

**Charleston County School District  
 Request for Proposals**

**Solicitation Number: P2426**  
**Description: Special Education Providers**  
**Date: April 4, 2024**

**SUBMIT OFFER BY: May 6, 2024 BY 2:00 PM**

**QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: April 18, 2024 by 2:00 PM**

**NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) Original, Four (4) Hard Copies, and One (1) Electronic Copy (Flash Drive) (Total of 6 Copies) (See Page 2 for details)**

**PROCUREMENT OFFICIAL CONTACT:** Procurement Services  
 Attention: Robin McNeal, CPPO, CPPB  
 3999 Bridge View Drive  
 North Charleston, SC 29405  
 Phone: 843-566-1809  
 Email: [robin\\_mcneal@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:robin_mcneal@charleston.k12.sc.us)

**The term “Offer” means your “Proposal”.**

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

You must submit a signed copy of this form with your offer. By submitting a proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold your offer open for a minimum of ninety (90) calendar days after the Opening date.

Print Name of Offeror (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)		Date Signed
Authorized Signature (Person signing must be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)		Taxpayer Identification No.
Title (Business title of person signing above)		Telephone Number
Printed Name (of person signing above)		Facsimile Number
Company Address (Street, City, State & Zip Code)		
Contact Person(if different than authorized signature)		Email Address
Telephone Number	Facsimile Number	

Cover Page

**AWARDS & AMENDMENTS:** Awards will be posted at the Physical Address stated above. The award will be posted by 05/30/2024. The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following website URL: <https://www.ccsdschools.com/Page/432>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS:** Offerors: Acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. See “Amendments to Solicitation” in Section II Instructions to Offerors.

Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial

**OFFEROR’S TYPE OF ENTITY:** See Section VII Signing Your Offer & SWMBE Participation.

Small Women Minority Business Enterprise (Please Check appropriate boxes)

- MBE – Native American Owned
- MBE – African American Owned
- MBE – Asian American Owned
- MBE – Hispanic Owned
- Women Owned Small Business Certified
- Women Owned Small Business Non-Certified
- Minority Owned Small Business Certified
- Minority Owned Small Business Non-Certified
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Minority Owned Small Business Certified
- Minority Owned Small Business Non-Certified
- HUB Zone Small Business
- Small Business Certified
- Small Business Non-Certified
- Corporation
- Partnership
- Sole Proprietor

The District shall receive all Proposals by **no later than 2:00 P.M. on the date shown on the Cover Page.** Important: **Clearly mark the outside of the envelope, box, or package with the following information.**

**Request for Proposal #P2426 Special Education Providers**

Proposals should be sent via United States Postal Service/hand delivered or courier service to:

**Procurement Services**  
**Attn: Robin McNeal**  
**3999 Bridge View Drive**  
**North Charleston, SC 29405**

**NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:** When submitting your proposal provide, 1 Original hard copy, 4 hard copies of original, 1 electronic copy (flash drive) with original and redacted document. The redacted document will be used for FOIA purposes. The redacted document should not disclosure any confidential or company trade secrets & etc.

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1.0 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Event	Date
1. Issuance of Request for Proposal (RFP)	April 4, 2024
2. Non-mandatory Pre-proposal conference	None
3. Deadline for receiving Offeror's questions	April 18, 2024 by 2:00 PM
4. <b>PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b> Procurement Services 3999 Bridge View Drive North Charleston, SC 29405	<b>May 6, 2024 by 2:00 PM</b>
5. Evaluation Committee Review (estimate)	TBD
6. Selection Complete (estimate)	TBD
7. Intent to Award Posted	By May 30, 2024
8. Contract Award (estimate)	TBD

## 2.0 SCOPE OF SOLICITATION

Charleston County School District in South Carolina (CCSD) invites responsible individuals or firms to submit a proposal to provide special education teachers, special education teacher assistants, speech-language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, sign language interpreters, school psychologists, and nurses in accordance with the requirements of the solicitation on an annual basis. It is the intent of CCSD to award this contract to multiple service providers to ensure that the personnel needs of the district are met.

### Goals to be achieved

CCSD seeks to be able to provide a free and appropriate education to students with disabilities throughout the District. To do so, it is imperative to have properly credentialed teachers, teacher assistants and related services providers on staff. The individuals hired through a contract will meet the requirements of the South Carolina State Department of Education or appropriate credentialing agencies. Through contracts secured through the competitive bid process with different individuals and firms, CCSD will be able to meet the needs of identified special education students.

**MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD:** Estimated April 1, 2024 through March 30, 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.”

**ACQUIRE SERVICES AND/OR SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT:** The purpose of this solicitation is to acquire services complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions. Through this method, the District has attempted to provide the minimum amount of specifications and requirements in order not to transform this RFP into a Bid. The District does not want to limit your creativeness or ingenuity by over specifying the requirements of this solicitation.

## 3.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

### A. General Instructions

**AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION** (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <https://www.ccsdschools.com/Page/432> (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any Amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the Amendment, (2) by letter, or (3) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the Amendment.

