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| | **District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties**<br><br>**Request for Proposals** | Solicitation # | 2025-002 |
| | | Date Issued | June 20, 2024 |
| | | Procurement Official | Lauren Bové, CPPO, CPPB |
| | | Phone | **(803) 476-8182** |
| | | E-Mail Address | D5bids@lexrich5.org |

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| DESCRIPTION | Visitor Management System |

*The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal"*

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| SUBMIT OFFER BY | July 09, 2024 @ 11:00 am |
| QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY | June 27, 2024 @ 12:00 pm Electronically to D5bids@lexrich5.org |
| NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED | **1 original (marked original) and 5 hard copies; 1 electric copy** |

**Offers must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior.**

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO:

**District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties**
**Purchasing Office**
**1020 Dutch Fork Road**
**Irmo, SC 29063**

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| **CONFERENCE TYPE**: N/A<br>**DATE & TIME**:<br><br>As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions | **LOCATION**: N/A |

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| **AWARD & AMENDMENTS** | The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following web address: https://www.lexrich5.org/departments/office-of-finance/purchasing/solicitations-and-awards |

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 sixty (60) calendar days after the Opening Date.

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| NAME OF OFFEROR (Full legal name of business submitting the offer) | OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)<br>☐ Sole Proprietorship<br>☐ Partnership<br>☐ Corporation (tax-exempt)<br>☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)<br>☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local)<br>☐ Other _____<br>(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.) |
| AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE<br><br>(Person signing **must** be authorized to submit a binding offer to enter into a contract on behalf of Offeror named above.) | |
| TITLE (Business title of person signing above) | |
| PRINTED NAME (Printed name of person signing above) / DATE SIGNED | |

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 above. 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.

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| STATE OF INCORPORATION<br><br>(If Offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.) | TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO. |

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**(Return Page Two with Your Offer)**

| **HOME OFFICE ADDRESS** (Address for Offeror's home office / principal place of business) | **NOTICE ADDRESS** (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)<br><br>Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile<br><br>E-Mail Address |
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| **PAYMENT ADDRESS** (Address to which payments will be sent.)<br>(See "Payment" clause)<br><br>☐ Payment Address same as Home Office Address<br>☐ Payment Address same as Notice Address **(check only one)** | **ORDER ADDRESS** (Address to which purchase orders will be sent)<br>(See "Purchase Orders" and "Contract Documents" clauses)<br><br>Order E-Mail Address:<br><br>☐ Order Address same as Home Office Address<br>☐ Order Address same as Notice Address **(check only one)** |

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS**:
Offerors acknowledge receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)

| Amendment No. | Amendment Issue Date | Amendment No. | Amendment Issue Date | Amendment No. | Amendment Issue Date | Amendment No. | Amendment Issue Date |
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| DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause) | 10 Calendar Days (%) | 20 Calendar Days (%) | 30 Calendar Days (%) | _____ Calendar Days (%) |
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**PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009):** On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences **ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.** [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)] PREFERENCES DO NOT APPLY

**PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE:** Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)&(ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).

☐ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address
☐ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address (check only one) PREFERENCES DO NOT APPLY

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## I. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced vendors to provide a visitor access and management software solution. The District anticipates installing the proposed solution in twenty-eight (28) existing sites which include elementary, middle and high schools, along with any additional future site locations as required. The software solution must comply with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions.

**ACQUIRE SERVICES & SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT:** The purpose of this solicitation is to acquire services and supplies or equipment complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions.

**MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD – ESTIMATED:** Start date: August 12, 2024 / End date: August 11, 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". This contract will consist of a one-year initial term with four (4) additional one-year renewal options.

## II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

**DEFINITIONS, CAPITALIZATION, AND HEADINGS:** CLAUSE HEADINGS USED IN THIS SOLICITATION ARE FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND SHALL NOT BE USED TO CONSTRUE MEANING OR INTENT. EVEN IF NOT CAPITALIZED, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION, UNLESS EXPRESSLLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE.

AMENDMENT means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.
BOARD means the Board of Trustees of District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties.
BUSINESS means any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or any other legal entity.
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 means all types of District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties' agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of supplies, services, information technology, or construction. or construction.
CONTRACT MODIFICATION means a written order signed by the Procurement Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the clause of the contract TITLED Changes: "if included herein, authorizes the Procurement

Coordinator 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 District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties.
OFFER means the bid, quote or proposal submitted in response 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 either the cover page, an amendment, or an award notice.
YOU and YOUR means Offeror.
SOLICITATION means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.
SUBCONTRACTOR means any person you contract with to perform or provide any part of the work or service.
USDA means United States Department of Agriculture.
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.

**AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION**: (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All bidders requesting the bid package will be sent copies of all amendments. (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**: 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.

**AWARD NOTIFICATION:** Notice regarding any award, cancellation of award, or extension of award will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page, or if applicable, the most recent notice of extension of award. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value more than one hundred thousand dollars, such notice will be sent electronically to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation. Unless a written notice of intent to protest is timely filed pursuant to Section 11-35-4210(1)(b) or the award is otherwise suspended or canceled, the award will be effective on the calendar day (including weekends and holidays) immediately following the seventh business day after such notice is given. When only one response is received, the notice of intended award and the seven-day delay of award may be waived.

**BID/PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT:** By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties. 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 and 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.

**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 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.
Check for federal and state disbarments at www.sam.gov and http://procurement.sc.gov/legal/legal-suspend-debar.

**CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE:** The District's Procurement Code is available at: www.lexrich5.org.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE:** (OCI FAQ for Contractors" is available at www.procurement.sc.gov)
(a) You certify that, after reasonable inquiry, to the best of your knowledge and belief: (1) your offer identifies any services that relate to either this solicitation or the work that has already been performed by you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business or consultant of either; and (2) there are no relevant facts or circumstances that may give rise to an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest, as defined in S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445-2127, or 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.
(b) If you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business or consultant of either, have an unfair competitive advantage or an actual or potential conflict of interest, the District may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, the District will notify you of the concerns and provide a reasonable opportunity for you to respond. The District may consider efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities.
(c) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which the District will rely when considering your offer for award.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER:** Any offer received after the Procurement Officer of the District or their designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated District office or mailroom as instructed on the Cover page prior to the bid opening.

**DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE 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. All ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation shall be interpreted to require the better quality or greater quantity of work and/or materials, unless otherwise directed by amendment. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the District's attention. See clause entitled "Questions from Offerors."

**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 District 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.

**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 or uploaded as a separate document and must clearly indicate that it is a separate offer. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted or uploaded as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.

**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 the 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 SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

**PRICING:** (a) Fixed Price. If a fixed price is required, award will not be made on an Offer if the total possible price to the District cannot be determined. (b) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. S.C. Code Ann. Reg 19-445.2070E. (c) Unbalanced Pricing. The District will analyze all offers with separately priced line items or subline items to determine if the prices are unbalanced. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more line items is significantly over or understated. The responsible procurement officer may reject an offer as unreasonably priced if she determines that unbalanced pricing increases performance risk (e.g., it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advanced payment) or could result in payment of unreasonably high prices. S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445-2122C.

**PROTESTS:** If you are aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest the solicitation or an amendment, your written protest must be received within fifteen Days of the date of the applicable solicitation document is issued. To protest an award, (i) written notice of your intent to protest must be received within seven Business Days of the date the award notice is posted and (ii) your actual written protest must be received within fifteen Days of the date the award notice is posted. Time periods are computed in accordance with Section 11-35-310(13) and the definitions of Day and Business Day. Both protests and notices of intent to protest must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer (CPO). Coordinator of Procurement. (b) Pursuant to Section 11-35-410, documents directly connected to a procurement activity may be available within five days after request. All document requests should be directed to D5bids@lexrich5.org . If a protest is pending, the protestant's lawyer may access otherwise unavailable information by applying to the CPO for the issuance of a protective order.

Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Office and submitted in writing
(a) by email to D5bids@lexrich5.org, or
(b) School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, 1020 Dutch Fork Road, Irmo, SC 29063

Lynda Robinson, Coordinator of Procurement
School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
1020 Dutch Fork Road

Irmo, SC 29063
Fax: 803-476-8140
E-Mail: ljrobins@lexrich5.org

**PROHIBITION AGAINST CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS, GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS:** "Any employee or any official of the school District, elective or appointive, who shall take, receive or offer to take or receive either directly or indirectly, any rebate, percentage of contract, money or other things of value, as an inducement or intended inducement, in the procurement of business, or the giving of business, for, or to, or from, any person, partnership, firm of corporation, offering, bidding for, or in open market seeking to make sales to the school District shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction such person or persons shall be subject to punishment or a fine in accord with State and/or Federal laws."

**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 with 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.

**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. We will not identify you in our answer to your question. (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.

***Email is the preferred method for submitting with "Questions: Solicitation # as the subject of the email." Questions must be submitted in an easily copied format such as Word.***
***Email:*** *D5bids@lexrich5.org*

**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.

**RESPONSIVENESS**: (a) Award will not be made on a nonresponsive offer. An offer is nonresponsive (i) if it does not constitute an unambiguous offer to enter into a contract with the District, or (ii) if it imposes conditions inconsistent with, or does not unambiguously agree to, the solicitation's material requirements. (b) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

**SIGNING YOUR OFFER:** Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offer. (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 venture 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 is 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 processes so that offers cannot be received at the District as designated 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 processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule the bid opening. If District offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference. Useful information may be available at: http://www.lexrich5.org

**DISCLOSURE OF YOUR BID / PROPOSAL & SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL DATA**

(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 DISTRICT 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 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 District 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 District 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 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 withholding information by the District, that you have redacted or marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

**SUBMITTING A PAPER OFFER OR MODIFICATION**: (a) 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 bid schedule). (b) (1) All copies of the offer or modification, and any other documents required to be submitted with the offer shall be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope or package. (2) Address to the Office of Procurement Services as specified in the Solicitation (3) The envelope or package must show the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. If the offer or modification is sent by mail or special delivery service (UPS, Federal Express, etc.), the outermost envelope or wrapper must be labeled "OFFER ENCLOSED" on the face thereof. (c) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, submit each offer in a separate envelope or package. (d) Submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

**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 S.C. Code Section 11-35-1520 and Regulation 19-445.2085.

## II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

**BACKGROUND CHECKS:** The vendor and all representatives of the vendor must have an acceptable background check to enter school property. At a minimum, the Bidder shall obtain a complete South Carolina statewide criminal background investigation for all individuals and employees performing work or services for Bidder or any other entities such as subcontractors, sub-sub-contractors, and consultants who will perform work or a service on this project. In the event that the individual being investigated is from out of state, the criminal background investigation shall be broadened to include their home state, as well as the state of South Carolina as outlined above. The company providing such information must be recognized by local law enforcement agency as qualified to do so. In addition, the Bidder shall check employees against the National Database of Registered Sex Offenders. Any individual that is registered as a sex offender will not be permitted on school property. All costs associated with these criminal background checks are the responsibility of the bidder. The District reserves the right to request a copy of SLED checks on any representatives of the Vendor who will be on District property. The District reserves the right to deny access to any employee, contractor of 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.

**BID SAMPLES OR DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE**: Do not submit bid samples or descriptive literature unless expressly requested. Unsolicited bid samples or descriptive literature will not be examined or tested, will not be used to determine responsiveness, and will not be deemed to vary any of the provisions of the solicitation. S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445.2077D.

**PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL:** The District requires that one (1) original and five (5) copies of the bid, plus one (1) electronic copy of the bid on USB drive, be submitted to the Procurement Office no later than the deadline specified to receive bids. Any bids received after the scheduled deadline will be disqualified immediately in accordance with the District's policy. All bidding documents must be submitted in a sealed envelope. Do not include more than one bid per envelope. The face of the envelope shall contain the bid title, the bid number, and the date and time of bid opening. Bids not submitted on the bid form will be subject to rejection. The District assumes no responsibility for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.

**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.

**CONTENTS OF OFFER (RFP):**
(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) 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.

**DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE – LABELLING:** Include offeror's name on the cover of any specifications or descriptive literature submitted with your offer.

**ELECTRONIC COPIES - REQUIRED MEDIA AND FORMAT:** In addition to your original offer, 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.** 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.

**OPENING PROPOSALS -- INFORMATION NOT DIVULGED:** In competitive sealed proposals, neither the number or identity of offerors nor prices will be divulged at opening.

**PROTESTS:** Bidders desiring to exercise protest rights under Section 4210 of the District Procurement Code should direct all correspondence to:

Lynda Robinson, Coordinator of Procurement
School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
1020 Dutch Fork Road
Irmo, SC 29063
Fax: 803-476-8140
E-Mail: ljrobins@lexrich5.org

**RESPONSIVENESS – CORRECTION OF NON-CONFORMITY:** 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.

**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

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced vendors to provide a visitor access and management software solution. The District anticipates installing the proposed solution in twenty-eight (28) existing sites which include elementary, middle and high schools, along with any additional future site locations as required. The software solution must comply with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**
School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties encompasses an area of approximately 196 square miles, approximately one-half of which is situated in both Lexington and Richland Counties. The School District consists of the northern portion of Lexington County north of Lake Murray and the Saluda River and the northwestern portion of Richland County south of the Broad River. The School District is primarily a residential suburb located to the northwest of the city of Columbia, the capital city of South Carolina. The District has a student population of approximately 17,505 and 2,600 staff members. The District currently operates a total of 13 elementary schools, 2 intermediate schools, 3 middle schools, 4 high schools, 1 Center for Advanced Technical Studies and 1 alternative school. Additional basic information about the District is posted on the District's website: www.lexrich5.org.

The District's current contract holder is Ident-A-Kid with PowerSchool hosting.

### A. GENERAL

The proposed system shall:

1. Be user friendly and intuitive.
2. Include system and software upgrades.
3. Offer multiple language support for all public-facing interfaces.
4. Have direct API system integration.
5. Operate and/or function with Microsoft Office.
6. Be compatible with current and future versions of PowerSchool (current version 24.3.0.0).
7. Use PowerSchool contacts. The contacts are stored on the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) custom page.
8. Integrate with Active Directory for user accounts and security.
9. Be able to assign role-based security and access controls with single-sign on to ensure authorized access only.
10. Work with the District's existing RFID badges for staff with barcodes, and barcoded badges for students. No staff badges or work badges will need to be provided under this contract. The District's current badges are used for door and multi-function copier access.
11. Allow self-check-in. Staff and students shall use District-issued identification cards. All other visitors shall use their driver's license/identification card.
12. Operate using the current printers/hardware in place (currently Dymo 450 printers). *Refer to Section D. for current workstation and network configurations.*
13. Allow the District to download all its data and content from the vendor system at any time.
14. Provide access to historical records for multiple years.

