, bidder's offer shall be valid for 45 days from the date of bid opening. Preference may be given to bids allowing not less than 45 days for consideration and acceptance.
- 7. <u>SPECIFICATIONS</u>: Any deviation from specifications indicated herein must be clearly pointed out; otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and bidder will be held responsible, therefore. Deviations shall be explained in detail. The bidder shall not construe this paragraph as inviting deviation or implying that any deviation will be acceptable.
- 8. **INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE:** Bidder is to furnish all information requested and, in the spaces, provided in this document. Further, if required elsewhere in this bid, each bidder must submit with their bid sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications covering the products offered. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. Bids which do not comply with these requirements will be subject to rejection.
- 9. <u>RECYCLING AND SOURCE REDUCTION</u>: It is the policy of WCPSS to encourage and promote the purchase of products with recycled content to the extent economically practicable, and to purchase items which are reusable, refillable, repairable, more durable, and less toxic to the extent that the purchase or use is practicable and cost-effective. We also encourage and promote using minimal packaging and the use of recycled/recyclable products in the packaging of commodities purchased. However, no sacrifice in quality of packaging will be acceptable. The company remains responsible for providing packaging that will protect the commodity and contain it for its intended use. Companies are strongly urged to bring to the attention of WCPSS which issued the solicitation document, those products or packaging they offer which have recycled content and that are recyclable.
- 10. <u>CLARIFICATIONS/INTERPRETATIONS:</u> Any and all questions regarding this document must be addressed to the purchaser named on the cover sheet of this document. Do not contact the school or department directly. Any and all revisions to this document shall be made only by written addendum from WCPSS Purchasing Department. The bidder is cautioned that the requirements of this bid can be altered only by written addendum and that verbal communications from whatever source are of no effect.
- 11. ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION: WCPSS reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and, unless otherwise specified by the bidder, to accept any item in the bid. If either a unit price or extended price is obviously in error and the other is obviously correct, the incorrect price will be disregarded.
- 12. **REFERENCES:** WCPSS reserves the right to require a list of users of the exact item offered. WCPSS may contact these users to determine acceptability of the bid. Such information may be considered in the evaluation of the bid.
- 13. <u>AWARD OF CONTRACT</u>: As directed by statute, qualified bids will be evaluated and acceptance may be made of the lowest and best bid most advantageous to WCPSS as determined upon consideration of such factors as: prices offered; the quality of the articles offered; the general reputation and performance capabilities of the bidders; the substantial conformity with the specifications and other conditions set forth in the bid; the suitability of the articles for the intended use; the related services needed; the date or dates of delivery and performance; and such other factors deemed by WCPSS to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question. Unless otherwise specified by WCPSS or the bidder, WCPSS reserves the right to accept any item or group of items on a multi-item bid. WCPSS also reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In addition, on TERM CONTRACTS, WCPSS reserves the right to make partial, progressive, or multiple awards: where it is advantageous to award separately by items; or where more than one supplier is needed to

provide the contemplated requirements as to quantity, quality, delivery, service, geographical areas; other factors deemed by WCPSS to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question.

- 14. <u>HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES</u>: Pursuant to General Statute 143-48 and Executive Order #150, WCPSS invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, disabled, disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled.
- 15. <u>CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</u>: As provided by statute and rule, WCPSS will consider keeping trade secrets which the bidder does not wish disclosed confidential. Each page shall be identified in boldface at the top and bottom as "CONFIDENTIAL" by the bidder. Cost information shall not be deemed confidential. In spite of what is labeled as a trade secret, the determination whether it is or not will be determined by North Carolina law.
- 16. <u>SAMPLES:</u> Sample of items, when required, must be furnished as stipulated herein, free of expense, and if not destroyed will, upon request be returned at the bidder's expense. Request for the return of samples must be made within 10 days following date of bid opening. Otherwise, the samples will become WCPSS property. Each individual sample must be labeled with the bidder's name, bid number, and item number. A sample on which an award is made, will be retained until the contract is completed, and then returned, if requested, as specified above.
- 17. <u>AWARD PROCEDURES</u>: Contract award notice shall be posted on WCPSS website. Contract award notices are sent **only** to those actually awarded contracts, and not to every person or firm responding to this solicitation.
- 18. **RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE:** G.S. 143-59 establishes a reciprocal preference law to discourage other states from applying in-state preferences against North Carolina's resident bidders. The "Principal Place of Business" is defined as the principal place from which the trade or business of the bidder is directed or managed.
- 19. <u>DEFAULT AND PERFORMANCE BOND</u>: In case of default by the contractor, WCPSS may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby. WCPSS reserves the right to require performance bond or other acceptable alternative guarantees from successful bidder without expense to WCPSS.
- 20. **GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS:** In the event any Governmental restrictions are imposed which necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship, or performance of the items offered prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to notify in writing WCPSS, indicating the specific regulation which required such alterations. WCPSS reserves the right to accept any such alterations, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the contract.
- 21. TAXES: Any applicable taxes shall be invoiced as a separate item.