**AWARD NOTIFICATION** Notice regarding the District’s intent to award a contract will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page (page 1) and page 2. The date and location of posting can be found in the Schedule and Activities section of the solicitation. If the contract resulting from this Solicitation has a total or potential value in excess of fifty thousand dollars, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation. For contracts with a total or potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or greater, notice of intended award of a contract must be given by posting the notice for ten days before entering into a contract and must be sent to all bidders responding to the solicitation.

**PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD** In order to withdraw your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, you must notify the Procurement Official in writing.

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

**PROPOSAL FORMS** Proposal Forms are included for your use. Only these Proposal Forms shall be used; no other form is acceptable. Please indicate your firm’s name on the Proposal Forms and have it signed by a person authorized to do so. A cover letter on your corporate stationery should include any comment and/or information you feel may be pertinent to the evaluation of your proposal. The prices specified in your proposal must be F.O.B. Destination with all freight charges prepaid and allowed, if applicable. On the Proposal Forms, please indicate the delivery time, after receipt of an order, for the service or materials on which you have proposed. No hidden or undisclosed prices will be acceptable.

**PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT** By submitting to the District a signed Proposal, you are offering to enter into a contract with Charleston County School District and agreeing to all terms and conditions provided herein. Your proposal as well as the terms and conditions of this solicitation will become part of any contract created as a result of this solicitation. **THEREFORE, ANY OBJECTION**

TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED HEREIN MUST BE ADDRESSED WITH THE DISTRICT PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL OF YOUR PROPOSAL. SUCH OBJECTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AS DESCRIBED HEREIN FOR ANY INQUIRIES. 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 proposals" are not allowed.

**BOARD AS PROCUREMENT AGENT** (a) **Authorized Agent.** All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Official. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Official is the only District official authorized to bind the District with regard to this procurement. (b) **Purchasing Liability.** The Procurement Official acts on behalf of Charleston County School District pursuant to the Charleston County School District Procurement Code. Any contract awarded as a result of this procurement is between the Vendor and the District. The Board is not a party to such contract, unless and to the extent that the Board is using a District unit, and bears no liability for any party's losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract.

**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 a 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 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 purpose of this certification, means Officials; 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 Official 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), Offeror 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 Official 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 Official may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

**CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE** The Charleston County School District Procurement Code is available at <https://www.ccsdschools.com/Page/257>

**COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES** The vendor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the vendor for the purpose of

securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, CCSD, shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER Any offer received after the Procurement Official or designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the bid opening.

DEFINITIONS Except as otherwise provided herein, the following definitions are applicable to all parts of the solicitation. For additional definitions, see the terms and conditions below.

1. **Amendment** - means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.
2. **Board** - means the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees.
3. **Buyer** - means the Procurement Official.
4. **Change Order** - means any written alteration in specification, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties of the contract.
5. **Contract Modification** - means a written order signed by the Procurement Official, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract authorizes the Procurement Official to order without the consent of the contractor.
6. **Contractor** - means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.
7. **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.
8. **District** - means Charleston County School District.
9. **Offer** - means the proposal submitted in response to this solicitation. The term "Proposal" is used interchangeably with the term "Offer."
10. **Offeror** - means the single legal entity submitting the offer. The term "Proposer" is used interchangeably with the term "Offeror." See proposal provisions entitled "Signing Your Offer" and "Proposal As Offer To Contract."
11. **Page two** - means the second page of the original solicitation, which is label Page Two.
12. **Procurement Official** - means the person, or designee, identified as such on the Cover Page.
13. **Solicitation** - means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.
14. **Subcontractor** - means any person having a contract to perform work or render service to Contractor as a part of the Contractor's agreement arising from this solicitation
15. **You And Your** - means Offeror.

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. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the District's attention.

ENTERING INTO CONTRACT The District shall not enter into or sign any agreement, contract or other document that conflicts in any way with the District's General Terms and Conditions and the requirements of this solicitation. Proposers should submit for review any agreement, contract or other document that the firm wishes the District to sign, with the proposal. Submittal of such agreement, contract or other document does not constitute an acceptance of any terms and /or conditions contained in such document. Agreements, contracts or other documents that infringe upon the rights of the District or are not in the best interest of the District shall be determined to be non-responsive. The rights and authority of such determination is reserved solely by the staff of the District's Contracts & Procurement Services Department. By Submitting a solicitation response, the proposer acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to inquire about the District's Procurement Code, this solicitation and other District policy.

ETHICS ACT By submitting an Offer, you certify that you are in compliance with South Carolina's Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991, as amended. The following statutes require special attention: (a) Offering, giving, soliciting, or receiving anything of value to influence action of public employee-Section 8-13-790, (b) Recovery of Kickbacks-Section 8-13-790m

(c) Offering, soliciting, or receiving money for advice or assistance of public official - Section 8-13-720, (d) Use or disclosure of confidential information-Section 8-1 3-725, and (e) Persons hired to assist in the preparation of specifications or evaluation of proposal Section 8-1 3-1 150

**NOTICES** All contact should be directed to Robin McNeal, CPPO, CPPB, Procurement Officer. No company should contact District staff directly. All questions should be directed in writing to Robin McNeal via Email [robin\\_mcneal@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:robin_mcneal@charleston.k12.sc.us). Answers to any questions submitted will be sent to all companies via solicitation amendment.

