



**Lexington County School District
One**

Request for Proposals

Solicitation Number:
Date Issued:
Procurement Officer:

Phone:
E-Mail Address:

PT2024.5
02/28/2024
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DESCRIPTION: Electronic Benefits Enrollment and Communication Services

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on the package exterior. See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES BELOW:

PHYSICAL/MAILING ADDRESS:
Lexington School District One
Attn: Procurement Services
100 Tarrar Springs Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): **04/10/2024, 3:00 PM ET**
(See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
03/13/2024, 1:00 PM ET (See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One Original, One Redacted Copy & One USB Drive with both versions uploaded

Initial Here if Redacted Copy is Not Necessary _____

CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A
DATE & TIME: N/A

LOCATION: N/A

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

AWARD & AMENDMENTS Award will be posted at the Physical Address above on **05/01/2024**. The award, notice of this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address:
<https://www.lexington1.net/Page/4030>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of 60 calendar days after the Opening Date. (See "Signing Your Offer" provisions.)

NAME OF OFFEROR:
(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY:
(Check one)

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:
(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

- ___ Sole Proprietorship
- ___ Partnership
- ___ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)
- ___ Tax exempt corporate entity
- ___ Government entity (federal, state, or local)
- ___ Other _____

TITLE:
(business title of person signing above)

PRINTED NAME:
(printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED:

(See "Signing your Offer" provision)

Email Address:

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING OFFEROR'S NAME: Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the Offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

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(Return Page Two with Your Offer)

<p>HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Offeror's home office principal place of business)</p> <p>___ Payment Address same as Home Office Address ___ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)</p>	<p>NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:15%;">Area Code:</td> <td style="width:25%;">Number:</td> <td style="width:15%;">Extension:</td> <td style="width:45%;">Facsimile:</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Email Address:</td> </tr> </table>	Area Code:	Number:	Extension:	Facsimile:	Email Address:
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<p>PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)</p> <p>___ Payment Address same as Home Office Address ___ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)</p>	<p>ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)</p> <p>___ Order Address same as Home Office Address ___ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)</p>					

<p>ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS Offerors acknowledge receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)</p>							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

<p>DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)</p>	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	___ Calendar Days (%)
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<p>MINORITY PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Please answer the following question:</p> <p>Are you certified as a MOB/WOB (minority-owned business/woman-owned business) by the State of South Carolina?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, provide certification number: _____.</p>
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I. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION

Lexington County School District One is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide Electronic Benefits Enrollment and Communications Services consistent with the terms and conditions herein set forth.

ACQUIRE SERVICES: The purpose of this solicitation is to provide services complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions.

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD - ESTIMATED (JAN 2006)

The maximum potential contract life shall be for One (1) year with four (4) one (1) year renewal options.

Start date: 05/09/2024 End date: 05/08/2029

Dates provided are estimates only. Any resulting contract will begin on the date specified in the notice of award. See clause entitled "Term of Contract - Effective Date/Initial Contract Period". [01-1040-1]

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS - A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION: (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <http://www.lexington1.net/departments/procurement/solicitations-and-awards> (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

AUTHORIZED AGENT (FEB 2015): All authority regarding this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement or the resulting contract. [02-2A007-1]

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Notice regarding any award, cancellation of award, or extension of award will be posted at the location and on the date specified on the Cover Page or, if applicable, any notice of extension of award. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value in excess of fifty thousand dollars, such notice will be sent electronically to all

Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the calendar day (including weekends and holidays) immediately following the seventh business day after such notice is given.

BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT: By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with the District. Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; "joint bids" are not allowed.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer in writing.

BID IN ENGLISH & DOLLARS: Offers submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION: GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

(a) By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that-

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Offeror or competitor relating to-

(i) Those prices;

(ii) The intention to submit an offer; or

(iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the Offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other Offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory-

(1) Is the person in the Offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or

(2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the Offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the Offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.

(c) If the Offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the Offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure. [02-2A032-1]

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS: (a)(1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals-

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) Offeror has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary

management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

(b) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. (c) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a)(1), Offer must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish additional information as requested by the Procurement Officer may render the Offeror non-responsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings. (e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the District, the Procurement Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

CIVIL RIGHTS PROVISIONS: The contractor providing services under this Invitation to Bid must comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. The contractor must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to wages, hours, and conditions of employment. In connection with contractor's performance of work under this contract, contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee(s) or applicant(s) for employment because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call toll free at (866) 632-9992. Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339; of 800-845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE: The South Carolina Code of Laws is available at

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.php>

The District's Procurement Code is available at:

https://www.lexington1.net/cms/lib/SC50000473/Centricity/Domain/1592/Procurement_Code.pdf

CONTRACT VIOLATION: During the term of the contract, contractors who violate any contract will be considered in breach and subject to cancellation for cause. Contractors may be suspended or debarred from doing business with the District. Examples of vendor violations include, but are not limited to: (1) Adding items to the contract without approval. (2) Increasing contract price without approval. (3) Misrepresentation of the contract to any District entity.

COMPLETION OF FORMS / CORRECTION OF ERRORS: All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself including the bid schedule.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER: Any offer received after the Procurement Officer or his designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated Procurement Office or the District Office's mail room which services that Procurement Office prior to the bid opening which is located at the physical address on the first page of the solicitation.

DEFINITIONS: EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION.

AMENDMENT – means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.

BOARD – means the Lexington School District One Board of Trustees.

BUYER – means the Procurement Officer.

CHANGE ORDER - means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract. CONTRACT - See clause entitled "Contract Documents & Order of Precedence."

CONTRACT MODIFICATION – means a written order signed by the Procurement Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract authorizes the Procurement Officer to order without the consent of the contractor.

CONTRACTOR - means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.

COVER PAGE – means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Offerors are cautioned that Amendments may modify information provided on the Cover Page.

DISTRICT – means Lexington County School District One.

OFFER – means the bid or proposal submitted in response to this solicitation. The terms "Bid" and "Proposal" are used interchangeably

with the term "Offer."

OFFEROR – means the single legal entity submitting the offer. The term "Bidder" is used interchangeably with the term "Offeror." See bidding provisions entitled "Signing Your Offer" and "Bid/Proposal As Offer To Contract." PAGE TWO – means the second page of the original solicitation, which is labeled Page Two.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER – means the person, or his successor, identified as such on the Cover Page.

SOLICITATION – means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.

SUBCONTRACTOR – means any person having a contract to perform work or render service to Contractor as a part of the Contractor's agreement arising from this solicitation.