### B. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The proposed system must be able to:

1. Scan a visitor's driver's license or identification card and electronically capture the person's data.
    i. Required data captured must include: First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Photo, and Driver's License Number**.**
2. Run a visitor's information through the District's database as well as through the South Carolina Sexual Offender Registry and the National Sexual Offender Registry (NSOPW) in order to generate reports for the District.
3. Provide alerts for sex offenders and/or flagged issues in PowerSchool.
4. Print temporary badges for visitors, volunteers, and students. Temporary badges should include, at a minimum, the following classifications for visitors: visitor, volunteer, contractor, tardy, early dismissal.

5. Track students for both late/tardiness and early dismissal, to include the time in and time out. This information should be synced and posted to PowerSchool.
    i. Late/tardy information must post to the attendance code and time out (for elementary schools).
    ii. Comment (reason) shall post to the attendance table.
    iii. Have pre-defined reasons for student tardiness to include: excused, unexcused, parent note, medical, and tardy.
    iv. Meta data shall include the number of times a student is late/tardy, number of early dismissals, and the name of the person signing in/out.
    v. Only attendance details received in writing or in person shall be documented.
    vi. The external system shall populate attendance code, time in/time out (for elementary schools), and comment (reason).
    vii. The system shall immediately import the expected frequency and/or timing of late/tardy and early-dismissals.
6. Sync between visitor management, tardy section, and PowerSchool to have the ability to input tardy passes in real time
7. Track faculty and staff check-in/check-out.
8. Track volunteer hours.
9. Include a pre-planned event section that will allow input of a visitor's information prior to an event in order to have a badge ready for issuance at the location/school after identification has been verified.
10. Have multiple kiosks/accounts at one school.
11. ClassLink rostering is preferred.
12. Include a reunification section and/or be able to be tied into emergency management software.

**C. IMPLEMENTATION, TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT**

1. Vendor shall provide initial setup, configuration and testing of all servers and client workstations, which shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
    i. Any proposed equipment/software shall be installed at each school/district office location.
    ii. Import student records from Student Information System/PowerSchool
    iii. Import staff information.
    iv. Import volunteer databases.
    v. An Information Technology designee of the District will certify the complete functionality of the system once installation has been completed.
2. Vendor shall provide full training and support for installation, implementation, and initial system rollout. Initial training must include the following:
    i. All designated personnel of the District, to include key school personnel, the Office of Communications, Security, and Information Technology.
    ii. On-site end-user training for small groups of users at each school/site shall include:
        1. Scanning
        2. Printing Badges
        3. Local Overrides
    iii. Support training for District Help Desk
    iv. Use of District reporting features for volunteer coordinator
3. Vendor shall provide ongoing support throughout the term of the contract. Support shall include:
    i. Toll-free phone-based administrator support throughout the term of the contract. Immediate phone support is required during the hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.
    ii. Online, and when necessary, onsite support, for a minimum of five years.
    iii. Ongoing maintenance
    iv. System upgrades
    v. Software updates/patches
    vi. Annual maintenance

All associated costs shall be included in the cost proposal. First year implementation/setup fees shall include all costs associated with the initial implementation and setup, including staff training. The first-year support/licensing fee shall include all costs associated with the first-year support/licensing.

## D. CURRENT SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT

The proposed system must be compatible with the existing environment. The current workstation and network configurations are below.

1. **Workstations:**

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| Computer Systems in place (as of school year 2024-2025) | • HP ProDesk 600 G4 SFF, Intel Core i5-8500 CPU @ 3.00GHz<br>• HP ProDesk 400 G7 Small Form Factor PC, Intel Core i5-10500 CPU @ 3.10GHz |
| Operating System | MS Windows 11 Pro |
| Personal Productivity Software | • MS Office Professional Plus 2019<br>• Google App Suite |
| Electronic Mail | Google Apps for Education |
| Web Browser | • Chrome<br>• Firefox |
| Additional Information | Workstations are connected through Wide-Area-Network |

2. **Network:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Networking Software | Windows 2022 |
| Electronic Email Software | Google Apps for Education |
| Active Directory | Used for server management and some program access |
| Perimeter Security Firewall | Cisco FirePower |
| URL Filtering | iBoss |
| Anti-virus / Anti-spyware | Cisco AMP |
| Bandwidth throttling on WAN | N/A |

3. **PowerSchool- Districtwide Student Database**

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|---|---|
| Company | PowerSchool |
| Database Structure | Oracle |

## E. REPORTING

The proposed system shall allow reporting to be performed both at a school and District level. Reporting shall include the following capabilities:

i. Ability to run daily reports on absences and/or tardiness for that day.
ii. Modify standard system reports and create and save custom reports.
iii. Export data and reports in multiple formats.
iv. Schedule reports to run automatically on a defined schedule for a defined distribution list.
v. Restrict queries and reports based on user-level security flows.
vi. Preview reports before printing.
vii. Export data to standard formats (.csv, Excel, pdf).
viii. Create reports from data spanning over multiple years.

**F. ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Additional services may be identified that are considered to be within the Scope of Work but not specifically addressed in this RFP. In such circumstances, any additional services shall be clearly identified in the proposal.

**Offerors shall complete the table below by stating:**

**Yes -** Included in system

**No -** Not included in system

| Provide any explanation in the "Comments" column. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| REQUIREMENT | R – REQUIRED/ O – OPTIONAL | YES/NO | COMMENTS |
| **Standard Features** | | | |
| Scan driver's license/IDs | R | | |
| Checks national and South Carolina sex offender registries | R | | |
| Print badges for visitors, volunteers, and students | R | | |
| Work with District's existing RFID badges and barcoded badges for students | R | | |
| Allow Self-Check-In using District issued identification cards for staff/students and driver's license/identification card for other visitors. | R | | |
| Track late/tardy, Time In/Time Out, Early Dismissal | R | | |
| Operate using the current printers/hardware in place (currently Dymo 450 printers) | R | | |
| Track faculty and staff check in | R | | |
| Produce online school reports | R | | |
| Produce online District reports | R | | |
| Add reasons for student tardiness | O | | |
| Import data from and write data to PowerSchool | R | | |
| Have direct API system integration | R | | |
| Integrate with Active Directory | R | | |
| Provide multiple alert functions (email, text, etc.) | R | | |
| Allow local, school settings for alerts | R | | |
| Ability to scan student IDs using a PDA scanner for field trips, late buses, and school-wide events | O | | |

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| Assign Role-Based Security and Access Controls with single-sign on | R | | |
| **Volunteer Features** | | | |
| Store volunteer contact information | R | | |
| Volunteers are entered at the school level | R | | |
| Track volunteer hours | R | | |
| Generate reports for tracking hours to recognize volunteers | R | | |
| Print volunteer mailing labels or export to Microsoft label printing application | O | | |

**ELABORATION AND CLARIFICATION**
If you do not ask questions or clarify any assumptions, the District will assume that you agree with and understand the requirements in this solicitation. If, after examination of the various terms and conditions and requirements of this solicitation, the Respondent believes there are any terms and conditions or requirements which remain unclear or which restrict competition, the Respondent must request, in writing, that District clarify the terms(s) and condition(s) and requirement(s) specified by the Respondent. The Respondent must provide the Section(s), Subsection(s), Paragraph(s), and page number(s) that identify the conditions or requirements questioned by the Respondent by 12:00pm on June 27, 2024**,** which is the last day for questions.