**OFFICE CLOSING** If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal District processes so that offers cannot be received at the District office designated for receipt of proposals 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's processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an amendment may be issued to reschedule proposal opening. If District offices are closed at the time a pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference.

**OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE** Do not include any sales or use taxes in your price that the District may be required to pay. Any taxes in your bid that the district may be required pay, shall be provided as a separate line item.

**PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATIONS** Proposals shall be considered only from proposers who are regularly established in the business called for and who in the judgment of the District are financially responsible and able to show evidence of their reliability, ability, experience, to render prompt and satisfactory service in the volume called for under this contract

**PROTESTS** Any prospective Offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the applicable solicitation document at issue. Any actual Offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within ten (10) days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with the District's Procurement Code. A protest shall be in writing, submitted to the Director of Contracts and Procurement Services, 3999 Bridge View Dr., North Charleston, SC 29405, and shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided.

**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. The Procurement Official must receive questions no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless otherwise stated on the Cover Page. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective Offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective Offerors as an Amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective Offerors. (b) The District seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Official, 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.

**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 / IMPROPER OFFERS** (a) Propose as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.

(b) Multiple Offers. Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all solicitation requirements. While multiple Offers may be submitted as one document, Offeror is responsible for clearly differentiating between each separate Offer. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, each separate Offer must include a separate cost proposal.

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

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

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

**SIGNING YOUR OFFER** Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words “by its Partner,” and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint 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 it is and has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent’s authorization to bind the principal.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND ASSURANCES** By submitting a proposal and signing the bid schedule, vendors are providing written assurance of non-collusion and understanding and acceptance of all general and special conditions stated in this contract. It will be assumed that the service or materials you propose to provide conform(s) with all the provisions of the indicated specifications, unless you specifically note otherwise. In addition, this signature certifies that the firm or agency represented in the bid submitted complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

**SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word “CONFIDENTIAL” every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contend contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the words “TRADE SECRET” every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act.

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



Do not mark your "Cost Proposal Schedule" Confidential.

**SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION** (a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by approved electronic means) - (1) Addressed to the office specified in the Solicitation; and (2) Showing the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. (b) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (c) Offerors using commercial carrier services shall ensure that the Offer is addressed and marked on the outermost envelope or wrapper as prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this provision when delivered to the office specified in the Solicitation. (d) Facsimile Offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (e) Offers submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation.

**TERM OF CONTRACT** It is Charleston County School District's intent to contract with the successful proposal by entering into a five (5) year Agreement. The prices submitted in response to this solicitation will be firm and not subject to escalation for a period of five (5) year from the Pricing Agreement's date of execution.

**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 proposal may be withdrawn in person by an offeror 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 proposal.

## **B. Special Instructions**

1. **Non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference:** No Pre-Bid Conference or Site Visit is scheduled.
2. **DISCUSSION WITH PROPOSERS:** After opening, discussions may be conducted with apparent responsive proposers for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of the requirements of the invitation for proposals. All proposals, in the Procurement Official's sole judgment, needing clarification must be accorded that opportunity.
3. **OPENING PROPOSALS – PRICES NOT DIVULGED** In competitive sealed proposals, prices will not be divulged at opening.
4. **SUBCONTRACTOR APPROVAL:** All subcontractors must be pre-approved by CCSD.
5. **BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED:** Any award is subject to prior approval by the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees.

## **4.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **A. General Terms and Conditions**

**GOVERNING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Proposals shall be submitted subject to the indicated Terms and Conditions, Offeror's terms and conditions of sale will not be considered. Offeror shall be deemed to have accepted CCSD Terms and Conditions by the submittal of a bid.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The successful offeror 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.

**COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS** During the term of the Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

**COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES:** During the term of the contract, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

**CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** Questions or problems arising after award of this solicitation shall be directed to the Procurement Official at 3999 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, SC 29405.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGE ORDERS Any change orders, alterations, amendments or other modifications hereunder shall not be effective unless in writing and approved by the District and the vendor.

CONTRACT VIOLATION: Vendors who violate this contract will be considered in breach and subject to cancellation for cause. Vendors may be suspended or debarred from doing business with the District. Examples of vendor violations include, but are not limited to:

- Vendor adding items to the contract without approval,
- Vendor increasing contract price without approval,
- Misrepresentation of the contract to any District entity

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

CONTRACTOR SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMANCE: The District will rely upon the Contractor for full, complete, and satisfactory performance under the terms and conditions of this agreement.