WORK - means all labor, materials, equipment, services, or property of any type, provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

YOU and YOUR – means Offeror.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION: By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

DUTY TO INQUIRE: Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the District's attention.

ETHICS ACT: Ethics Certificate: By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The state may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed.

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE: Do not include any sales or use taxes in Your price that the District may be required to pay.

OPEN TRADE REPRESENTATION: By submitting an Offer, Offeror represents that Offeror is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS AND DONATIONS: Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of law. (a) During the period between publication of the solicitation and final award, *you must not communicate, directly or indirectly, with the District or its employees, agents or officials regarding any aspect of this procurement activity*, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer. (b) You are advised to familiarize yourself with Regulation 19-445.2165, which restricts donation to a governmental entity with whom you have or seek to have a contract. You represent that your offer discloses any gifts made, directly or through an intermediary, by you or your named subcontractors to or for the benefit of the District during the period beginning eighteen months prior to the opening date.

PROTESTS: Any prospective bidder, Offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest within fifteen days of the date of issuance of the applicable solicitation document at issue. Any actual bidder, Offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within ten days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, submitted to the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer, and shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided. [Article 17 - 4210 of the District's Procurement Code] The rights and remedies granted under Article 17 – 4210.1.2 are not available for contracts with an actual or potential value of up to fifty thousand dollars.

PUBLIC OPENING: Offers will be publicly opened at the date / time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Amendment, whichever is applicable.

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS: (a) Any prospective Offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless otherwise stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the procurement officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective Offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective Offerors as an Amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective Offerors. (b) The District seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer – as soon as possible – regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition.

All questions shall be in writing and submitted to, and received no later than the date/time for submission of questions as stated on Cover Page of this document, via e-mail to:

Email: emarsh@lexington1.net with Subject Line: Solicitation # (as on the Cover Page of this document)

REJECTION/CANCELLATION: The District may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The District may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [Article 5 - 1710 of the District's Procurement Code]

RESPONSIVENESS / IMPROPER OFFERS: (a) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

(b) Multiple Offers. Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all Solicitation requirements. If this solicitation is an Invitation for Bids, each separate offer must be submitted as a separate document. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.

(c) Responsiveness. Any Offer which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Offers which impose conditions that modify material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected. If a fixed price is required, an Offer will be rejected if the total possible cost to the District cannot be determined. Offerors will not be given an opportunity to correct any material nonconformity. Any deficiency resulting from a minor informality may be cured or waived at the sole discretion of the Procurement Officer.

(d) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price.

(e) Unbalanced Bidding. The District may reject an Offer as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or sub-line items. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the District even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFERORS: Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of the state Ethics Act. (a) After issuance of the solicitation, *you agree not to discuss this procurement activity in any way with the District or its employees, agents or officials*. All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. This restriction may be lifted by express written permission from the Procurement Officer. This restriction expires once a contract has been formed. (b) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, *you agree not to give anything to the District or its employees, agents or officials prior to award*.

SIGNING YOUR OFFER: Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words "by its Partner," and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of

participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that it has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSINGS: If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal District Office processes so that offers cannot be received at the District Office for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal District Office processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If the District Office is closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference.

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: (An overview is available at http://procurement.sc.gov/webfiles/MMO_Legal/Documents/FOIA_page.pdf) For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends is protected by Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected! If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the District may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not mark the entire page. By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page is conspicuously marked "TRADE SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROTECTED", (2) agrees that any information not marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. In determining whether to release documents, the District will detrimentally rely on Offeror's marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "PROTECTED". By submitting a response, Offeror agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District, its officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the District withholding information that Offeror marked as "confidential" or "trade secret" or "PROTECTED". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION: (a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages – (1) Addressed to the office specified in the Solicitation; and (2) Showing the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. (b) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, each offer must be submitted in a different envelope or package. (c) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (d) Offerors using commercial carrier services shall ensure that the Offer is addressed and marked on the outermost envelope or wrapper as prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this provision when delivered to the office specified in the Solicitation. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH MINORITY FIRMS: Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, taxpayers, who utilize certified minority subcontractors, may take a tax credit equal to 4% of the payments they make to said subcontractors. The payments claimed must be based on work performed directly for a District contract. The credit is capped at \$25,000 per year or the total tax liability; whichever is lesser. The taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for 6 consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the credit is first claimed. There is no carry forward of unused credits. The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Taxpayers must maintain evidence of work performed for a District contract by the minority subcontractor. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, Research and Review, Phone: (803) 898-5786, Fax: (803) 898-5888. The subcontractor must be certified as to the criteria of a "Minority Firm" by the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance (OSMBA). Certificates are issued to subcontractors upon successful completion of the certification process. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance, Phone: (803) 734-0657, Fax: (803) 734-2498.

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: (a) If Offeror is owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph

(b) of this provision, Offeror shall submit with its Offer the name and TIN of common parent. (b) Definitions: "Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the Offeror is a member. "Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the Offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.(c) If Offeror does not have a TIN, Offeror shall indicate if either a TIN has been applied for or a TIN is not required. If a TIN is not required, indicate whether (i) Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States; (ii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a state or local government; (iii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; or (iv) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

VENDOR REGISTRATION: Offerors who have not provided products/services to the District in the past or within the past three years should complete a W-9 and submit it with your offer.

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER: Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by Article 5 – 1520 of the District’s Procurement Code.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: You warrant and represent that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award. The two underlying principles are (a) preventing the existence of conflicting roles that might bias a contractor’s judgment, and (b) preventing an unfair competitive advantage. If you have an unfair competitive advantage or a conflict of interest, the District may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, an Offeror will be notified of the concerns and provided a reasonable opportunity to respond. Efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities, may be considered.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

CONFERENCE – PRE-PROPOSALS

Pre-Bid Conference Date and Time: Listed on Page one.

Location of Pre-Bid/Proposal Conference: Listed on Page One.

Due to the importance of all offerors having a clear understanding of the specifications and requirements of this solicitation, a conference of potential offerors will be held on the date specified on the cover page. **Bring a copy of the solicitation with you. Any changes resulting from this conference will be noted in a written amendment to the solicitation. Failure to attend will not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty and cost of successfully performing the work, or for proceeding to successfully perform the work without additional expense to the District.** The District assumes no responsibility for any conclusions or interpretations made by the Contractor based on the information made available at the conference. Nor does the District assume responsibility for any understanding reached or representation made concerning conditions which can affect the work by any of its officers or agents before the execution of this contract, unless that understanding or representation is expressly stated in this contract.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

CONTENTS OF OFFER: (a) Offers should be complete and carefully worded and should convey all of the information requested. (b) Offers should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. (c) Each copy of your offer should be bound in a single volume where practical. All documentation submitted with your offer should be bound in that single volume. (d) If your offer includes any comment over and above the specific information requested in the solicitation, you are to include this information as a

separate appendix to your offer. Offers which include either modifications to any of the solicitation's contractual requirements or an offeror's standard terms and conditions may be deemed non-responsive and not considered for award.

