

General Terms and Conditions

1. Offerors are advised that any contract resulting from this solicitation must comply with all applicable provisions of KRS 45A and other statutes and policies noted in this solicitation.
2. Model Procurement Regulations adopted by the Fayette County Board of Education shall be deemed incorporated by reference in all specifications as though quoted fully herein.
3. The Fayette County Board of Education (Board) implemented revised procedures as of July 1, 2016 for the submittal of bids and proposals. In all Fayette County Public School (FCPS) bidding procedures, all potential offerors that will be using subcontractors are to engage in specifically defined efforts with the Department of Economic Development to include minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned business contractors, subcontractors, vendors and suppliers.
4. FCPS Department of Economic Development and Purchasing Department are available to assist and provide a listing, upon request, of certified minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned business enterprises (MWVBE). Offerors may consult the list for inclusion of subcontractors currently participating with the offeror. The list is not all-inclusive and may contain only the names of businesses that have self-registered with the Board and have become approved contractors or vendors by contacting either [Department of Economic Development](#), [Division of Facility Design & Construction](#) and [Purchasing Department](#) and are MBE certified. Offerors may use other properly certified MWVBE subcontractors as long as proper certification is provided.
5. When line item pricing is requested, prices must be stated in units of quantity as specified and extended in total column for each item and/or lot. Proposal prices must include transportation and delivery/service to the warehouse or building as specified.
6. To receive consideration proposals must be received prior to time designated in this solicitation. None shall be accepted thereafter.
7. An officer or member of the proposing firm authorized to legally bind the firm must sign the bid/proposal.
8. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any bid/proposal, to reject any or all bids/proposals, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bids/proposals received where such acceptance, rejection or waiver is considered to be in its best interest. The Board of Education reserves the right to award by item, combination of items or lot. The Board of Education also reserves the right to reject any bid/proposal where evidence or information submitted by the bidder does not provide satisfactory proof that the bidder is qualified to carry out the details of the contract.
9. By submitting a bid/proposal in response to this solicitation, the respondent accepts the evaluation process and methodology, as well as acknowledges and accepts that the

determination of "the most qualified and capable" firm(s) will require subjective judgments by the Fayette County Board of Education.

10. Proposals are effective for sixty (60) days from date of closing unless otherwise specified in conditions of bidding and general specifications.
11. Manufacturer's catalog numbers, trade names, etc., where shown herein are for descriptive purposes to guide the offeror in interpreting the standard of quality, design and performance desired, and should not be construed to exclude proposals based on furnishing other types of materials or service. However, any substitution or departure proposed by offeror must be clearly noted and described. Otherwise it is understood that offeror intends to supply items specifically mentioned in this solicitation. **FCPS reserves the right to determine if materials offered are the type and quality required.**
12. Samples requested must be furnished free of expense to the Board. If not destroyed or consumed in testing or evaluating, or required in connection with the award, samples will upon request be returned at offeror's expense. Right is reserved to mutilate or destroy any samples if considered necessary for testing purposes.
13. If awarded an order or contract, offeror agrees to protect, defend and save harmless The Board from suits or demands for payment that may be brought against it for the use of any patented materials, process, article or device that may enter into the manufacture, construction or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract. Offeror further agrees to indemnify and save harmless The Board from suits or actions of every nature and description brought against it for, or on account of injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties by, or for any acts of the offeror, his servants or agents.
14. **The Board is not required to pay federal excise taxes or Kentucky Sales and Use Taxes.** Proposals must be priced accordingly and reflect no sales tax to FCPS.
15. Offerors remain liable for applicable taxes on construction and/or furnish-and-install contracts for FCPS. Adjustments and allowances for any applicable taxes shall be provided for in the bid amount. Later adjustments to the Contract Sum shall not be permitted and/or made on this basis by FCPS.
16. Parties to this agreement are solely responsible for costs incurred in fulfilling obligations under this agreement unless otherwise provided in this agreement. No party shall have any claim against the other party for reimbursement of such costs, unless said costs are attributable to enforcing compliance under this agreement or seeking redress from the other party's default under this agreement.
17. If any section, paragraph or clause of this contract is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of said section, paragraph or clause shall not affect any remaining provisions herein.
18. Venue for any legal action filed concerning this contract is Fayette County, Kentucky.