If the Contractor's services provided for hereunder include services, equipment, or materials supplied by a subcontractor, the Contractor must act as the prime Contractor for these items and assume full responsibility for performance hereunder. 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.

ENTIRE CONTRACT The contract, including the Solicitation, the Proposal, and any Purchase Order issued by District pursuant to the contract, shall constitute the entire contract between the parties, and no verbal information shall be a part hereof. Any changes made to the contract shall be in writing and accepted by both parties.

FORCE MAJEURE: The vendor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the vendor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the government in either its sovereign or contract capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the vendor. If the failure to perform is caused by default of a sub vendor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the vendor and sub vendor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the vendor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the sub vendor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the vendor to meet required delivery schedule.

GUARANTEE The vendor shall supply a guarantee for all workmanship for the equipment he/she is furnishing for a period comparable to the standards in the industry. When defects or faulty materials are discovered during the guarantee period, the vendor shall, immediately, upon notification by the District, process at his./her own expense, to repair or replace the same.

#### INDEMNIFICATION

1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Charleston County School District, its agents, Board, officers and/or officials, employees and volunteers (hereinafter, the "Indemnitees") from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnify which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described herein.

2. In claims against any person or entity indemnified herein by an employee of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation herein shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable

by or for the Contractor or a Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts. Further, any performance bond or insurance protection required by the contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and hold harmless and defend the Indemnitees as herein provided.

3. The Contractor's indemnity obligations shall also specifically include, without limitation, all fines, penalties, damages, liability, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), and punitive damages (if any) arising out of, or in connection with, and (1) violation of or failure to comply with any law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, code or requirement of a public authority that bears upon the performance of this contract by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or any person or entity for whom either is responsible, (2) means, methods, procedures, techniques or sequences or execution or performance of the services required, and (3) failure to secure and pay for permits, fees, approvals, and/or licenses related to performance of the contract by the Contractor, a Subcontractor or any person or entity for whom either is responsible.

4. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless all of the Indemnitees from and against any costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) incurred by any of the Indemnitees in enforcing any of the Contractor's defense, indemnity and hold-harmless obligations under this contract.

5. The Contractor shall further indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees from all suits or claims of any character brought by reason of infringing on any patent, trademark or copyright. Contractor shall have no liability to the Indemnitees if such patent, trademark or copyright infringement or claim is based upon the Contractor's use of materials furnished to the Contractor by an Indemnitee.

INSTALLATION Where equipment is called for to be installed under this proposal, it shall be placed leveled and accurately fastened into place by the vendor. He/she shall be responsible for obtaining dimensions and other such data which may be required to assure exact fit to work under another contract or as intended by the District. The vendor shall be responsible for providing an appropriate amount of lead-in for equipment requiring electrical, water or other basic service. The District will normally be responsible for bringing the appropriate service to the lead-in. the vendor shall completely remove from the premises all packaging, crating, and other litter due to his/her works. He/she shall also be responsible for the cost of repair of any damage to existing work which is caused by him/her during the installation of his/her equipment.

INSURANCE

1. The Contractor shall provide General Liability and other Insurance as listed herein. The Contractor shall purchase from and maintain in a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina such insurance as will protect the Contractor from claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's operations under the Contract and for which the Contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the Contractor or by a Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable:

**Type of Insurance**  
**Workers Compensation, Applicable Federal and Employer's Liability**

1. State	Statutory
2. Applicable Federal	Statutory
3. Employer's Liability	\$100,000 per accident \$500,000 disease, policy limit \$100,000 disease, each employee

**Federal Liability Insurance including completed operations and product liability covers:**

1. General Aggregate (Except Products – Complete Operations):	\$1,000,000
2. Products – Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$1,000,000
3. Personal and Advertising Injury (Per person/organization):	\$1,000,000
4. Each Occurrence (Bodily Injury and Property Damage):	\$1,000,000
5. Fire Damage (Any one fire):	\$1,000,000
6. Medical Expense (Any one person):	\$1,000,000
7. Property Damage Liability Insurance will provide explosion, collapse and underground coverage where applicable.	
8. Excess Liability (Umbrella Form)	
a) General Aggregate:	\$2,000,000

b) Each occurrence  
(bodily injury and property damage)

\$1,000,000

2. Certificates of insurance which shall be signed by a duly authorized representative of each insurance company, showing compliance with the insurance requirements attached hereto and which shall be acceptable to the Owner shall be submitted to the Owner upon execution of this Agreement. When requested by the Owner, the Contractor shall furnish copies of Certificates of Insurance for each subcontractor as well. All Certificates of Insurance shall include a statement that the Owner will receive written notice 30 days prior to cancellation of any policy. Further, the Charleston County School District will be named as an additional insured on all policies.

LATENT DEFECTS: Contractor warrants that upon notification by the District of a latent defect in design, material or workmanship, or a latent nonconformity of the services, material, or equipment to the specifications, which would have constituted a basis for rejection if discovered prior to acceptance, it will repair or replace or otherwise correct the defect to the level of performance specified in this Solicitation.