OPENING PROPOSALS -- INFORMATION NOT DIVULGED

In competitive sealed proposals, neither the number nor identity of Offerors nor prices will be divulged at opening.

CLARIFICATION: Pursuant to Section 11-35-1520(8), the Procurement Officer may elect to communicate with you after opening for the purpose of clarifying either your offer or the requirements of the solicitation. Such communications may be conducted only with Offerors who have submitted an offer which obviously conforms in all material aspects to the solicitation. Clarification of an offer must be documented in writing and included with the offer. Clarifications may not be used to revise an offer or the solicitation.

ELECTRONIC COPIES – REQUIRED MEDIA AND FORMAT (MODIFIED): If requested by the Procurement Officer, you must submit an electronic copy or copies on USB drive. Submit the number of copies indicated on the cover page. Each copy should be on separate media. Every USB drive must be labeled with the solicitation number and the offeror's name and specify whether its contents address technical proposals or business proposals. If multiple-USB sets are provided, each USB in the set must be appropriately identified as to its relationship to the set, e.g., 1 of 2. The electronic copy must be identical to the original offer. File format shall be compatible with Microsoft Office (version 2003 or later), or Adobe Acrobat or equivalent Portable Document Format (.pdf) viewer. The Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print electronic documents without a password.

DISCLOSURE OF YOUR BID / PROPOSAL and SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL DATA (FEB 2021): (a) According to Section 11-35-410, any person submitting a document in response or with regard to any solicitation or other request must "comply with instructions provided in the solicitation for marking information exempt from public disclosure. Information not marked as required by the applicable instructions may be disclosed to the public." **IF YOU IDENTIFY YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE AS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, OR IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A REDACTED COPY AS REQUIRED, THE STATE MAY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DETERMINE YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL NONRESPONSIVE AND INELIGIBLE FOR AWARD.** (b) By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page, or portion thereof, of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page, or portion thereof, was redacted and conspicuously marked "Trade Secret" or "Confidential" or "Protected", (2) agrees that any information not redacted and marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. (c) If your offer includes any information that you claim is exempt from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original offer. (d) Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not redact the entire page. The redacted copy must reflect the same pagination as the original and show the empty space from which information was redacted. The Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. (e) On the redacted copy, you must identify the basis of your claim by marking each redaction as follows: You must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure because it is either (1) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, or (2) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. You must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure as a trade secret pursuant to Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. You must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 11-35- 1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. (f) In determining whether to release documents, the State will detrimentally rely on your redaction and marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". By submitting a response, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Carolina, its agencies, officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss,

expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from withholding information by the State of South Carolina or any of its agencies, that you have redacted or marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.) [02-2A125-3]

BACKGROUND CHECKS: Any and all persons with whom vendor/contractor employs, contracts, or otherwise causes to be located on District property shall have passed a South Carolina and Nationwide criminal background check, to include the nationwide Sex Offender Registry. Successful completion of the criminal background checks shall occur prior to such individuals being present on District property. The contractor/vendor is solely responsible for any and all fees and/or charges associated with completion of the background check(s) required herein. The District reserves the right to deny access to any employee, contractor or person caused to be present on District property by the vendor/contractor. Removal of employees on this basis shall not disrupt the project schedule or cost.

PROTEST: Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Lexington County School District One, and submitted in writing by e-mail or post delivery as follows:

Mailing Address: Lexington County School District One
Procurement Services, Chief Procurement Officer
Ref: Protest – Solicitation Number (as on Cover Page of this document)
100 Tarrar Springs Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Email: jmiller@lexington1.net and emarsh@lexingotn1.net
Subject Line: Protest - Ref: Solicitation Number (as on Cover Page of this document)

EVERY RESULTING CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO ALL TERMS OF THE DISTRICT PROCUREMENT CODE INCLUDING LIMITATIONS AS TO DURATION, RIGHTS OF THE DISTRICT TO TERMINATE AND MEANS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION. NO RESULTING CONTRACT IS RENEWABLE EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE SOLICITATION. NO VENDOR TERMS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE SOLICITATION AND DISTRICT PROCUREMENT CODE.

III. SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE OF WORK: Attachment A

BIDDING SCHEDULE: See Bidding Schedule – Part VIII.

DELIVERY LOCATION: After award, all deliveries shall be made to the following locations:

Lexington County School District One
100 Tarrar Springs Road
Lexington, SC 29072

All deliveries shall be FOB Destination. All delivery charges are to be paid by the contractor and included in the price of the goods, not invoiced separately. Any claim for loss or damages shall be between the contractor and the carrier.

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IV. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT

INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT - EVALUATION: In addition to information requested elsewhere in this solicitation, offerors should submit the following information for purposes of evaluation:

You shall submit a **Technical Proposal** and a **Price Proposal** of your offer in separate and distinct documents. **In addition to your original offer, you are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to submit a redacted copy of the Technical Proposal.**

Instructions for Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal shall be arranged in the following order:

Section 1 – Introductory Documents

1. Cover Page of this solicitation – Page 1 of Offeror’s proposal
2. Page Two of this solicitation – Page 2 of Offeror’s proposal
3. Executive Summary – A one or two-page executive summary to briefly describe the Offeror’s proposal. This summary should highlight the major features of the proposal. The reader should be able to determine the essence of the proposal by reading the executive summary.

Section 2 – Technical Approach, Implementtion Ability & Schedule, Travel

1. Affirm that your Offer complies with all requirements of this solicitation and respond to each requirement outlined in the *Scope of Work/Specifications* contained in **Attachment A & Attachment B** to this solicitation, point-by-point. Each response should clearly indicate whether your proposal meets or exceeds these minimum requirements, as appropriate. Offerors should explain in detail the method(s) used to meet or exceed each requirement. It is very important to state the RFP requirement and then respond below it.
2. Provide a work plan description, which includes a detailed proposed project schedule by task, a list of tasks, activities and/or milestones that will be employed to administer the project, the task assignments of staff members, and level of effort for each linked to the Price Proposal. (Do NOT place any pricing in the Technical Proposal).
3. Provide availability to implement the proposed program at Lexington County School District One.
4. Provide a statement of the typical time it would take for the staff members that will be assigned to this contract after implimentation to arrive at Lexington County School District One’s address lised on the cover of this document.