G.S. 143-59.1 bars the WCPSS from entering into contracts with vendors if the vendor or its affiliates meet one of the conditions of G. S. 105-164.8(b) and refuse to collect use tax on sales of tangible personal property to purchasers in North Carolina. Conditions under G. S. 105-164.8(b) include: (1) Maintenance of a retail establishment or office, (2) Presence of representatives in the State that solicit sales or transact business on behalf of the vendor and (3) Systematic exploitation of the market by media-assisted, media-facilitated, or media-solicited means. By execution of the bid document the vendor certifies that it and all of its affiliates (if it has affiliates) collect(s) the appropriate taxes.

- 22. <u>SITUS:</u> The place of this contract, its situs and forum, shall be Wake County, North Carolina, where all matters, whether sounding in contract or tort, relating to its validity, construction, interpretation, and enforcement shall be determined.
- 23. <u>GOVERNING LAWS</u>: This contract is made under and shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.
- 24. **INSPECTION AT CONTRACTOR'S SITE:** WCPSS reserves the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, the equipment/item, plant or other facilities of a prospective contractor prior to contract award, and during the contract term as necessary for WCPSS determination that such equipment/item, plant or other facilities conform with the specifications/requirements and are adequate and suitable for the proper and effective performance of the contract.
- 25. **PAYMENT TERMS:** Payment terms are Net not later than 30 days after receipt of correct invoice or acceptance of goods, whichever is later. Payment may be made by procurement card, and it shall be accepted by the contractor for payment if the contractor accepts that card (Visa, MasterCard, etc.) from other customers.
- 26. <u>CONDITION AND PACKAGING</u>: Unless otherwise provided by special terms and conditions or specifications, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped has not been sold or used for any purpose and shall be in first class condition. All containers/packaging shall be suitable for handling, storage, or shipment.
- 27. **STANDARDS:** All manufactured items and/or fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving a connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate state inspector which customarily requires the label or re-examination listing or identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization; such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters Laboratories and /or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; or the American Gas Association for gas operated assemblies, where such approvals of listings have been established for

the type of device offered and furnished. Further, all items furnished shall meet all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.

- 28. <u>PATENT:</u> The contractor shall hold and save WCPSS, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from liability of any kind, including costs and expenses, on account of any confidential information, copyrighted material, patented or unpatented invention, articles, device or appliance manufactured or used in the performance of this contract, including use by WCPSS or disclosure of any information pursuant to the NC Public Records Act.
- 29. ASSIGNMENT: No assignment of the contractor's obligations nor the contractor's right to receive payment hereunder shall be permitted.

However, upon written request approved by the purchasing department and solely as a convenience to the contractor, WCPSS may:

- a. Forward the contractor's payment check directly to any person or entity designated by the contractor, and
- b. Include any person or entity designated by contractor as a joint payee on the contractor's payment check.

In no event shall such approval and action obligate WCPSS to anyone other than the contractor and the contractor shall remain responsible for fulfillment of all contract obligations.

30. INSURANCE:

Certificates of Insurance acceptable to WCPSS shall be filed with WCPSS prior to commencement of the Work. These Certificates shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to WCPSS, and that the Wake County Board of Education is listed as additional insured on general liability and automobile liability. Provider agrees to maintain the appropriate insurance outlined in Exhibit B. Other types of appropriate insurance may be required depending upon scope of services provided. Examples are aviation liability, pollution liability, crime, employee dishonesty/directors and officers.

The successful vendor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Wake County Board of Education (WCBOE) for any liability that may arise from the negligent or illegal acts of the vendor's employees or agents.