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 CCSD, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.

LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES The Contractor shall satisfy immediately any lien or encumbrance which, because of any act or default of the Contractor, is filed against the District.

MATERIALS REQUIRED Materials required must be in conformity with the specifications and shall be subject to inspection and approval after delivery, and shall comply in quality and type of material and method of manufacture with all applicable local or state laws pertaining thereto. The right is reserved to reject and return at the risk and expense of the vendor such portions of any shipment that may be defective or fail to comply with specifications and without validating the remainder of the order.

NON INTERFERENCE: In the event Contractor is unable for any reason to provide any material, services, supplies, products or other items of any type or variety to the District under this agreement, including but not limited to any such materials, services, supplies, etc. available from any other party (such as subcontractors) supplying said materials, services, etc. to Contractor, the District will have the right to deal directly with the other supplier without penalty or interference from Contractor.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: In the event of inconsistency between provisions of this solicitation, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) proposal pricing schedule, (b) proposal specifications, (c) standard solicitation provisions/general contract clauses, whether incorporated by reference or otherwise, (d) special solicitation provisions/special purchase order clauses and (e) instructions to bidders.

OTHER WRITTEN BASIS FOR PROPOSAL: If any of the Offeror's proposal has, as its basis, written statements (other than the RFP) provided to him by the District (such as notification of a change in the specifications), the Offeror is to identify and include those statements in his proposal at the place or places applicable.

PACKAGING AND DELIVERY All shipments will be FOB, freight prepaid, to the purchase order "ship to" location. The purchase order number should be clearly stated on freight tickets. The parties agree hereto that delivery by the vendor to the common carrier does not constitute delivery to the district. Any claims for loss or damage should be between the vendor and the carriers.

PAYMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES Payment for goods and services received by the District shall be processed in accordance with the Charleston County School District Procurement Code. In consideration of satisfactory performance of the requirements of this contract, the District shall pay the contractor in accordance with the vendors Price Proposal/ Exhibit E, in no event to exceed an amount of authorized by written Purchase Order(s) issued by the District pursuant to this contract.

(a) Payments to the contractor shall be made no later than thirty (30) days after the later of District's receipt of a proper invoice for performance by the contractor, and acceptance by the District of such performance pursuant to the terms of the RFP. Each invoice must include the contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number.

(b) In addition to any other remedies, if in the sole opinion of the District, the contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the District may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment, and may cause payments to the contractor to be reduced or withheld until such time as the contractor meets performance standards as established by the District.

A purchase order will be issued and must be referenced on all invoices presented for payment.

**PERFORMANCE AUDITS:** The District may conduct, or have conducted, performance audits of the vendor. The District may conduct, or have conducted, audits of specific requirements of this bid as determined necessary by the District.

Pertaining to all audits, vendor shall make available to the District access to its computer files containing the history of contract performance and all other documents related to the audit. Additionally, any software used by the vendor shall be made available for auditing purposes at no cost to the District.

**PRICES** Prices under this contract are “not to exceed” prices. District is not authorized to pay more than the stated price. Contractors may offer, and District may accept prices below those listed on the contract. Submission of the Price Proposal certifies that the proposal is accurate and binding and that all costs are shown and accurately reflects the total Technical proposal cost. All prices shall be stated in United States currency.

**PRICE ADJUSTMENT** Any request for price increase must be submitted in writing to Procurement Services at least ninety (90) days prior to the requested date for the increase. Price increases will only become effective if agreed to, in writing by Procurement Services. The maximum increase will not exceed the unadjusted percent change from the previous year shown in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), “Other Goods and Services” or the current market conditions as determined by the Procurement Officer.

**PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY CPI “All Items”:** Upon request and adequate justification, the Procurement Officer may grant a price increase up to, but not to exceed, the unadjusted percent change for the most recent 12 months for which data is available, that is not subject to revision, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers (CPI-U), “all items” for services, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

**PRICE CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the price included in this proposal is accurate and binding and that all costs are shown and accurately reflect my total proposal cost.

**PROHIBITION AGAINST CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS, GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS:** “an employee or any official of the School district, elective or appointive, who shall take, receive or offer to take or receive either directly, 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 or corporation, offering proposing 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 fine in accord with state and/or federal laws.

**PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT** The District requires all vendor activities to be in compliance with local, state, and federal mandates concerning “protection of human health and the environment”. Any vendor doing business with the District will be required to document compliance and to specify prudent practices used by the vendor to address applicable mandates including, but not restricted to “the hazard communication standard” OSHA CFR 191 0.1200 (SCRR article 1,71-1910.1200). By submission of this bid, the vendor agrees to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with these requirements.

**PURCHASE ORDER** A purchase order may be enclosed with or issued pursuant to this contract, and will be an integral part of the resulting contract. The purchase order indicates that sufficient funds have been obligated in accordance with the budget of the district and assures distribution of the necessary receiving reports. The purchase order does not supersede any provisions of the resulting contract. Performance time and dates are determined solely by the contract and any modification thereto.