Section 3 – Offeror’s Qualifications and Experience

1. Provide a statement of Company qualifications including:
 - i. Name of the firm as well as a brief description of its business activities
 - ii. Provide information on how long the firm has been in business
 - iii. Identify the firm’s professional staff members who specifically will be assigned to this contract, the experience each possesses, and the location of the office from which they work.
2. Provide at least three client references from similar public school district projects.
 - i. Include contact names, addresses and telephone numbers.

Failure to follow the order for the Technical response could directly affect the score of the proposal.

Instructions for Price Proposal

The Price Proposal shall be submitted as a separate document. Pricing information **shall not** be provided in the Technical Proposal under any circumstances. In addition to information requested elsewhere in this solicitation, the Price Proposal must be clearly identified and must include a copy of Page 1 of this solicitation.

Outline all costs to be incurred for the services requested in Section III, Scope of Work. Offeror is to provide a thorough and detailed presentation of all costs to be incurred by the District during the contract performance. The cost proposal should include an

all-inclusive amount for the full range of services required for the duration of the contract. The quoted fees must be honored for a period of sixty days (60) from the receipt of this proposal.

MINORITY PARTICIPATION: Refer to Page Two of solicitation.

SUBMITTING REDACTED OFFERS: You are required to mark the original copy of your offer to identify any information that is exempt from public disclosure. You must do so in accordance with the clause entitled "Submitting Confidential Information." In addition, you must also submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed any information that you marked as exempt, i.e., a redacted copy. The information redacted should mirror in every detail the information marked as exempt from public disclosure. The redacted copy should (i) reflect the same pagination as the original, (ii) show the empty space from which information was redacted, and (iii) be submitted on magnetic media. (See clause entitled "Magnetic Media Required Format.") Except for the redacted information, the CD must be identical to the original hard copy. Portable Document Format (.pdf) is preferred.

V. QUALIFICATIONS

QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR: To be eligible for award of a contract, a prospective contractor must be responsible. In evaluating an Offeror's responsibility, the District Standards of Responsibility and information from any other source may be considered. An Offeror must, upon request of the District, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to meet all contractual requirements. Unreasonable failure to supply information promptly in connection with a responsibility inquiry may be grounds for determining that you are ineligible to receive an award. [Article 5 – 1810 of the District's Procurement Code]

QUALIFICATIONS - SPECIAL STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

DISTRICT STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY: Factors to be considered in determining whether the District standards of responsibility have been met include whether a prospective contractor has:

- available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility, and personnel resources and expertise, or the ability to obtain them, necessary to indicate its capability to meet all contractual requirements;
- a satisfactory record of performance;
- a satisfactory record of integrity;
- qualified legally to contract with the District and State; and
- supplied all necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility.

VI. AWARD CRITERIA

AWARD CRITERIA -- PROPOSALS: Award will be made to the highest ranked, responsive and responsible Offeror whose offer is determined to be the most advantageous to the District.

AWARD TO ONE OFFEROR: Award will be made to one Offeror.

EVALUATION FACTORS -- PROPOSALS: Offers will be evaluated using only the factors stated below. Evaluation factors are stated in the relative order of importance, with the first factor being the most important. Once evaluation is complete, all responsive Offerors will be ranked from most advantageous to least advantageous.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

(1) QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

The evaluation panel will use the information submitted in response to *Part IV. Information for Offerors to Submit*, Section 3 – Offeror's Qualifications and Experience to evaluate this criterion.

(2) TECHNICAL APPROACH

The evaluation panel will use the information submitted in response to *Part IV. Information for Offerors to Submit*, Section 2 – Technical Approach, No. 1 & 2 to evaluate this criterion.

(3) IMPLEMENTTION ABIITY AND SCHEDULE

The evaluation panel will use the information submitted in response to *Part IV. Information for Offerors to Submit*, Section 2, – Technical Approach, No. 2 & 3 to evaluate this criterion.

(4) TRAVEL TIME TO LCSD1

The evaluation panel will use the information submitted in response to *Part IV. Information for Offerors to Submit*, Section 2 – Technical Approach, No. 4 to evaluate this criterion.

(5) PRICE

Evaluation points for financial proposal will be assigned using the following methodology:

The responsive offeror submitting the lowest rate, not including the optional requested services, will receive the maximum points assigned for Price. All other responsive offerors will receive prorated points for price by determining the ratio of their rate compared to the lowest rate and then multiplying this ratio by the maximum points assigned for Price.

Example below (note: numbers and weighting are for example purposes only, and assumes maximum points assigned for price = 10):

<u>Offeror</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Formula</u>	<u>Points</u>
Offeror 1	\$200	Lowest PBPD rate receives max points assigned	10
Offeror 2	\$300	$200/300 = .667 \times 10$	6.67
Offeror 3	\$400	$200/400 = .5 \times 10$	5

After phase I, the scores will be totaled and proposals will be ranked. In the case of a tied score for the second-place ranking, the proposal involved in the tie which scored the highest sum for Technical Approach, and Qualifications/Experience, per Evaluator, shall be determined to be one of the two highest-ranked Offerors. In the case of a subsequent tie, the proposal involved in the tie which scored the highest for Technical Approach per Evaluator shall be determined to be one of the two highest-ranked Offerors.

Phase II-Optional

The District may interview top ranked firms from the proposal evaluation. If interviews are conducted, rankings of firms shall be determined by the District, using the combined results of interviews and proposal submittals. Consultants invited to interview are to bring the assigned key staff named by the Consultant in the Proposal, and may bring other key personnel named in the Proposal. The Consultant shall not bring individuals who do not work for the Consultant or are not on the project team without advance authorization by the Procurement Contact. If interviews are conducted, they will be worth **100 additional points**.