**No questions may be directed to or contacts made with members of the Lexington Richland School District 5 School Board, Superintendent, or any District staff not identified in this RFP as points of contacts during the period of time that this RFP is made public until the final selection is made, except as otherwise provided for herein. Violation of this prohibition will be subject to disqualification of the Bidder from further consideration.**

**EXCEPTIONS:**
In a section titled "Exceptions", Offeror should point out services and features which cannot be provided and contract conditions which cannot be met. If Offeror fails to take exception to object to any conditions of the RFP, it shall mean that the Offeror agrees with and will comply with all conditions set forth in this RFP.

**ALTERNATIVES:**
In a section entitled "Alternatives", Offeror may list services, features or contract conditions, which in the Offeror's opinion may be more favorable to School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties than those set forth in this document. Such services and conditions will be taken into consideration in evaluating the proposal. This, however, does not relieve the Offeror from adhering to the specifications in the base proposal.

**DELIVERY/ PERFORMANCE LOCATION – PURCHASE ORDER**: After award, all deliveries shall be made and all services provided to the location specified by District in its purchase order.

**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. No particular form is required. An order placed pursuant to the purchasing card provision qualifies as a purchase order.

**IV. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT**

**INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT – GENERAL:** Offeror shall submit a signed Cover Page, Page Two, and Amendments (if applicable). Offeror should submit all other information and documents requested in this part and in parts II.B. Special Instructions; III. Scope of Work; V. Qualifications; and any appropriate attachments addressed in section IX. Attachments to Solicitations. You should submit a summary of all insurance policies you have or plan to acquire to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein, if any, including policy types; coverage types; limits, sub-limits, and deductibles for each policy and coverage type; the carrier's A.M. Best rating; and whether the policy is written on an occurrence or claims-made basis.

**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:

Contractor shall deliver one (1) original copy, five (5) hard copies and one (1) USB of the information requested. All submittals must be clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope with the following wording: "**RFP# 2025-002 Visitor Management System"**

All information should be presented in the listed order. Offerors should restate each item listed below and provide their response to that item immediately thereafter. The Contractor may reduce the repetition of identical information within several sections of the RFP by making the appropriate cross-references to other sections of the response.

**Section 1- Introduction**

1. **Cover Page**- Page 1 of this Solicitation Document
2. **Contact Information & Acknowledgement of Amendment(s)-** Page 2 of this Solicitation Document
3. **Cover Letter**- One-page letter, including the legal name of the Offeror, providing a summary of the Offeror's ability to perform the services requested in this solicitation and confirmation that the Offeror is willing and available to perform those services and enter into a contract with the District. The letter shall be signed by the person having the authority to commit to the Offeror to a contract.
4. **Table of Contents** – A Table of Contents of the material contained in the proposal

**Section 2- Organizational Background**

1. State whether your firm is local, regional, or national.
2. Provide the location of the office from which the work is to be performed and the number of partners, managers, supervisors, seniors, and other professional staff employed at that office.
3. Name the primary point of contact for all performance and contract issues. Include the representative's name, telephone number, email address and any other appropriate means for contact for the representative.
4. Provide the organizational structure of your firm. Include individuals who are employed in your firm, their duties and relevant work experience. Provide copies of all applicable licenses, accreditations, training documents, and certifications.
5. Briefly furnish your organization's history and types of services provided, legal form (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation and State of Incorporation), number and location of offices, number of employees, days/hours of operation and other pertinent data.
6. Disclose any conditions (e.g. bankruptcy or other financial problems, pending litigation, planned office closures, impending merger) that may affect your organization's ability to perform contractually. Include the current status and/or disposition.
7. Describe your professional liability insurance, including the type and level of coverage. Confirm you will notify the District at least thirty (30) days in advance of any material changes to this coverage.
8. Describe how your organization is properly licensed, bonded, and/or insured (both fidelity insurance and errors and omissions insurance).
9. Certify that your organization and any principal of the organization is not prohibited, suspended or otherwise declared ineligible to contract or provide any services required hereunder by any federal, state, or local public agency.
10. Describe your company's prior experience with K-12, higher education institutions, non-profit, local government or government agencies, if any.

**Section 3- Response to Proposal**

1. Qualifications and Experience-
    a. Provide a comprehensive description of the firm's experience in supplying services required by this Request for Proposal, preferably within a school district setting.
    b. Provide certification that the firm or principals of the firm have been successfully providing comparable services for a minimum of five (5) years (list schools districts you are currently serving first). Include account name, contact name, address and phone number.
    c. Provide at least three (3) letters of commendation and/or letters of reference.
    d. Provide resumes or Business Experience Summary of Project Manager, Project Staff and other parties who will provide services for the project. The resumes shall include experience relevant to the RFP.
    e. Provide the firm's most recent financial statement to include the name, address and phone number of the preparer.

f. Include any additional information that will allow the evaluation team to clearly identify that the proposed project team is equipped to perform the work called for in this solicitation. Convey the information in a concise and straightforward manner so that the evaluation team is able to focus on credentials and achievements that demonstrate the firm's ability to undertake this project. If sub-contractors will be used, submit their information as well.

2. Project Plan-
   a. Provide a description of the proposed system with sufficient detail on proposed tasks, procedures, and methodology, together with a statement of the proposer's ability to deliver a final product by August, 2024.
   b. Provide a detailed explanation regarding how the Scope of Work will be performed and how all specifications will be met. Offeror shall discuss those attributes of their proposal that clearly and succinctly states how the Contractor proposes to meet or exceed the requirements of the RFP if selected as the Contractor.
   c. Describe in detail the configuration and implementation of the proposed system.
   d. Confirm the proposed system's ability to integrate with PowerSchool and include a list of other software applications it may integrate with that may be relevant to the overall proposed solution.
   e. Describe the proposed system's reunification section and/or what emergency management software it may be integrated with.
   f. Describe all capabilities and features of the proposed system.
      i. Identify any internal and external factors that may impact the probability of completion by August, 2024.
      ii. Identify any additional hardware that may be required as part of the proposed solution.
      iii. Complete and include the chart located on pages 15-16 of this solicitation.
   g. Provide information on Offeror's back-up policies/procedures as well as data breach policies and procedures.
   h. Provide approach to system and software upgrades and methodology.
   i. Describe the Offeror's security and privacy policies in relationship to protecting student personally identifiable information (PII). If offering a hosted solution, describe the data center environment, disaster recovery plans for getting the system back up and running for the District, and employee access to District data, etc.
   j. Describe/list any student privacy pledge or similar commitments that the Offer has signed or otherwise committed to. State whether the offeror has signed the Student Privacy Pledge (K-12 School Service Provider Pledge to Safeguard Student Privacy, https://studentprivacypledge.org/privacy-pledge/).
   k. Provide information regarding data deletion upon termination of the contract.
   l. Describe the level of training and technical support that will be offered to the District.
   m. Provide any additional information considered essential to the proposal which has not been specifically requested.
   n. Describe any additional optional services that may benefit the District that must follow the general scope of the project. Please limit statements to one page per service.
   h. Describe any additional benefits the District will realize through a contract with your firm.
3. References-
   a. Provide a list (school districts preferred) for which services substantially similar to those sought with this solicitation have been provided at any time during the past three years.
   b. The list must contain a contact name along with the contact's telephone number, physical, and email address.