**PURCHASING CARD:** Contractor agrees to accept payment by the District Purchasing Card for no extra charge. The Purchasing Card is issued by Visa. The purchasing card allows state agencies to make authorized purchases from a vendor without the requirement to issue a purchase order.

**PUBLICITY RELEASES** Vendor agrees not to refer to award of this contract in commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the products or services provided are endorsed or preferred by the user.

**QUALITY OF PRODUCT** (This clause does not apply to solicitations for service requirements). Unless otherwise indicated in this proposal it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped on this bid shall be new and in first class condition, that all containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and that prices include standard commercial packaging. For information technology procurements as defined in Provision I., of the Charleston County School District Procurement Code, if items that are other

than new (i.e. remanufactured or refurbished) are desired to be proposed, the offeror must obtain written permission to propose such items at least 5 days in advance of proposal opening from the person to whom inquiries are to be directed as listed on the front page of the request for proposal.

**REJECTION:** The District reserves the right to reject any proposal that contains prices for individual items or services that are unreasonable when compared to the same or other proposal if such action is in the best interest of the District.

**RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS** No purchases are to be made from this contract for any item that is not listed or for any item that is currently authorized under any other purchase order awarded prior to this contract.

**RISK OF LOSS:** The vendor shall assume all risk of loss, and shall maintain insurance coverage on all items installed, up to the time of final acceptance.

**RECORDS RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT:** Charleston County School District has the right to audit the books and records of the vendor as they pertain to this solicitation/contract, both independent of, and pursuant to, the District Procurement Code. Such books and records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under the purchase order.

**SEVERABILITY:** In the event any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force.

**SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNING LAW CLAUSE:** The agreement and any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the agreement shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the Contracts and Procurement Services Director in accordance with the District Procurement Code, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the court of common pleas for, or a federal court located in, Charleston County, State of South Carolina. Vendor 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.

**SUBCONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION:** If you intend to subcontract with another business for any portion of the work and that portion exceeds 10% of your price, your offer must identify that business and the portion of work that 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, CCSD may evaluate your proposed Subcontractors.

**SUBCONTRACTING; ASSIGNMENT:** The contractor may not subcontract any portion of the services provided under this contract without obtaining the prior written approval of the District, nor may the contractor assign the contract or any of its rights or obligations hereunder, without prior written approval of the District. Any such subcontract or assignment shall include the Terms and Conditions of this contract and any other terms and conditions that the District deems necessary to protect its interests. The District shall not be responsible for the fulfillment of the contractor's obligations to the subcontractors.

**SUBCONTRACTORS:** Subcontractors are subject to same terms and conditions of this agreement as the Contractor.

**SWMBE PARTICIPATION:** Charleston County School District encourages SWMBE (Small, Women, & Minority Owned Business Enterprise) 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 a yearly report submitted to the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees. In order to be included in this report you must submit a copy of your certificate with your proposal. All qualified Small, Women, & Minority Owned Business Enterprise not registered or not certified, are encouraged to submit an offer. CCSD highly desires the opportunity of promoting SWMBE.

**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 CCSD, and such sums shall be due and payable to the Contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by CCSD. It shall be solely CCSD's obligation, after payment to Contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contactor 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 CCSD to Contractor, Contractor shall be liable to CCSD 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRUG FREE WORK PLACE ACT:** In accordance with S. C. Code Workplace Act, Sections 44-107-10, et seq., SC Code, (1976) this contract is subject to immediate termination, suspension of payment, or both if the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with the terms of the Drug Free Workplace Act. The District will not be liable for any termination costs; the thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived.

**DUE TO MALICIOUS ACTS:** In the event termination is due to malicious acts by the Contractor, subcontractor or representative(s) of same that may endanger the property, employees, or reputation and/or financial status of the District, termination of the contract shall be effective immediately upon verbal notification by any District representative. The Provider shall cease all services within twenty-four (24) hours of the verbal notice of termination. In the event of termination the vendor shall be paid for services performed up to the termination date.

**INSOLVENCY:** This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the District upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

**TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR:** Requests for termination of this contract by the contractor must be received in writing by Procurement Services at least ninety (90) days before the requested contract termination date.

**WARRANTY** Upon final acceptance, the products and or services provided by the contractor under this contract shall be warranted by the contractor to perform in compliance with the specifications and terms and conditions of this contract for a period of one year. When notified by the District of defects requiring correction under the contractor's warranty, the contractor shall diligently provide the required corrections. Manufacturer warranties for third party products supplied by the contractor shall be provided to the District

**WAIVERS** The waiver of any part of this contract shall not be construed to be a waiver of the whole and the remaining terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect. No waiver of right, obligation, or default shall be implied, but must be in writing, signed by the party against whom the waiver is sought to be enforced. One or more waivers of any right, obligation, or default shall not be construed to waive any subsequent right, obligation, or default.