NEGOTIATIONS

The Procurement Officer may elect to make an award without conducting negotiations. However, after the offers have been ranked, the Procurement Officer may elect to negotiate price or the general scope of work with the highest-ranked Offeror. If a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached, negotiations may be conducted with the second, and then the third, and so on, ranked Offerors to such level of ranking as determined by the Procurement Officer.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – A. GENERAL

ASSIGNMENT, NOVATION, AND CHANGE OF NAME, IDENTITY, OR STRUCTURE (FEB 2015): (a) Contractor shall not assign this contract, or its rights, obligations, or any other interest arising from this contract, or delegate any of its performance obligations, without the express written consent of the responsible procurement officer. The foregoing restriction does not apply to a transfer that occurs by operation of law (e.g., bankruptcy; corporate reorganizations and consolidations, but not including partial asset sales). Notwithstanding the foregoing, contractor may assign monies receivable under the contract provided that the state shall have no obligation to make payment to an assignee until thirty days after contractor (not the assignee) has provided the responsible procurement officer with (i) proof of the assignment, (ii) the identity (by contract number) of the specific state contract to which the assignment applies, and (iii) the name of the assignee and the exact address or account information to which assigned payments should be made. (b) If contractor amends, modifies, or otherwise changes its name, its identity (including its trade name), or its corporate, partnership or other structure, or its FEIN, contractor shall provide the procurement officer prompt written notice of such change. (c) Any name change, transfer, assignment, or novation is subject to the

review and approval of the Procurement Officer.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The successful bidder will take affirmative action in complying with all federal and state requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap. The following are incorporated herein by reference: 41 C.F.R. 60-1.4, 60-250.4 and 60-741.4.

BANKRUPTCY: (a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the District. This notification shall be furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all District contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the District upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

CHOICE-OF-LAW: The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: (a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) the solicitation, as amended, (3) modifications, if any, to your offer, if accepted by the Procurement Officer, (4) your offer, (5) any statement reflecting the District's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (6) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (5) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in either (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the District or (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by the District. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT:

(a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the Offeror. As an alternative to offering a discount for prompt payment in conjunction with the offer, Offerors awarded contracts may include discounts for prompt payment on individual invoices.

(b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided the state annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day.

DISPUTES: (1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with the District's Procurement Code. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided as the Notice Address on Page Two or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

FALSE CLAIMS: According to the S.C. Code of Laws § 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the

signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED: Any pricing provided by the contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of each term. This clause does not prohibit contractors from offering lower pricing after award.

NO INDEMNITY OR DEFENSE: Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the District to indemnify, defend, or pay attorney's fees to anyone for any reason.

NOTICE: (a) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (b) Notice to contractor shall be to the address identified as the Notice Address on Page Two. Notice to the District shall be to the Procurement Officer's address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph.

OPEN TRADE: During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

PAYMENT & INTEREST: (a) Unless otherwise provided in this Solicitation, the District shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified herein, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the District. (b) Unless otherwise provided herein, including the purchase order, payment will be made by check. (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with the District's Procurement Code Section 45, which provides the Contractor's exclusive means of recovering any type of interest from the Owner. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable. Except as set forth in this paragraph, the District shall not be liable for the payment of interest on any debt or claim arising out of or related to this contract for any reason. (d) Amounts due to the District shall bear interest at the rate of interest established by the South Carolina Comptroller General pursuant to Section 45 ("an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year"), as amended. (e) Any other basis for interest, including but not limited to general (pre- and post-judgment) or specific interest statutes, including S.C. Code Ann. § 34-31-20, are expressly waived by both parties. If a court, despite this agreement and waiver, requires that interest be paid on any debt by either party other than as provided by items (c) and (d) above, the parties further agree that the applicable interest rate for any given calendar year shall be the lowest prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published for each year, applied as simple interest without compounding.

PUBLICITY: Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by District employees, or include the District in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

PURCHASE ORDERS: Contractor shall not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the District. The District shall order any supplies or services to be furnished under this contract by issuing a purchase order. Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this contract.

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS: The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

SWMBE PARTICIPATION: Lexington County School District One encourages SWMBE businesses to participate in the Solicitation process. All business conducted with SWMBE businesses certified by the South Carolina Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance is recorded in an annual report submitted to the Board of Trustees. In order to be included in this report, you must submit a copy of your certificate with your bid.

TAXES: Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the District, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after

delivery shall be paid by the District. It shall be solely the District's obligation, after payment to contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the District to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the District for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

TERMINATION: Subject to the conditions below, the District, providing a (30) thirty-day advance written notice is given to the vendor, may terminate the contract for any reason.

NON-APPROPRIATIONS: Any contract entered into by the District resulting from this solicitation shall be subject to cancellation without damages or further obligation when funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period or appropriated year.

FOR CONVENIENCE: In the event that this contract is terminated or canceled upon request and for the convenience of the District without the required thirty (30) days advance written notice, then the District may negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

FOR CAUSE: Termination by the District for cause, default or negligence on the part of the vendor shall be excluded from the foregoing conditions; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived and the default clause in this bid shall apply.

DEFAULT: In case of default by the vendor, the District reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default in the open market, charging the vendor with any additional costs. The defaulting vendor shall not be considered a responsible bidder until the assessed charge has been satisfied.

TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. In the event of a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, contractor will be reimbursed the resulting unamortized, reasonably incurred, nonrecurring costs. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs amortized beyond the initial contract term.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY: This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.

WAIVER: The District does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of the District's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov)

By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – B. SPECIAL

CHANGES:

(1) Contract Modification. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following: (a) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the [District] in accordance therewith;

(b) method of shipment or packing;

(c) place of delivery;

- (d) description of services to be performed;
- (e) time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or,
- (f) place of performance of the services.

Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract.

(2) **Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance.** If any such change increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the District promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

(3) **Time Period for Claim.** Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the contractor's claim unless the District is prejudiced by the delay in notification. (4) **Claim Barred After Final Payment.** No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: During the term of the contract, the contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

CONTRACTS: Every resulting contract is subject to all terms of the district procurement code including limitations as to duration, rights of the district to terminate and means of dispute resolution. No resulting contract is renewable except to the extent provided in the solicitation. No vendor terms take precedence over the solicitation and the District's procurement code.

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE – GENERAL: (a) Without limiting any of the obligations or liabilities of Contractor, Contractor shall procure from a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina and with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, and maintain for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work and the results of that work by the contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

(b) Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

(1) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. This contract shall be considered to be an "insured contract" as defined in the policy.

(2) Auto Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) Worker's Compensation: As required by the State of South Carolina, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. (c) The District and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, must be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used. (d) For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the District, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District or the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

(e) Prior to commencement of the work, the Contractor shall furnish the District with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this section. All certificates are to be received and approved by the District before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The District reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by this section, at any time.

f) Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. In addition, the Contractor shall notify the District immediately upon receiving any information that any of the coverages required by this section are or will be changed, canceled, or replaced. (g) Contractor hereby grants to the District a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the District by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of

subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the District has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer. (h) Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the District. The District may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.

(i) The District reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL: The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them. No forms of tobacco products, alcohol, and drugs are allowed on the District's premises.

CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION – GENERAL: The contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and non-professional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The contractor must act as the prime contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. The contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements.