**Section 4- Price/Business Proposal:** The price/business proposal shall include an itemized price breakdown and justification for pricing for all costs associated with the purchase, installation, and performance of the proposed solution. ***See Section VIII. Price Proposal.***

1. Software License(s) and renewals/upgrades if applicable
2. Setup, configuration and installation of software and devices
3. Technical support/maintenance for both software and devices
4. Training (include training material and all travel expenses)
5. Cost of the purchase and maintenance of any hardware and/or cost of renting devices associated with the proposed solution.
6. Other Pricing required for your proposed solution to include optional features/devices
7. Training options after initial training
8. Provide a description of personnel and services and hourly rates for additional services offered
9. Custom development

**Section 5- Attachments**

1. References- Attachment A
2. Minority Participation Affidavit- Attachment B
3. Bid Schedule- Section VIII
4. W-9
5. Certificate of Liability Insurance (COI)

**INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT – RISK ANALYSIS**: When both parties fully understand the risks associated with a proposed contract, they can better manage and more appropriately allocate those risks. Accordingly, and for purposes of evaluation, you should submit the following: (i) an identification of key risks involved in the contract's performance and non-performance; (ii) an identification of the key risks to successful performance; (iii) an analysis and evaluation of the risks identified; and (iv) recommendations for managing the risks. Please address risks to everyone involved, such as the District, contractor, expected users, and business partners. In responding, you are welcome to use the Risk Analysis Table found at www.procurement.sc.gov/legal/resources.

**MINORITY PARTICIPATION:**
Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business? [ ] Yes [ ] No
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.htmlfollowing URL: http://osmba.sc.gov/directory.html

## V. QUALIFICATIONS

**QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR:** (1) To be eligible for award, you must have the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance. We may also consider a documented commitment from a satisfactory source that will provide you with a capability. We may consider information from any source at any time prior to award. We may elect to consider (i) key personnel, any predecessor business, and any key personnel of any predecessor business, including any facts arising prior to the date a business was established, and/or (ii) any subcontractor you identify. (2) You must promptly furnish satisfactory evidence of responsibility upon request. Unreasonable failure to supply requested information is grounds for rejection. (3) Corporate subsidiaries are cautioned that the financial capability of an affiliated or parent company will not be considered in determining financial capability; however, we may elect to consider any security, e.g., letter of credit, performance bond, parent-company corporate guaranty, that you offer to provide. Instructions and forms to help assure acceptability are posted on procurement.sc.gov, link to "Standard Clauses & Provisions."

**QUALIFICATIONS - SPECIAL STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY**
(a) This section establishes special standards of responsibility. UNLESS YOU POSSESS THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT AN OFFER:

The District shall only accept offers from firm(s) that have the following qualifications:

- Contractor must have been in business for a minimum of five years providing the products and services requested in this solicitation.

(b) Provide a detailed, narrative statement with adequate information to establish that you meet all the requirements stated in subparagraph (a) above. Include all appropriate documentation. If you intend for us to consider the qualifications of your key personnel, predecessor business(es), or subcontractor(s), explain the relationship between you and such person or entity.

**QUALIFICATIONS -- REQUIRED INFORMATION:** Submit the following information or documentation for you and for any subcontractor (at any tier level) that you identify pursuant to the clause titled Subcontractor - Identification. Err on the side of inclusion. You represent that the information provided is complete.

(a) The general history and experience of the business in providing work of similar size and scope.

(b) Information reflecting the current financial position. Include the most current financial statement and financial statements for the last three fiscal years.

(c) List of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation. If no such items exist, the offeror shall state that the firm has no failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation.

Offeror shall demonstrate a satisfactory record of performance from at least three (3) references preferably within the K-12 environment. Contract must be similar in size and type. References should be for work completed within the last three (3) years and should be on the same scope as described within this solicitation. If providing school districts as references, include the total student population of each District. References will be contacted by e-mail, so you must provide a **current** e-mail address for each reference.

a) Company Name
b) Street or PO address
c) City, State, Zip Code
d) Contact Name
e) Contact Phone Number
f) Contact Email address
g) For each reference, provide a brief description of the work performed.

**SUBCONTRACTOR – IDENTIFICATION:** If you intend to subcontract, at any tier level, with another business for any portion of the work and that portion either (1) exceeds 10% of your cost, (2) involves access to any

"government information," as defined in the clause entitled "Information Security - Definitions," if included, or (3) otherwise involves services critical to your performance of the work (err on the side of inclusion), your offer must identify that business and the work which they are to perform. Identify potential subcontractors by providing the business name, address phone, taxpayer identification number, and point of contact. In determining your responsibility, the District may contact and evaluate your proposed subcontractors.

## 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.

**DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS – OPTIONAL:** Submit your best terms from both a price and a technical standpoint. Your proposal may be evaluated and your offer accepted without any discussions, negotiations, or prior notice. Ordinarily, nonresponsive proposals will be rejected outright without prior notice. Nevertheless, the District may elect to conduct discussions, including the possibility of limited proposal revisions, but only for those proposals reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. If improper revisions are submitted during discussions, the District may elect to consider only your unrevised initial proposal, provided your initial offer is responsive. The District may also elect to conduct negotiations, beginning with the highest ranked offeror, or seek best and final offers. Negotiations may involve both price and matters affecting the scope of the contract, so long as changes are within the general scope of the request for proposals. If negotiations are conducted, the District may elect to disregard the negotiations and accept your original proposal.

**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.

All bids will be reviewed for purposes of determining responsiveness and responsibility. Any bid which does not meet the essential requirements of the District, will be subject to disqualification. For purposes of determining responsibility, all information given by the offeror will be reviewed. The submission of a bid for review does not necessarily qualify the offeror or bid as being responsive or responsible. Failure to provide specific information, as requested, for use in our evaluation will cause your bid to be disregarded. Proposals will be evaluated by a review committee using the following criteria:

1. **Qualifications and Experience**- Contractor demonstrates financial stability, required support infrastructure and staff experience to perform the requested services, to include demonstrated experience on similar projects.
2. **Project Approach**- Offeror's technical approach to the project, to include the degree, completeness and suitability of the proposed technical solution.
3. **Price**- Total annual itemized price to provide the goods/services as outlined in this solicitation for five years.

**UNIT PRICE GOVERNS**: In determining award, unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated.

## VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – A. GENERAL

**ASSIGNMENT, NOVATION, AND CHANGE OF NAME, IDENTITY, OR STRUCTURE:**
(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 District 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 District 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 conditions and approval required by Regulation 19-445.2180, which does not restrict transfers by operation of law.

**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 - GENERAL:** (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 two (2) 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 State 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 AWARDED PURSUANT TO CODE**: Any contract resulting from this solicitation is formed pursuant to the District's Procurement Code and is deemed to incorporate all applicable provisions thereof and the ensuing regulations. See also clause titled "Code of Laws Available."

**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) documentation regarding the clarification of an offer , if applicable, (3) the solicitation, as amended, (4) modifications, if any, to your offer, if accepted by the Procurement Officer, (5) your offer, (6) any statement reflecting the District's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (7) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complimentary. 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 (6) 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 or designee 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 District 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 a 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 Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by the government regarding the Agreement is not a waiver of either the government's sovereign immunity or the government's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution. 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 contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms, except as otherwise provided in this solicitation. This clause does not prohibit contractor 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 on Cover Page. 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.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** (a) The Contractor agrees to immediately advise the Procurement Officer if an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest is discovered after award, and to make a full written disclosure promptly thereafter to the Procurement Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Procurement Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict. (b) The District may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid an organizational conflict of interest. Contractor's failure to include an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not increase the obligation of the District beyond what it would have been if the subcontract had contained such a clause. (c) The disclosure required by paragraph (a) of this provision is a material obligation of the contract. If the Contractor knew or should have known of an organizational conflict of interest prior to award, or discovers an actual or potential conflict after award, and does not disclose, or misrepresents, relevant information to the Procurement Officer, the District may terminate the contract for default.