### Applicable Federal Provisions

**Equal Employment Opportunity** - All contracts must contain a provision requiring compliance with E.O. 11246—Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by E.O. 11375-Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity, and as supplemented by regulations at 41CFR Part 60-Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.

**Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c)** - All contracts and sub grants in excess of \$2,000 for construction or repair awarded by recipients and sub recipients must include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3—Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States). The Act provides that each contractor or sub recipient shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

**Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7)** -When required by Federal program legislation, all construction contracts awarded by the recipients and sub recipients of more than \$2,000 shall include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7) and as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5—Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction). Under this Act, contractors shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The recipient shall place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation and the award of a contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

**Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327–333)** -Where applicable, all contracts awarded by recipients in excess of \$2,000 for construction contracts and in excess of \$2500 for other contracts that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with Sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327–333), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under Section 102 of the Act, each contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 1/2 times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. Section 107 of the Act is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

**Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement** - Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work must provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR Part 401 —Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements, and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

**Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended** - Contracts and sub grants of amounts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain a provision that requires the recipient to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). Violations shall be reported to ED and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)** - Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. The disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

**Debarment and Suspension (E.O. 12549 and E.O. 12689)** - No contract may be made to parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs in accordance with E.O 12549 and



E.O. 12689—Debarment and Suspension. This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and contractors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549. Contractors with awards that exceed the small purchase threshold must provide the required certification regarding its exclusion status and that of its principal employees.

## 5.0 QUALIFICATIONS

Proposals will be accepted from bidders who are regularly established in the business called for, and who, in the judgment of the district, are financially responsible and able to show evidence of their reliability (to render prompt and satisfactory service in the volume required by this solicitation), experience, equipment, facilities and personnel directly employed or supervised.

To be eligible for award of a contract, a prospective contractor must be responsible. In evaluating and Offer's Responsibility, CCSD Standards of Responsibility [R.19-445.2125] and information from any other source may be considered. An Offeror must, upon request of CCSD, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to meet all contractual requirements. Unreasonable failure to supply information promptly in connection with a responsibility inquiry may be grounds for determining that you are ineligible to receive an award. S.C. Code Section 11 -35-1810.

The Contractor shall be from an established company providing similar solutions for a minimum of three (3) years.

**QUALIFICATIONS -- REQUIRED INFORMATION:** In order to evaluate your responsibility, offeror shall submit the following information or documentation for the offeror and any subcontractor, if the value of subcontractor's portion of the work exceeds 10% of your price (if in doubt, provide the information) with proposal or within two (2) days of request by CCSD:

- Include a brief history of the offeror's experience in providing work of similar size and scope.
- List of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation.
- Professional Certificate
- Background checks of all employees coming in contact with students.
- Evidence of successful implementation within the past 5 years.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** State Licensure through South Carolina State Department of Education and/or Labor, Licensure and Regulation Board for special education teachers, speech-language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and school psychologists will be required.

For special education teacher assistants, 60 college credit hours or a qualifying score on the ParaPro Assessment as indicated by the South Carolina Department of Education will be required.

For RNs, LPNs and CNAs the individual will need to meet the requirements of the South Carolina Board of Nursing will be required.

Sign language interpreters need to have completed a two year program, a minimum of two years working with deaf and hard of hearing students and verification of skill set for sign language will be required.

**6.0 BASIS OF AWARD**

AWARD TO MULTIPLE OFFERORS: Award may be made to more than one Offeror. In order to fulfil the requirements of the District. The district reserves the right to enter into negotiations and make an award to the next highest rank/score proposer, if the District determines after making an award, that multiple awards are required to complete this project in the required time.

Offerors must meet the minimum qualifications listed in Section 5 in order to receive consideration. The Proposal offered by Contractor must also meet the Scope of Work/Specifications in Section 7. Award will be made to the highest ranked, responsive and responsible Offeror whose offer is determined to be the most advantageous to the Charleston County School District. The District reserves the right to select and award on any individual item basis, group basis, or all or none basis.

EVALUATION FACTORS – PROPOSALS (List in order of importance)

Below is a description of the evaluation criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposals. In order to be deemed responsive, it is important for the firm’s proposal to contain appropriate detail information to demonstrate satisfaction of each criterion and compliance with the performance provisions outlined in the request for proposal. The following “Weighted Scale” will be used to evaluate each proposal:

	<b>EVALUATION FACTORS / CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1.	<b>Cost Cost of the conversion fee after the candidate completes a minimum of 90 days of service Hourly rates/ranges per position types</b>	<b>40 Points</b>
2.	<b>Ability to meet the turnaround time for presenting candidates for consideration</b>	<b>25 Points</b>
3.	<b>Recruitment plan for cultivating candidates for the different positions</b>	<b>15 Points</b>
4.	<b>Company describes in detail the ability and capacity to provide services as requested in the scope of work</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
5.	<b>The strength of the references from other school districts where the vendor assisted with filling positions within the past two years</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
	<b>MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100 Points</b>

\*Note: “Cost of Proposal” must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope marked “Cost Proposal”

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

BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED: Any award is subject to prior approval by the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees.