CONTRACTOR'S USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY: Upon termination of the contract for any reason, the District shall have the right, upon demand, to obtain access to, and possession of, all District properties, including, but not limited to, current copies of all District application programs and necessary documentation, all data, files, intermediate materials and supplies held by the contractor. Contractor shall not use, reproduce, distribute, display, or sell any data, material, or documentation owned exclusively by the District without the District's written consent, except to the extent necessary to carry out the work.

DEFAULT:

(a)(1) The District may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to-

(i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension; (ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or (iii) Perform any of the other material provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause). (2) The District's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Procurement Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Procurement Officer specifying the failure.

(b) If the District terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Procurement Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the District for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated. (c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the District in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. (d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(e) If this contract is terminated for default, the District may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the District, as directed by the Procurement Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the District has an interest.

(f) The District shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Procurement Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property; if the parties fail to agree, the Procurement Officer shall set an amount subject to the Contractor's rights under the Disputes clause. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The District may withhold from these amounts any sum the Procurement Officer determines to be necessary to protect the District against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the District, be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the District. If, in the foregoing circumstances, this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of the District, the contract shall be adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly subject to the contractor's rights under the Disputes clause.

(h) The rights and remedies of the District in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY CLAIMS: Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend and hold harmless Indemnitees for and against any and all suits or claims of any character (and all related damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities) by a third party which are attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property arising out of or in connection with the goods or services acquired hereunder or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of contractor, its subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants, agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not caused in part by an Indemnitee, and whether or not such claims are made by a third party or an Indemnitee; however, if an Indemnitee's negligent act or omission is subsequently determined to be the sole proximate cause of a suit or claim, the Indemnitee shall not be entitled to indemnification hereunder. Contractor shall be given timely written notice of any suit or claim. Contractor's obligations hereunder are in no way limited by any protection afforded under workers compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts. This clause shall not negate, abridge, or reduce any other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination, cancelation, or expiration of the parties' agreement. This provision shall be construed fairly and reasonably, neither strongly for nor against either party, and without regard to any clause regarding insurance. As used in this clause, Indemnitees means the State of South Carolina, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees.

DISTRICT SITE ACCESS – Contractor's personnel must wear an identification badge as approved by the District and shall utilize the procedures authorized by the District to obtain access to District buildings. The District requires Contractor's personnel to enter through the front office.

District sites have a comprehensive visitor check-in and check-out software system located at the front desk. This system runs a background check on each visitor every time he or she visits. Each visitor must check in and out when in a school or on school grounds, regardless of the time of day. Should the system flag an individual for *any* reason, the system will automatically and privately alert the front office staff and the school's administrators. Those administrators will then talk to the individual and work through any issue. For additional information in regard to the procedures go to web site: <http://www.lexington1.net/?page=NEWS/Issues/SchoolCheckIN/schoolcheckIN.htm>

NOTE: Contractor's personnel are not required to check-in at the front desk when performing the normal pick up service. Contractor's personnel are required to have personal identification and company credentials when on school property and shall produce when requested by school personnel. If, for any reason, Contractor's personnel are entering the school building(s), or are engaged in any activity other than regular service, the following procedures shall be followed: Contractor personnel are required to check in at the front office/desk with personal identification and company credentials, and will be issued a name tag before accessing any District property.

TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT – The District provides a smoke and tobacco free environment for its staff, students and the general public. No tobacco products are permitted in any building or on the grounds of any District building.

CONTRACTOR'S CARE – Contractor shall exercise due care in protecting all property and surrounding property. Contractor will be responsible for any damage and will be required to restore any damage. If the contractor fails or refuses to repair any damage promptly, the District may have the necessary work performed and charge the pricing thereof to the contractor.

CONFERENCE – PRE-PERFORMANCE: Unless waived by the Procurement Officer, a pre-performance conference between the contractor, District and Procurement Officer shall be held at a location selected by the District within five (5) days after final award, and prior to commencement of work under the contract. The responsibilities of all parties involved will be discussed to assure a meeting of the minds of all concerned. The successful contractor or his duly authorized representative shall be required to attend at contractor's expense.

DEFAULT

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(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

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OWNERSHIP OF DATA and MATERIALS

All data, material and documentation prepared for the District pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the District.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS: Prices shall remain firm for the life of the contract.

PRICING DATA – AUDIT – INSPECTION: [Clause Included Pursuant to § 11-35-1830, - 2210, & -2220] (a) Cost or Pricing Data. Upon Procurement Officer's request, you shall submit cost or pricing data, as defined by 48 C.F.R. § 2.101 (2004), prior to either (1) any award to contractor pursuant to 11-35-1530 or 11-35-1560, if the total contract price exceeds \$500,000, or (2) execution of a change order or contract modification with contractor which exceeds \$100,000. Your price, including profit or fee, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the District finds that such price was increased because you furnished cost or pricing data that was inaccurate, incomplete, or not current as of the date agreed upon between parties. (b) Records Retention. You shall maintain your records for three years from the date of final payment, or longer if requested by the Chief Procurement Officer. The District may audit your records at reasonable times and places. As used in this subparagraph (b), the term "records" means any books or records that relate to cost or pricing data submitted pursuant to this clause. In addition to the obligation stated in this subparagraph (b), you shall retain all records and allow any audits provided for by 11-35-2220(2). (c) Inspection. At reasonable times, the District may inspect any part of your place of business which is related to performance of the work. (d) Instructions – Certification. When you submit data pursuant to subparagraph (a), you shall (1) do so in accordance with the instructions appearing in Table 15-2 of 48 C.F.R. § 15.408 (2004) (adapted as necessary for the state context), and (2) submit a Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data, as prescribed by 48 CFR § 15.406-2(a) (adapted as necessary for the state context). (e) Subcontracts. You shall include the above text of this clause in all of your subcontracts. (f) Nothing in this clause limits any other rights of the District.

TERM OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE DATE / INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD: The effective date of this contract is the first day of the Maximum Contract Period as specified on the final statement of award. The initial term of this agreement is one year from the effective date. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

TERM OF CONTRACT – OPTION TO RENEW: At the end of the initial term, and at the end of each renewal term, this contract shall automatically renew for a period of one year, unless contractor receives notice that the District elects not to renew the contract at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of renewal. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

TERM OF CONTRACT – TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR: Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the initial term, or any renewal term, by providing the Procurement Officer notice of its election to terminate under this clause at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then current term.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: (1) Termination. The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the District. The Procurement Officer shall give written notice of the termination to the contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.

(2) Contractor's Obligations. The contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination the contractor will stop work to the extent specified. The contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Procurement Officer may direct the contractor to assign the contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the District. The contractor must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so.