**PAYMENT & INTEREST:** (a) 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 mailed to the payment address on "page Two." (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45, or Chapter 6 of Title 29 (real property improvements) when applicable, 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 11-35-45 ("an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year"), as amended, unless otherwise required by Section 29-6-30. (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. Section 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. (f) The District shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off.

**PROHIBITION AGAINST CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS, GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS**: "Any employee or any official of the school district, elective or appointive, who shall take, receive or offer to take or receive either directly or indirectly, any rebate, percentage of contract, money or other things of value, as an inducement or intended inducement, in the procurement of business, or the giving of business, for, or to, or from, any person, partnership, firm of corporation, offering, bidding for, or in open market seeking to make sales to the school district shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction such person or persons shall be subject to punishment or a fine in accord with State and/or Federal laws."

**PUBLICITY**: Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes from 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. Purchase orders may be electronic. No particular form is required. An order placed pursuant to the purchasing card provision qualifies as a purchase order. Purchase order number must be clearly stated on each carton or package, shipping ticket, invoice and any/all other information related to the order.

**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**: District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties 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 bid invitation 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 therefore. 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.

**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 a 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 I(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.

**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 District's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

## VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – B. SPECIAL

1. Contractors are required to check in at the main office of each school immediately upon arrival.
2. 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.
3. The District reserves the right to add additional schools/property to the contract.
4. Insurance: Contractor shall provide and maintain during the entire performance period minimum insurance limits of **Low Risk** as shown in the Minimum Insurance Limits Guideline. **Include a copy of your insurance certificate (COI) with your bid.**

| Minimum Insurance Limits Guidelines | | | | |
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| FORM | BASIS | HIGH RISK | MEDIUM RISK | LOW RISK |
| Commercial General Liability (CGL) | Occurrence | $5 Million | $2 Million | $1 Million |
| | Aggregate | $10 Million | $5 Million | $2 Million |
| | Products-Completed Operation Aggregate | $10 Million | $5 Million | $2 Million |
| | Personal/Advertising Injury | $5 Million | $2 Million | $1 Million |
| Employer's Liability | BI – Occurrence | $1 Million | $500,000 | $250,000 |
| | Disease – Occurrence | $1 Million | $500,000 | $250,000 |

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| | Disease – Aggregate | $2 Million | $1 Million | $500,000 |
| Business Automobile Liability | Occurrence | $2 Million | $2 Million | $1 Million |
| Workers Comp | | As required by the State of South Carolina, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. | | |

**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.

**CISG:** The parties expressly agree that the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to this agreement.

**COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** During the term of the contract, 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.

**CONTRACT LIMITATIONS:** No sales may be made pursuant to this contract for any item or service that is not expressly listed. No sales may be made pursuant to this contract after expiration of this contract. Violation of this provision may result in termination of this contract and may subject contractor to suspension or debarment.

**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 limit of no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.
(c) The District and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers 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 its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers 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 cancelled 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, cancelled, or replaced.
(g) Contractor hereby grants to the District and all of its officers, officials, employees and volunteers 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. Contractor personnel shall present a professional appearance at all times while on District property. Personnel shall be neat, clean, well groomed, properly uniformed, and conduct themselves in a respectable and courteous manner and display proper identification. 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, guns, knives, or other weapons are allowed on the District's premises. The District reserves the right to prohibit any individual employee of the Contractor from providing services on District property or at District events if the District determines, in its sole discretion, that such employee poses a threat to the safety or well-being of students, District/school personnel, or others.

**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, 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.

**DEFECTIVE GOODS:** Any item delivered in an unacceptable condition will not be accepted. Successful bidder agrees to pay for return shipment of goods that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition. Offeror must agree to arrange for return shipment of damaged goods.

**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 District 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 subcontractor's 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-subcontractor's language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

**INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY CLAIMS - GENERAL**: 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 District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, and all their respective officers, agents and employees.

**INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY CLAIMS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION:** (a) Without limitation, Contractor shall defend and hold harmless Indemnitees from and against any and all suits, claims, investigations, or fines (hereinafter "action") of any character (and all related damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities) by a third party which arise out of or in connection with a disclosure of government information (as defined in the clause titled Information Security - Definitions) caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of contractor, its subcontractors at any tier, 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 action is brought by a third party or an Indemnitee, but only if the act or omission constituted a failure to perform some obligation imposed by the contract or the law.

(b) Indemnitee must notify contractor in writing within a reasonable period of time after Indemnitee first receives written notice of any action. Indemnitee's failure to provide or delay in providing such notice will relieve contractor of its obligations under this clause only if and to the extent that such delay or failure materially prejudices contractor's ability to defend such action. Indemnitee must reasonably cooperate with contractor's defense of such actions (such cooperation does not require and is without waiver of an Indemnitees attorney/client, work product, or other privilege) and, subject to Title 1, Chapter 7 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, allow contractor sole control of the defense, so long as the defense is diligently and capably prosecuted. Indemnitee may participate in contractor's defense of any action at its own expense. Contractor may not, without Indemnitee's prior written consent, settle, compromise, or consent to the entry of any judgment in any such commenced or threatened action unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of Indemnitee from all liability related to such commenced or

threatened action, and (ii) is solely monetary in nature and does not include a statement as to, or an admission of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of, an Indemnitee or otherwise adversely affect an Indemnitee. Indemnitee's consent is necessary for any settlement that requires Indemnitee to part with any right or make any payment or subjects Indemnitee to any injunction. (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, contractor's obligations pursuant to this clause are without any limitation whatsoever. Contractor's obligations under this clause shall survive the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of the contract. This provision shall be construed fairly and reasonably, neither strongly for nor against either party, and without regard to any clause regarding insurance. (d) "Indemnitee" means the District, its departments, boards, and all their respective officers, agents and employees.

**INDEMNIFICATION - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**: (a) Without limitation and notwithstanding any provision in this agreement, Contractor shall, upon receipt of notification, defend and indemnify the District, its instrumentalities, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees against all actions, proceedings or claims of any nature (and all damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees (including inside counsel), costs, expenses, losses or liabilities attributable thereto) by any third party asserting or involving an IP right related to an acquired item. The District shall allow Contractor to defend such claim so long as the defense is diligently and capably prosecuted. The District shall allow Contractor to settle such claim so long as (i) all settlement payments are made by Contractor, and (ii) the settlement imposes no nonmonetary obligation upon District. The District shall reasonably cooperate with Contractor's defense of such claim. (b) In the event an injunction or order shall be obtained against the District's use of any acquired item, or if in Contractor's opinion, the acquired item is likely to become the subject of a claim of infringement or violation of an IP right, Contractor shall, without in any way limiting the foregoing, and at its expense, either: (1) procure for District the right to continue to use, or have used, the acquired item, or (2) replace or modify the acquired item so that it becomes non-infringing but only if the modification or replacement does not adversely affect the specifications for the acquired item or its use by the District. If neither (1) nor (2), above, is practical, the District may require that Contractor remove the acquired item from the District, refund to the District any charges paid by the District therefor, and take all steps necessary to have the District released from any further liability. (c) Contractors obligations under this paragraph do not apply to a claim to the extent (i) that the claim is caused by Contractor's compliance with specifications furnished by the District unless Contractor knew its compliance with the District's specifications would infringe an IP right, or (ii) that the claim is caused by Contractor's compliance with specifications furnished by the District if the District knowingly relied on a third party's IP right to develop the specifications provided to Contractor and failed to identify such product to Contractor. (d) As used in this paragraph, these terms are defined as follows: "IP right(s)" means a patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or any other proprietary right. "Acquired item(s)" means the rights, goods, or services furnished under this agreement. "Specification(s)" means a detailed, exact statement of particulars such as a statement prescribing materials, dimensions, and quality of work. (e) Contractor's obligations under this clause shall survive the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this Agreement.