19. Parties shall not discriminate in any of the services performed in connection with this contract on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, genetic information, disability, religion, age, political affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 20. K45A.455 PROHIBITS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT.**
- 21. KRS 45A.990 PROVIDES SEVERE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS RELATING TO GRATUITIES OR KICKBACKS TO EMPLOYEES DESIGNED TO SECURE A PUBLIC CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES.**
22. Any addendums or updates to the solicitation will be posted on the district web site. It is the offeror's responsibility to check the website for any updates.
- 23. To be eligible for a contract consideration with FCPS, all companies with nexus in Lexington, Kentucky must be current on all filings and payments of Occupational License and Net Profits Tax for Schools. If it is determined that you are not current on all filings and payments, your bid may be rejected or your contract canceled for noncompliance. For additional information regarding the Occupational License Tax, please visit our website at www.fcps.net/tax.**
24. All responses to this solicitation become the exclusive property of FCPS. All proposals received in response to this solicitation become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records, with the exception of, as required by KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1), those elements in each bid which are defined by the offeror as business or trade secrets and plainly marked as "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Proprietary." FCPS shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such proposal or portions thereof if they are not plainly marked as "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Proprietary" or if disclosure is required under Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 61. Any proposal which contains language purporting to render all or significant portions of the proposal "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Proprietary" may be regarded as non-responsive. Although KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) recognizes that certain confidential trade secret information may be protected from disclosure, FCPS may not accept or approve that the information that a offeror submits is a trade secret. If a request is made for information marked "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Proprietary," and FCPS does not believe that the information is a trade secret, FCPS shall provide the proposer who submitted the information with reasonable notice to allow the proposer to seek protection from disclosure by a court of competent jurisdiction.
25. To meet Kentucky Revised Statutes 45A.430 and 45A.435 purchase orders for construction that are issued that are under \$100,000.00 will not require a bond. Purchase Orders issued that exceed \$100,000.00 will require the contractor to bond. No work shall begin until the offeror has a FCPS issued Purchase Order in hand and has delivered the required Performance and Payment bond to the Department that issued the Purchase Order.

26. The offeror agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. The Offeror agrees to report each violation to the USDA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
27. The Offeror agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Offeror agrees to report each violation to the USDA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
28. The bidder certifies that it has read and will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99)
29. By submitting a bid/proposal, the offeror is indicating that they have read, understand and agree to all terms, conditions and specifications outlined in this proposal.
30. Each proposer by submission of bid/proposal releases Fayette County Public Schools, its Board of Education, employees and agents from any claims arising out of, or in any way related to, the bid/RFP process and the selection of provider.
31. Past Offeror Performance may be considered in the award of this Contract. Offerors with a record of poor performance with the school district in the last 24 months may be found non-responsible and ineligible for award.
32. Modifications, additions or changes to the terms and conditions of this solicitation may be cause for rejection of the proposal. Offerors are requested to submit proposals on FCPS official forms. Proposals submitted on company forms may be rejected.
33. Successful offeror shall provide to the Fayette County Board of Education an invoice for supplies/services rendered under this contract and any agreed upon expenses to be reimbursed. Unless otherwise stated, travel and per diem shall be reimbursed based upon the district's current travel policies.
34. Payments for bid items are normally approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on the fourth Monday of most months provided bid items and invoices are properly received by the first Monday of the month. However, payments may be made early to take advantage of cash discounts offered provided the taking of such discounts is advantageous to FCPS.
35. Sole proprietors or partnerships must supply Taxpayer Identification Numbers with proposal. Corporations are excluded from this requirement.
36. If there is a conflict between the terms of this document and any document submitted by the offeror the RFP document takes precedence.
37. Offeror agrees to abide by any reasonable request made by FCPS Administration regarding implementation of this contract.
38. FCPS reserves the right to cancel contract if in the staff's opinion the offeror's work is unsatisfactory, their ability to meet completion schedules is unsatisfactory or billing is found

to be excessive for work performed. Offeror may terminate the contract if FCPS fails to meet the specified payment terms.

39. Either party shall have the right to terminate this agreement at any time upon a fourteen (14) day written notice, either personally delivered or served by some form of return receipt mail evidencing delivery, to the other party.

40. Successor in Interest or Contractor Name Changes

No assignment of this contract without specific, written pre-approval of FCPS. Failure to get this written, pre-approval by FCPS shall VOID the assignment and the contractor on this contract shall remain responsible for continued compliance with terms of this RFP/response.

41. Offeror Initiated Requirements

Requirements that the offeror has or shall need if awarded the contract must be provided as part of the proposal response.

42. **Additionally, offeror shall provide documents necessary to initiate a contractual relationship between the offeror and FCPS.** Conflicts that exist with the content of this RFP, board policy or regulation and offeror initiated requirements may result in the rejection of the proposal.