(3) Right to Supplies. The Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the District in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this contract. The contractor shall, upon direction of the Procurement Officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the contractor in which the District has an interest. If the Procurement Officer does not exercise this right, the contractor shall use best efforts to sell such supplies and manufacturing materials in accordance with the standards of Uniform Commercial Code Section 2-706. Utilization of this Section in no way implies that the District has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause.

(4) Compensation. (a) The contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data required by Section 11-35-1830 bearing on such claim. If the contractor fails to file a termination claim within one year from the effective date of termination, the Procurement Officer may pay the contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.

(b) The Procurement Officer and the contractor may agree to a settlement and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the District, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Paragraph (3) of this clause, and the contract price of the work not terminated;

(c) Absent complete agreement under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the Procurement Officer shall pay the contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under Subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this Subparagraph:

(i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract;

(ii) costs reasonably incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted supplies or services;

(iii) reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this clause. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with Subparagraph (c)(ii) of this paragraph;

(iv) any other reasonable costs that have resulted from the termination. The total sum to be paid the contractor under this Subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the contractor reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, and the contract price of work not terminated.

(d) Contractor must demonstrate any costs claimed, agreed to, or established under Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph using its standard record keeping system, provided such system is consistent with any applicable Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

(5) Contractor's failure to include an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not (i) affect the District's right to require the termination of a subcontract, or (ii) increase the obligation of the District beyond what it would have been if the subcontract had contained an appropriate clause.

VIII. PRICE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL

PRICE PROPOSAL

Notwithstanding any other instructions herein, you shall submit the following price information as a separate document:

Offerors must provide a total cost to the District and LCSD1 employees, to include all work and supplemental insurance products associated with the RFP. Total cost shall include the initial term of the contract and all renewal years. The total cost of the proposed services must include all related, required and optional items and services.

IX. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION

- A. Scope of Work/Specifications
- B. Minority Participation Affidavit
- C. Offeror's Checklist

ATTACHMENT A
SCOPE OF WORK
Electronic Benefits Enrollment and Communications Services

DISTRICT FACTS:

Lexington One serves more than 27,000 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 with more than 4,200 employees (not including substitutes) and 32 schools (18 elementary schools, eight middle schools, five high schools, one technology center). The district also has [alternative education services](#) designed to help students at risk of expulsion.

The 360 square miles that make up Lexington District One stretch from the banks of Lake Murray to the county's southern border with Aiken County. Our district occupies 48 percent of the county's 750 square miles and is one of the county's major employers. 2020 Census Data shows Lexington County's population as 304,797 and the area that makes up Lexington One's population as 156,002 or 52 percent of the county.

During the past 10 years (2013–2023), Lexington District One grew by an average of 475 new students per year. The district remains one of the fastest growing school districts in the state, ranking sixth in total enrollment.

Additional basic information about the District is posted on the District's website: www.lexington1.net

SCOPE OF WORK:

Lexington County School District One, hereafter referred to as the "District" or "LCSD1", is accepting sealed proposals from vendors to provide Electronic Benefits Enrollment, Communication Services, optional Supplemental Insurance Products and optional TeleHealth Services in accordance with the requirements of this solicitation. These specifications cover professional services to furnish all supervision, labor, materials, training, technical support, supplies, and equipment necessary to provide the services requested.

The specifications included herein are to be considered as providing minimum desirable features. Any limitations, deviations, or broader features quoted should be designated in your proposal. Otherwise, companies and agents submitting proposals will be held to the specifications.

The District desires a vendor that shall establish a partnership with the District in offering all of the proposed services and serve in an advisory capacity to the District throughout the term of the contract.

1. Assist in coordinating the development, promotion and administration of the Benefits and Retirement programs for LCSD1, including providing requested printed and electronic promotional materials.
2. Assist with, or provide, new hire orientation, if requested by the District. New Employee Orientation occurs every week on a day specified by the District, throughout the year. Must be available to add additional hours/days based on the number of new hires during summer months.
3. Conduct meetings with new hires and current staff at various District locations to facilitate enrollment and explain options under the Benefits Program and follow-up with those employees unable to attend. Provide, at a minimum, thirty (30) minute sessions to explain all benefits offered.
4. Provide professional counselors who are trained and experienced in completing State paperwork to enroll all employees electing to participate in the Benefits Program to include but not be limited to the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) insurance and retirement programs. All meetings and counseling appointments should provide a bilingual option to employees.
5. Conduct annual visits to assist employees in annual and open enrollments with in-person and virtual options; coordinate with locations and announce schedules.
6. Provide neat, consistent, timely and accurately completed paperwork.
7. Provide on-site training of any new staff responsible for benefits.
8. Follow-up with employees to ensure decisions are made in a timely manner regarding different benefits offered.
9. Provide a toll-free telephone number and online communication for enrollments, claims and/or questions with a bilingual, Spanish speaking option.

10. Provide cost/benefit analysis for employees regarding insurance policy benefits and the applicable premiums.
11. Conduct employee surveys with a bilingual option and provide survey results, in writing, to the District. Survey shall include but not be limited to representative's knowledge and service. Provide data detailing number of employees who met with a counselor, what transactions were complete related to PEBA and/or voluntary benefits.
12. Contractor shall be responsible for providing accurate and timely information which interfaces with District software.
13. Communicate District policies, special programs, etc. Communication will include laptop presentations of cost/benefit options, cost calculations for options (pre and post-tax), supplemental coverage options and highlights of issue deadlines and other policies and procedures as identified and/or requested by the District.
14. If requested by the District, assist in the design of proposed insurance plans the District may choose to include as part of the Benefits Program and negotiate for proposals to underwrite each such insurance plan and help to analyze the proposals received from prospective carriers.
15. If requested by the District, periodically review with the District and each carrier the insurance plans being offered to the employees as part of the Benefits Program.
16. If requested by the District, act as Broker of Record for the District to determine the best voluntary products from the best companies in connection with any insurance products underwritten by private insurance companies (specifically excluding the State of South Carolina Health Insurance Program) and offered to the employees as part of or in conjunction with the Benefits Program.
17. Research and advise the District of any new developments in the law and employee Benefit Program on an ongoing basis.
18. Provide an annual statement describing the benefits provided to each employee under the Benefits Program and the itemized and total cost of all employment benefits paid by the District for each employee, as well as the employee cost.
19. Take responsibility for the supervision and direction of the work performed by the contractor's employees.
20. Provide individual meeting recording for quality assurance and to assist with transaction errors and appeals
21. Create and distribute Initial COBRA notification to all newly enrolled employees and newly added dependents. Provide printed copy to employee and electronic copy to HR for employee benefits file.