- 31. <u>GENERAL INDEMNITY:</u> The provider shall hold and save WCPSS, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from liability of any kind, including all claims and losses, accruing or resulting to any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this contract, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation that may be injured or damaged by the provider in the performance of this contract and that are attributable to the negligence or intentionally tortious acts of the provider. The provider represents and warrants that it shall make no claim of any kind or nature against WCPSS agents who are involved in the delivery or processing of contractor goods to WCPSS. The representation and warranty in the preceding sentence shall survive the termination or expiration of this contract.
- 32. <u>CANCELLATION (TERM CONTRACTS ONLY)</u>: All contract obligations shall prevail for at least 180 days after the effective date of the contract. After that period, in addition to the provisions of the paragraph entitled Price Adjustments, for the protection of both parties, this contract may be canceled in whole or in part by either party by giving 30 days prior notice in writing to the other party.
- 33. **QUANTITIES (TERM CONTRACTS ONLY):** The award of a term contract neither implies nor guarantees any minimum or maximum purchases there under.
- 34. **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS (TERM CONTRACTS ONLY):** Any price changes, downward or upward, which might be permitted during the contract period must be general, either by reason of market change or on the part of the contractor to other customers.

a. <u>Notification:</u> Must be given to WCPSS, in writing, concerning any proposed price adjustments. Such notification shall be accompanied by copy of manufacturer's official notice or other acceptable evidence that the change is general in nature.
 b. <u>Decreases:</u> WCPSS shall receive full proportionate benefit immediately at any time during the contract period. <u>Increases:</u> All prices shall be firm against any increase for 180 days from the effective date of the contract. After this period, a request for increase may be submitted with WCPSS reserving the right to accept or reject the increase or cancel the contract. Such action by WCPSS shall occur not later than 15 days after the receipt by WCPSS of a properly documented request for price increase. Any increases accepted shall become effective not later than 30 days after the expiration of the original 15 days reserved to evaluate the request for increase.

- 35. <u>Invoices:</u> It is understood and agreed that orders will be shipped at the established contract prices in effect on dates orders are placed. Invoicing at variance with this provision will subject the contract to cancellation. Applicable North Carolina sales tax shall be invoiced as a separate item.
- 36. <u>LUNSFORD ACT/CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:</u> The Provider shall conduct at its own expense sexual offender registry checks on each of its employees, agents, ownership personnel, or contractors ("contractual personnel") who will engage in any service on or delivery of goods to school system property or at a school-system sponsored event. The checks shall include at a minimum check of the State Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the State Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program, and the National Sex Offender Registry ("the Registries"). For the Provider's convenience only, all of the required registry checks may be completed at no cost by accessing the North Carolina Sex Offender Registry website at http://sexoffender.ncdoj.gov/. The Provider shall provide certification on Sexual Offender Registry Check Certification Form that the registry checks were conducted on each of its contractual personnel providing services or delivering goods under this Agreement prior to the commencement of such services or the

delivery of such goods. The Provider shall conduct a current initial check of the registries (a check done more than 30 days prior to the date of this Agreement shall not satisfy this contractual obligation). In addition, Provider agrees to conduct the registry checks and provide a supplemental certification form before any additional contractual personnel are used to deliver goods or provide services pursuant to this Agreement. Provider further agrees to conduct annual registry checks of all contractual personnel and provide annual certifications at each anniversary date of this Agreement. Provider shall not assign any individual to deliver goods or provide services pursuant to this Agreement if said individual appears on any of the listed registries. Provider agrees that it will maintain all records and documents necessary to demonstrate that it has conducted a thorough check of the registries as to each contractual personnel and agrees to provide such records and documents to the school system upon request. Provider specifically acknowledges that the school system retains the right to audit these records to ensure compliance with this section at any time in the school system's sole discretion. Failure to comply with the terms of this provision shall be grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement. In addition, the school system may conduct additional criminal records checks at Provider's expense. If the school system exercises this right to conduct additional criminal records checks, Provider agrees to provide within seven (7) days of request the full name, date of birth, state of residency for the past ten years, and any additional information requested by the school system for all contractual personnel who may deliver goods or perform services under this Agreement. Provider further agrees that it has an ongoing obligation to provide the school system with the name of any new contractual personnel who may deliver goods or provide services under the Agreement. WCPSS reserves the right to prohibit any contractual personnel of Provider from delivering goods or providing services under this Agreement if WCPSS determines, in its sole discretion, that such contractual personnel may pose a threat to the safety or well-being of students, school personnel or others.