43. Contract may be renewed for four additional one (1)-year terms, up to a total of five (5) years subject to approval of both The Board and successful offeror. Contract prices and discounts shall remain in effect for the entire contract and any agreed upon contract extensions, however additional discounts and/or special pricing are encouraged and may be accepted when consistent with other terms and conditions of the contract. If contract prices are changed during the renewal, offeror must provide new pricing and include sufficient reasoning for the price increase at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the contract.

44. This contract may be re-negotiated based upon, but not limited to, increases in services to participants. Any modifications shall be agreed to in writing and signed by both parties.

45. The staff providing services to the Board herein are employees of the Second Party and shall not represent to anyone that they are employees or agents of the Board.

46. **Consumption of alcohol or drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, use of tobacco products or possession of firearms while on a job for FCPS by any worker is strictly prohibited. Any contractor, subcontractor or person working for the contractor or subcontractor who violates rules regarding alcohol, drugs, tobacco products or firearms is subject to immediate removal from the job site. Violation of rules is considered a breach of contract between the contractor and FCPS and may lead to the termination of said contract FOR CAUSE by FCPS.**

47. FCPS does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities that it operates, and is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-318) to not discriminate in such a manner. Further, FCPS does not discriminate on the basis of disabling condition, in treatment, admission or access to, or employment in its programs or

activities as required by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112), as amended, Section 504. Nor does FCPS discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, genetic information, disability, religion, age, political affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity in the education programs or activities it operates.

48. Suspension and Debarment

The Offeror understands that a contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.”

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the offeror or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material of fact relied upon by FCPS. If it is later determined that the offeror or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to FCPS, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The offeror or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 180.220 while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The offeror or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

49. Purchases by other Kentucky Government Entities:

Any government entity in Kentucky shall have the option of making purchases from a contract executed under this solicitation when such actions are agreed to by the awarded vendor(s). FCPS will not be responsible for payment of any purchases by another government entity.

50. State law requires a contractor that is providing services to students on a regularly scheduled and continuing basis to submit to a state criminal history background check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have a letter, provided by the individual, from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services stating the individual is clear to hire based on no findings of substantiated child abuse or neglect found through a background check of child abuse and neglect records maintained by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Prior to the provision of services by any contractor/sub-contractor, contractor agrees to obtain and submit a current KY State Police and FBI background check and a have a letter provided by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Child Abuse and Neglect per KRS160.380. The provider will contact the FCPS Human Resources Department Application Center to initiate this process or submit these documents if obtained elsewhere. A fee of \$40 for the State/FBI check and \$10 for the Child Abuse and Neglect letter will apply and the cost will be the responsibility of the contractor when having FCPS run the reports. This fee can be paid via check or money order made out to Fayette County Public Schools. Existing background checks within one year will be accepted, with the

approval from FCPS Human Resources department. If there is a break in service, a new background check must be completed.

Purchases by FCPS Food Service

51. "Domestic Commodity or Product" are defined as an agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States and a food product that is processed in the United States using substantial agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States.
52. "Substantial" means that over 51% of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.
53. Products from Guam, American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands are allowed under this provision as territories of the United States.
54. The Buy American provision (7 CFR Part 210.21 (d)) is one of the procurement standards SFAs must comply with when purchasing commercial food products served in the school meals programs.
55. Buy American: Schools participating in the federal school meal programs are required to purchase domestic commodities and products for school meals to the maximum extent practicable. Domestic commodity or product means and agricultural commodity that is produced in the US and a food product that is processed in the US substantially (at least 51 percent) using agricultural commodities that are produced in the US.
56. Federal regulations require that all foods purchased for Child Nutrition Program be of domestic origin to the maximum extent practicable. While rare, two (2) exceptions may exist when:
 57. The product is not produced or manufactured in the US in sufficient, reasonable and available quantities of a satisfactory quality, such as bananas or pineapple; and
 58. Competitive proposals reveal the cost of a domestic product is significantly higher than a non-domestic product.
59. All products that are normally purchased by Distributor as non-domestic and proposed as part of this solicitation must be identified with the country of origin. Distributor shall outline their procedures to notify School when products are purchased as non-domestic.
60. Any substitution of a non-domestic product for a domestic product (which was originally part of a solicitation), must be approved, in writing, by the Food Service Director, prior to the delivery of the product to the School. Any non-domestic product delivered to the School, without the prior, written approval of the Food Service Director, will be rejected.
61. Distributor must affirm their willingness to assert their best and reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with this federal rule.