**INFORMATION SECURITY – DEFINITIONS**: The following definitions are used in those clauses that cross reference this clause. Compromise means disclosure of information to unauthorized persons, or a violation of the security policy of a system in which unauthorized intentional or unintentional disclosure, modification, destruction, or loss of an object may have occurred. Without limitation, the term "compromise" includes copying the data through covert network channels, or copying the data to unauthorized media, or disclosure of information in violation of any obligation imposed by this contract.

**Data** means a subset of information in an electronic format that allows it to be retrieved or transmitted.

**Government information** means information (i) provided to Contractor by, or generated by Contractor for, the District, or (ii) acquired or accessed by Contractor as a result of performing the Work. Without limiting the foregoing, government information includes any information that Contractor acquires or accesses by software or web-based services, which includes, without limitation, any metadata or location data. Government information excludes unrestricted information.

**Information** means any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts, statistics, or opinions, in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual.

**Information system** means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information.

**Public information** means any specific information, regardless of form or format, that the District has actively and intentionally disclosed, disseminated, or made available to the public. Information is not public information solely because it may be subject to inspection pursuant to an unfulfilled public records request.

**Software** means any computer program accessed or used by the District or a third party pursuant to or as a result of this contract.
**Third party** means any person or entity other than the District, the Contractor, or any subcontractors at any tier.
**Unrestricted information** means (1) public information acquired other than through performance of the work, (2) information acquired by Contractor prior to contract formation, (3) information incidental to your contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management information, and (4) any ideas, concepts, know-how, methodologies, processes, technologies, techniques which Contractor develops or learns in connection with Contractor's performance of the work.
**Web-based service** means a service accessed over the Internet and acquired, accessed, or used by the District or a third party pursuant to or as a result of this contract, including without limitation, cloud services, software-as-a-service, and hosted computer services.

**INFORMATION SECURITY - SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS**: (a) Definitions. The terms used in this clause shall have the same meaning as the terms defined in the clause titled Information Security – Definitions. In addition, as used in this clause—
**Clearing** means removal of data from an information system, its storage devices, and other peripheral devices with storage capacity, in such a way that the data may not be reconstructed using common system capabilities (i.e., through the keyboard); however, the data may be reconstructed using laboratory methods.
**Intrusion** means an unauthorized act of bypassing the security mechanisms of a system.
**Media** means physical devices or writing surfaces including but not limited to magnetic tapes, optical disks, magnetic disks, portable hard drives, "thumb" drives, large scale integration memory chips, and printouts (but not including display media, e.g., a computer monitor, cathode ray tube (CRT) or other (transient) visual output) onto which information is recorded, stored, or printed within an information system.
**Safeguarding** means measures or controls that are prescribed to protect information. Voice means all oral information regardless of transmission protocol.
(b) *Safeguarding Information*. Without limiting any other legal or contractual obligations, contractor shall implement and maintain reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards (including without limitation written policies and procedures) for protection of the security, confidentiality and integrity of the government information in its possession. In addition, contractor shall apply security controls when the contractor reasonably determines that safeguarding requirements, in addition to those identified in paragraph (c) of this clause, may be required to provide adequate security, confidentiality and integrity in a dynamic environment based on an assessed risk or vulnerability.
(c) *Safeguarding requirements and procedures*. Contractor shall apply the following basic safeguarding requirements to protect government information from unauthorized access and disclosure:
(1) *Protecting information on public computers or Web sites*: Do not process government information on public computers (e.g., those available for use by the general public in kiosks, hotel business centers) or computers that do not have access control. Government information shall not be posted on Web sites that are publicly available or have access limited only by domain/Internet Protocol restriction. Such information may be posted to web pages that control access by user ID/password, user certificates, or other technical means, and that provide protection via use of security technologies. Access control may be provided by the intranet (versus the Web site itself or the application it hosts).
(2) *Transmitting electronic information*. Transmit email, text messages, blogs, and similar communications that contain government information using technology and processes that provide the best level of security and privacy available, given facilities, conditions, and environment.
(3) *Transmitting voice and fax information*. Transmit government information via voice and fax only when the sender has a reasonable assurance that access is limited to authorized recipients.
(4) *Physical and electronic barriers*. Protect government information by at least one physical and one electronic barrier (e.g., locked container or room, login and password) when not under direct individual control.
(5) *Sanitization*. At a minimum, clear information on media that have been used to process government information before external release or disposal. Overwriting is an acceptable means of clearing media in accordance with National Institute of Standards and Technology 800–88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, at:
http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/80088/NISTSP800-88_with-errata.pdf.
(6) *Intrusion protection*. Provide at a minimum the following protections against intrusions and compromise:
(i) Current and regularly updated malware protection services, e.g., anti-virus, antispyware.
(ii) Prompt application of security-relevant software upgrades, e.g., patches, service packs, and hot fixes.
(7) *Transfer limitations.* Transfer government information only to those subcontractors that both require the

information for purposes of contract performance and provide at least the same level of security as specified in this clause.
(d) *Subcontracts*. Any reference in this clause to Contractor also includes any subcontractor at any tier. Contractor is responsible for, and shall impose by agreement requirements at least as secure as those imposed by this clause on, any other person or entity that contractor authorizes to act related to government information.
(e) *Other contractual requirements regarding the safeguarding of information*. This clause addresses basic requirements and is subordinate to any other contract clauses or requirements to the extent that it specifically provides for enhanced safeguarding of information or information systems.

**INFORMATION SECURITY – LOCATION OF DATA**: Notwithstanding any other provisions, contractor is prohibited from processing, storing, transmitting, or accessing government information, as defined in the clause titled Information Security - Definitions, outside the continental United States. For clarity, this obligation is a material requirement of this contract and applies to subcontractors at any tier.

**INFORMATION USE AND DISCLOSURE**: Except to the extent necessary for performance of the work, citizens should not be required to share information with those engaged by the government in order to access services provided by the government and such information should be used by those engaged by the government only to the extent necessary to perform the work acquired; accordingly, this clause addresses basic requirements for the Contractor's use and disclosure of government information, which expressly includes, but is not limited to, information provided by or obtained from the citizens. Anonymizing information does not resolve the foregoing concern. This clause should be broadly interpreted to effectuate this intent. Every obligation in this clause is material. Absent express reference to this clause, this clause supersedes any other clause to the extent of any inconsistency unless and to the extent the other clause provides greater protection for government information.
(a) *Definitions*. The terms used in this clause shall have the same meaning as the terms defined in the clause titled Information Security – Definitions.
(b) *Legal mandates*. Contractor shall be permitted to use, disclose, or retain government information to the limited extent necessary to comply with any requirement imposed on Contractor by law. If it is necessary for Contractor to use, disclose, or retain government information in order to comply with a law, Contractor shall provide the District with written notice, including a description of the circumstances and applicable law, in advance of such use, disclosure or retention except to the extent expressly prohibited by law.
(c) *Flow down*. Any reference in this clause to Contractor also includes any subcontractor at any tier. Contractor is responsible for, and shall impose by agreement the requirements of this clause on, any other person or entity that contractor authorizes to take action related to government information.
(d) *Collecting Information*. Contractor must gather and maintain government information only to the minimum extent necessary to accomplish the work.
(e) *Rights, Disclosure and Use*. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this solicitation, Contractor agrees NOT to either (1) use or disclose government information, or (2) retain government information after termination or expiration of this contract. Contractor acquires no rights in any government information except the limited rights to use, disclose and retain the government information in accordance with the terms of this solicitation. To the extent reasonably necessary to perform the work, Contractor may: (i) use (including access, process, transmit, and store) and maintain the government information itself; and (ii) disclose government information to persons having a need-to-know (e.g., subcontractors). Before disclosing government information to a subcontractor or third party, Contractor shall give the District detailed written notice of both the reason for disclosure and the identity and location of the recipient. The notice shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) business days in advance of the disclosure.
(f) *Return*. Notwithstanding the District's failure to perform or the pendency of a dispute, Contractor agrees to promptly deliver to the District (or destroy, at the District's option) all government information in its possession as and upon written request of the District (provided that, if the contract has not expired or been terminated, Contractor shall be excused from the performance of any work reasonably dependent on Contractor's further access to such government information).
(g) *Privacy Policy & Applicable Laws*. Without limiting any other legal or contractual obligations imposed by this contract or the law, Contractor shall (a) comply with its own privacy policies and written privacy statements relevant to the work, and (b) comply with (1) all laws applicable to Contractor regarding government information, and (2) all laws and standards identified in the clause, if included, entitled Information Use and Disclosure – Standards.
(h) *Actions Following Disclosure*. Immediately upon discovery of a compromise or improper use of government information, Contractor shall take such action as may be necessary to preserve forensic evidence and eliminate the