- 37. ACCESS TO PERSONS AND RECORDS: The State Auditor and the WCPSS internal auditors shall have access to persons and records as a result of all contracts or grants entered into by WCPSS in accordance with General Statute 147-64.7 and Session Law 2010-194, Section 21 (i.e., the State Auditors and WCPSS may audit the records of the contractor during the term of the contract to verify accounts and data affecting fees or performance).
- 38. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH E-VERIFY</u>: Provider shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations in providing services under this Contract. In particular, Provider shall not employ any individuals to provide services to the School System who are not authorized by federal law to work in the United States. Provider represents and warrants that it is aware of and in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act and North Carolina law (Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes) requiring use of the E-Verify system for employers who employ twenty-five (25) or more employees and that it is and will remain in compliance with these laws at all times while providing services pursuant to this Contract. Provider shall also ensure that any of its subcontractors (of any tier) will remain in compliance with these laws at all times while providing subcontracted services in connection with this Contract.
- 39. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</u>: Provider is responsible for providing affordable health care coverage to all of its fulltime employees providing services to the School System. The definitions of "affordable coverage" and "full-time employee" are governed by the Affordable Care Act and accompanying IRS and Treasury Department regulations.
- 40. **RESTRICTED COMPANIES LIST:** Bidder represents that as of the date of this bid, Bidder is not included on the Final Divestment List created by the North Carolina State Treasurer pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-86.58. Bidder also represents that as of the date of this bid, Bidder is not included on the list of restricted companies determined to be engaged in a boycott of Israel created by the North Carolina State Treasurer pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-86.81.
- 41. **BUSINESS AUTHORIZATION:** Bidder is duly qualified to do business in North Carolina. If Bidder is a business entity that is not registered in North Carolina, prior to providing any products or beginning any services described by this bid, Bidder shall either (i) obtain a certificate of authority from the Secretary of State for North Carolina, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 55-15-03, or (ii) provide a letter from an attorney indicating that the attorney has reviewed N. C. Gen. Stat. § 55-15-01 and determined that Bidder is not required to obtain a certificate of authority pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 55-15-01(b).

Attachment: A

VENDOR INFORMATION SHEET

Company Name (include dba):			
Phone number:				
Contact:				
Corporate Office Address:				
Wake County Office Address (i 				-
Length of time in business:				
DOT #:	(if applicable) MC L	icense #:	(if applicable)	
Insurance Contact:		Phone:		_

The Wake County Public School System reserves the right to reject or disqualify any and all vendors, waive informalities and irregularities in the bid process, and to accept vendors, which are considered to be in the best interest of the School System.

EXHIBIT B - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

	COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR ALL WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (WCBOE) AGREEMENTS					
Type of Insurance	Type of Service	Minimum Insurance Limits				
Commercial General Liability (CGL)_ for direct operations, contractual liability and completed operations with limits not less than those stated	All Services	\$1,000,000 each occurrence Including Personal & Advertising Injury \$1,000,000 each occurrence with \$2,000,000 General Aggregate, and \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate and Medical Expense \$5,000 (any one person)				
Commercial Automobile Liability (CAL) including coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles:	All Services operating vehicles on WCPSS sites or transporting goods. Contact WCPSS Risk Management For services that	\$1,000,000 per occurrence Combined Single Limit each accident.\$2,000,000 per occurrence Combined Single Limit				
Enhanced Limits Automobile	transport Students or Staff	(for Hired Transportation example EC Transportation, Special Events)				
Liability	Contact WCPSS Risk Management for Charter/Motorcoach Transportation	\$5,000,000 per occurrence/Combined Single Limit required for Charter/Motorcoach Transportation Services				
Workers Compensation (WC) including Occupational Disease and Employer's Liability Insurance.	All Services Required for any contractor with three or more W2 employees.	Part A: Worker's Compensation Coverage – Statutory Limits as required by state of North Carolina Worker's Compensation laws.				
	Contractors not required by law to carry Workers Compensation may be required to provide proof of or attest the personal health insurance	Part B: Employer's Liability Bodily Injury by Accident: \$500,000 each accident Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000 each employee Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000 Policy Limit				
	APPROPRIATE INSURANCE BELOW OR LIMITS AI UPON THE SCOPE OF SERVICES	RE REQUIRED BY WCPSS RISK				
Professional Liability Insurance (PL) Errors and Omissions (E&O)	Required for any services involving professional services such as architectural and or engineering and design services. May include malpractice insurance if medical or mental health services are provided.	Minimum \$1,000,000.				
Sexual Misconduct Liability (SML) /Sexual Abuse/Molestation (SAM)	Required for any provider services when alone with students, including online services involving live chat. For allegations of sexual abuse by policyholders and those employed by them, whether founded or unfounded.	Minimum \$1,000,000.				
Cyber Liability (CL)	Required for any service with access to or exchange involving personally identifiable information or software applications.	Minimum Limit requirements \$1,000,000 up to \$5,000,000				
Aircraft/Aviation General Liability (AGL)	Required for any services or presentations involving manned or unmanned flight. Most commercial general liability policies will not cover aviation-related exposures.	Minimum \$1,000,000 for each occurrence + WCBOE Policy must be followed and WCPSS Risk Management must approve the flying pre- flight.				
Pollution Liability	Required if hazardous waste / harmful substances are being utilized or disturbed.	Minimum \$1,000,000. Each wrongful act with \$2,000,000 aggregate				
Commercial Crime Insurance (Included extension to third parties)	Required for contracted services that have access to WCPSS sites while unsupervised example Custodial, Security	Minimum \$1,000,000. Each wrongful act with \$2,000,000 aggregate				