Optional Requested Services:

1. Provide Employee Assistance Program to the District.
2. Provide supplemental coverage options

ATTACHMENT B
Electronic Benefits Enrollment & Communication Services List Response

Answer the following questions by restating the question and then provide your response.

- Company Name
- Contact person (name, telephone number and email address)
- Website
- Are you willing to assist LCSD1 on-site in coordinating the development, promotion, training and administration of Benefits and Retirement programs?
- Are you willing to have a representative from your company perform new hire orientation for all new hires weekly, except holidays, throughout the entire year? The new hire orientation is normally from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM and may vary in the summertime.
- Are there other school districts in South Carolina using your benefits enrollment services now?
- If so, please provide contact information
- and/or provide written testimonials regarding the use of your services.
- Is your company capable of providing online orientations?
- Please indicate the experience level and number of years of relevant experience for each person that you would assign to the LCSD1 account, if your company was to be selected after the final RFP process. List the areas of support for each.
- Indicate the location of your local office and support department (if there is one in this area).
- Are you willing to conduct 30- 45 minute meetings with new hires and current staff at various District locations to explain all options under the benefits and retirement programs and provide follow-up with those employees who are unable to attend? These meetings (new hire and follow-ups) must occur within the 30-day window of the new hire's start date to be in compliance with the state's policies. Professional counselors need to be trained and experienced in completing all State Paperwork.
- Are you willing to conduct annual visits to assist employees in annual and open enrollments; coordinate with locations and announce schedule; provide a survey to all employees after annual visits have
- been conducted?
- How many projects is your company working on for other customers?
- Are you willing to provide neat, consistent, typed, and accurately completed paperwork?
- Are you willing to provide toll-free numbers for enrollments, claims, and/or questions?
- Will you be offering supplemental policies in addition to the state benefits? If so, please list the companies and products provided.
- If offered, How are supplemental policies billed; to the employee or through payroll deductions? Would the supplemental company be willing to accommodate LCSD1 with certain billing requirements or needs?
- Are you willing to provide cost/benefit analysis for employees regarding insurance policy benefits and the applicable premiums?
- Are you willing to conduct employee surveys and provide survey results, in writing, to the district? Survey shall include but not be limited to representative's knowledge and service.
- Are you able to provide accurate and timely information which interfaces with district software to meet deadlines that the district may have?
- Are you able to communicate district policies, special programs, etc.? Communication will include laptop presentations of cost/benefit options, cost calculations for options (pre and post-tax), supplemental coverage options and highlights of issue deadlines and other policies and procedures as identified and/or requested by the District.

- If requested by the district, are you willing to periodically review with the district and each carrier the insurance plans being offered to the employees as part of the Benefits Program?
- If requested by the district, are you willing to assist in the design of proposed insurance plans the district may choose to include as part of the Benefits Program and negotiate for proposals to underwrite each such insurance plan and help to analyze the proposals received from prospective carriers?
- If requested by the district, are you willing to act as Broker of Record for the district to determine the best voluntary products from the best companies in connection with any insurance products underwritten by private insurance companies (specifically excluding the State of South Carolina Health Insurance Program) and offered to the employees as part of or in conjunction with the Benefits Program?
- Are you willing to research and advise the district of any new developments in the law and employee Benefit Program on an ongoing basis?
- Will you provide an annual statement describing the benefits provided to each employee under the Benefits Program and the itemized and total cost of all employment benefits paid by the district for each employee, as well as the employee cost?
- How do you take responsibility for the supervision and direction of the work performed by contractor's employees?

Optional Products

- Provide detailed information regarding supplemental insurance coverage for employees and dependants that your company or business partners offer.
- Provide detailed information regarding Employee Assistance Program for employees and dependants that your company or business partners offer.

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ATTACHMENT C
MINORITY PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT

Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business? Yes No

If yes, please list the SMBCC certification number: _____

Is the bidder a Minority Business certified by another governmental entity? Yes No

If so, please list the certifying governmental entity: _____

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor?
 Yes No

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? _____

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? Yes No

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? _____

If a certified Minority Business is participating in this contract, please indicate all categories for which the Business is certified:

- Traditional minority
- Traditional minority, but female
- Women (Caucasian females)
- Hispanic minorities
- DOT referral (Traditional minority)
- DOT referral (Caucasian female)
- Temporary certification
- SBA 8 (a) certification referral
- Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)

(If more than one minority contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.)

The Department of Administration, Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification, publishes a list of certified minority firms. The Minority Business Directory is available at the following URL:
<http://osmba.sc.gov/directory.html>

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ATTACHMENT D
OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST
AVOID COMMON MISTAKES!

(Review this checklist prior to submitting your offer)

- ✓ COMPLETED & SIGNED ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.
- ✓ DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF YOUR STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS!
- ✓ UNLESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED, DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL BOILERPLATE CONTRACT CLAUSES!
- ✓ MAKE SURE YOUR OFFER DOES NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO ANY OF THE DISTRICT'S MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS!
- ✓ MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED ALL PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS: "SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." DO NOT MARK YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE AS CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET OR PROTECTED! DO NOT INCLUDE A LEGEND ON THE COVER STATING THAT YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE IS NOT TO BE RELEASED!
- ✓ PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED ALL AMENDMENTS?
- ✓ MAKE SURE THAT YOUR OFFER INCLUDES THE SOLICITATION COVER PAGE. MAKE SURE THE COVER PAGE IS SIGNED BY A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTUALLY BIND YOUR BUSINESS.
- ✓ MAKE SURE YOUR OFFER INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED.
- ✓ CHECK TO ENSURE YOUR OFFER INCLUDES EVERYTHING REQUESTED!
- ✓ IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION, DO NOT RAISE THOSE CONCERNS IN YOUR RESPONSE! AFTER OPENING, IT IS TOO LATE! IF THIS SOLICITATION INCLUDES A QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD OR A PRE-SOLICITATION CONFERENCE, RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS AS PART OF THAT PROCESS.

This checklist is included only as a reminder to help offerors avoid common mistakes. Responsiveness will be evaluated against the solicitation, not against this checklist. You do not need to return this checklist with your offer.

SUBMIT WITH OFFER:

1. Cover Page
2. Page 2
3. Technical Proposal
4. Cost Proposal
5. Attachment B- **Electronic Benefits Enrollment & Communication Services List Response**
6. Attachment C- **Minority Participation Affidavit**
7. **Required information (Section V-Required Information)**

Completed W-9 (if needed)