cause of the compromise or improper use. As soon as practicable, but no later than twenty-four hours after discovery, Contractor shall notify the District of the compromise or improper use, including a description of the circumstances of the use or compromise. As soon as practicable after discovery, Contractor shall undertake a thorough forensic investigation of any compromise or improper use and provide the District all information necessary to enable the District to fully understand the nature and extent of the compromise or improper use. With regard to any compromise or improper use of government information, Contractor shall: (1) provide any notification to third parties legally required to be provided such notice by Contractor, and if not (e.g., if legally required of the District), Contractor shall reimburse the District for the cost of providing such notifications; (2) pay all costs and expenses for at least two years of identity theft monitoring services (including without limitation, credit monitoring) and identity theft restoration services for any such affected individuals receiving notice where such services are appropriate given the circumstances of the incident and the nature of the information compromised; (3) undertake any other measures that are customary and reasonable for an entity to take when experiencing a similar disclosure, (4) pay any related fines or penalties imposed on the District, and (5) reimburse the District all costs reasonably incurred for communications and public relations services involved in responding to the compromise or improper us. Notwithstanding any other provision, contractor's obligations pursuant to this item (h) are without limitation.

(i) *Survival & Remedy*. All the obligations imposed by this paragraph are material. The obligations of this section shall survive termination or expiration of the contract. Without limiting any rights the District may have, and notwithstanding any other term of this contract, Contractor agrees that the District may have no adequate remedy at law for a breach of Contractor's obligations under this clause and therefore the District shall be entitled to pursue equitable remedies in the event of a breach of this clause.

**INFORMATION USE AND DISCLOSURE – STANDARDS**: To the extent applicable: (a) Breach of security of state agency data; notification; rights and remedies of injured parties; penalties; notification of Consumer Protection Division, S.C. Code Ann. Section 111-490. (b) South Carolina Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Act (FIFITPA), 2008 Act 190, as amended. Solely for purposes of Section 39-1-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, Contractor is deemed to be the owner of government information, as defined herein, and Contractor agrees that the District is not a licensee. (c) The South Carolina Family Privacy Protection Act of 2002, S.C. Code Ann. Sections 302-10, et seq. (d) Personal Identifying Information Privacy Protection, S.C. Code Ann. Sections 30-2-310 et seq. (e) Data Breach Notification, 2014 Act No. 286, Section 117.117, as revised in any future annual appropriations act.

**LICENSES AND PERMITS:** During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, all licenses (including professional licenses, if any), permits, inspections and related fees for each or any such licenses, permits and /or inspections required by the State, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.

**MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP:** Unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract, all equipment, material, and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended.

**PRICE ADJUSTMENTS: (**1) Method of Adjustment. Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to a clause in this contract shall be consistent with this Contract and shall be arrived at through whichever one of the following ways is the most valid approximation of the actual cost to the Contractor (including profit, if otherwise allowed):

(a) By agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;

(b) By unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;

(c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the relevant clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as specified in the Contract; or subsequently agreed upon;

(d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or,

(e) in the absence of agreement by the parties, through a unilateral initial written determination by the Procurement Officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as computed by the Procurement Officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, subject to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the S.C. Code of Laws.

(2) Submission of Price or Cost Data. Upon request of the Procurement Officer, the contractor shall provide reasonably available factual information to substantiate that the price or cost offered, for any price adjustments is reasonable, consistent with the provisions of Section 11-35-1830.

**PRICING DATA – AUDIT – INSPECTION:** [Clause Included Pursuant to Section 11-35-1830, - 2210, & -2220] (a) Cost or Pricing Data. Upon Procurement Officer's request, you must submit cost or pricing data, as defined by 48 C.F.R. Section 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, must 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 must 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 must 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 must (1) do so in accordance with the instructions appearing in Table 15-2 of 48 C.F.R. Section 15.408 (2004) (adapted as necessary for the District context), and (2) submit a Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data, as prescribed by 48 CFR Section 15.406-2(a) (adapted as necessary for the District context). (e) Subcontracts. You must include the above text of this clause in all of your subcontracts. (f) Nothing in this clause limits any other rights of the District.

**RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**: Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer of the other. Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party.

**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 award. The initial term of this agreement is one (1) years 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, the District reserves the right to extend the contract for a period up to four (4) additional one (1) year period(s) upon mutual agreement of the District and the Offeror, and provided prices remain the same for any extended one-year period. No price increases will be considered during the first two years of the contract.

**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 a 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.

**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.

## VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL

The Offeror must identify all costs for performing the services necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Contract. The Offeror is to submit a fully detailed price proposal including the following:

1. Setup, configuration and installation of software and devices
2. Technical support/maintenance for both software and devices
3. Training (include training material and all travel expenses)
4. Cost of the purchase and maintenance of any hardware and/or cost of renting devices associated with the proposed solution.
5. Other Pricing required for your proposed solution to include optional features/devices
6. Training options after initial training
7. Personnel and services and hourly rates for additional services offered
8. Custom development

A list of prices for any optional capabilities shall be listed on separates forms and marked as optional. The price proposal shall be signed by a representative authorized to submit a binding offer to enter into a contract on behalf of the firm.

## IX. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION

A. References
B. Minority Participation Affidavit
C. Offeror's Checklist

**ATTACHMENT A**

**REFERENCES**

**Provide references demonstrating same or similar solutions as proposed in Offeror's response. The District prefers references that have utilized the system for at least two years and uses both PowerSchool and data integration with the system.**

**Reference One**

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Software: _____ Version: _____

Date of Installation: _____ Date Fully Implemented: _____

**Reference Two**

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Software: _____ Version: _____

Date of Installation: _____ Date Fully Implemented: _____

**Reference Three**

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Software: _____ Version: _____

Date of Installation: _____ Date Fully Implemented: _____

**ATTACHMENT B**

## MINORITY PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT

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

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

**ATTACHMENT C**

**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. **Proposal**
4. **Site Visit Log**
5. **References**
6. **Minority Participation Affidavit**
7. **Completed W-9**
8. **Certificate of Liability Insurance (COI)**