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY, COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION ARE STANDARD LINES OF COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR ALL WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (WCBOE) AGREEMENTS

MINORITY, WOMEN, SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE INFORMATION

Pursuant to WCPSS Board of Education policy and NC General Statutes, WCPSS invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, small business enterprise, disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled.

Parties are required to complete the following information when submitting their response to this request:

Check all that apply:

- Minority Owned Business
- Woman Owned Business
- □ Small Business Enterprise
- Yes, I certify that that my company has been certified by the North Carolina Department of Administration (HUB Office) as a Historically Underutilized Business.
- No, my company has not yet received HUB or MWBE certification but meet the above criteria.
- _____ No, my company is not a minority, woman, or small business enterprise.

Vendor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

FEDERAL CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS

This *Attachment* is incorporated into the Goods and/or Service Contract between WCPSS and the Vendor. Capitalized terms not defined in this Attachment shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Contract.

This Contract will be funded in whole or in part with federal funding. As such, federal laws, regulations, policies, and related administrative practices apply to this Contract. The most recent of such federal requirements, including any amendments made after the execution of this Contract shall govern the Contract, unless the federal government determines otherwise. This *Attachment* identifies the federal requirements that may be applicable to this contract. The Vendor is responsible for complying with all applicable provisions, updates or modifications that occur in the future relating to these clauses.

To the extent possible, the federal requirements contained in the most recent version of the Uniform Administrative Requirements for federal awards (Uniform Rules) codified at 2.C.F.R., Part 200, including any certifications and contractual provisions required by any federal statutes or regulation referenced therein to be included in this contract are deemed incorporated into this contract by reference and shall be incorporated into any sub-agreement or subcontract executed by the Vendor pursuant to its obligations under this Contract. The Vendor and its sub-contractors, if any, hereby represent and covenant that they had complied and shall comply in the future with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules and School System policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, relating to work to be performed under this Contract. The following provisions are specifically incorporated into this Contract.

- 1. <u>Equal Employment Opportunity</u>. In the event this Contract meets the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" set forth in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3, the Vendor agrees to all requirements set forth in 41 C.F.R. 60-1.4(b), which are incorporated by reference into this Contract.
- <u>Compliance with Davis-Bacon Act</u>. In the event this Contract involves a prime construction arrangement for an amount in excess of \$2,000, the Vendor agrees to comply with all provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 1341-3144, 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").
- <u>Compliance with Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act</u>. In the event this Contract is for an amount in excess
 of \$100,000 and involves the employment of mechanics or laborers, the Vendor agrees to comply with all requirements
 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708), as supplemented by Department of
 Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- 4. <u>Compliance with Regulations Regarding Rights to Inventions</u>. In the event the federal funds expended on this Contract meet the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a), and this Contract involves the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the District agrees to 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.
- <u>Compliance with Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act</u>. If the Contract is for an amount in excess of \$150,000, the Vendor agrees 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).
- <u>Compliance with Disbarment and Suspension Requirements</u>. The Vendor certifies that it is not listed in the System for Award Management (SAM), as a party debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, or otherwise declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority.
- 7. <u>Compliance with Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment</u>. If the Contract is for an amount in excess of \$100,000, the Vendor agrees to provide the District with the certifications required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.
- 8. <u>Compliance with Solid Waste Disposal Act</u>. In the event the Contract involves the purchase of more than \$10,000 in items designed by guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency at 40 C.F.R. Part 247, the Parties agree to comply with the requirements of section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. In particular, the Vendor certifies that the percentage of recovered materials to be used in the performance of the contract will be at least the amount required by applicable specifications or other contractual requirements.