## 7.0 SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS

The vendors hired through the contract will be responsible for:

1. Providing the appropriate services: special education teachers, special education teacher assistants, speech-language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, sign language interpreters, school psychologists and nurses as identified by the student's IEPs including:
  - evaluation and assessments, direct instruction, instructional and classroom support, or consultative services;
  - attend staffing, IEP meetings, 504 meetings, multidisciplinary team meetings and other district related meetings as needed;
  - develops IEPs for initial placements, annual reviews and special reviews as needed;
  - ensure compliance with FERPA and maintaining the confidentiality of student records and protecting the rights of the students and families the individual serves;
  - completing functional behavioral reports, and behavior intervention plans as needed;
  - utilizing the district's IEP system and Medicaid documentation system as needed;
  - completing lesson plans and instructions in accordance with the IEPs and school administrators requirements;
  - provide the same individual to the student throughout the evaluation and instructional/therapy period. If the same individual is not available to ensure continuation of the educational services, another appropriately certified individual will proceed with the outlined educational/therapy plan; and
  - participate in professional development as identified by the Department of Exceptional Children during regularly scheduled work hours.
2. Vendors will need to provide the following when candidates are presented for consideration: resume, contact information, dates of availability, appropriate credentialing for the specified position, references from at least two previous employers, and clear TB test dated within 12 months.
3. The vendor will complete, at a minimum, a South Carolina statewide criminal background investigation for all individuals and employees recommended for work through the contract prior to the issuance of a contract. If the individual is from out of South Carolina, the criminal background check will be extended to the state the individual resides in. The company completing the background check must be recognized by the local law enforcement agency to complete the background check. In addition, the vendor will complete a check against the National Database of Registered Sex Offenders. Any individual that is registered as a sex offender will not be permitted on school property. The cost of the criminal background checks are the responsibility of the vendor. The vendor will be responsible and liable for the conduct of their employees working in Charleston County School District. Individuals convicted of, or have pending charges that are listed as follows, will not be permitted on any school grounds: rape or criminal sexual conduct, child molestation or abuse, any sexually oriented crime, violent crimes, robbery, felony or felony use, possession or distribution of drugs.
4. Non-compete clause that current CCSD employees will not be recruited by the vendor.
5. The District will have the right to convert the contracted teacher after a minimum of 90 days.

### **Timeline**

Dates of importance: The 2024-2025 school year begins August 6, 2024 and ends May 30, 2025.

CCSD will provide a list of vacancies to the vendor with the goal to have candidates submitted for consideration within fourteen calendar days.

### **Required Documentation from Offerors:**

Vendors will need to provide the following when candidates are presented for consideration: resume, contact information, dates of availability, appropriate credentialing for the specified position.

The vendor will have an electronic system for reporting and approving work hours.

Provide information on the company background, size of the agency, number of employees, number of years in business and the qualifications of key personnel that will be involved in providing the services.

Disclose financial conditions such as bankruptcy, pending litigation, planned closures or impending mergers that may affect your firm's ability to perform the contractual obligations.

Describe how your organization is properly licensed, bonded and/or insured. Coverage documentation must be submitted upon request. This would include Workers' Compensation and other liability insurance.

Level of experience and at least three references from other school districts with at least a student enrollment of 35,000 or more will be required. Include any school districts that you have engaged with that represent urban, suburban and rural school settings. Include contact information for all references.

**Minimum qualifications: See Section 5. Qualifications**

#### **Timeline**

**Dates of importance:** The 2024-2025 school year begins August 6, 2024 and ends May 30, 2025.

CCSD will provide a list of vacancies to the vendor with the goal to have candidates submitted for consideration within fourteen (14) calendar days.

## 8.0 INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT

**CONTENTS OF OFFER:** The contents of your offer must be divided into two parts, the technical proposal and the business proposal.

**FORMAT FOR PROPOSALS:** The proposal must be in two parts. The first part is the Offeror's Technical proposal. Technical Proposals are to be prepared in a manner designed to provide the District with a straightforward presentation of the Offeror's capability to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Each response shall clearly indicate whether the Offeror's proposal complies or does not comply with the requirements of this RFP. Offerors shall explain in detail, the method used to meet each requirement. Elaborate brochures and other promotional materials are not desired. The Offeror shall not include any cost information in the Technical Proposal. Proposals should be tabbed to provide the evaluation team with an easier way to locate information.

The second part is the Offeror's Business Proposal. Only submit one original and one copy of the Business Proposal. Do not include any portion of the Business Proposal within the Technical Proposal. The Business Cost Proposal must be a separate document in a separate sealed envelope within the package. The Offeror shall not include any technical information in the Business Cost Proposal.

Proposal Instructions: The Technical Proposal shall include the information listed below, tabbed and indexed in the following sequence:

### 1. Official Proposal Form

Enclose the Official Proposal Form, which must be completed and signed by a company officer with the authority to contract for services. This form is the first two pages of the Request for Proposals solicitation document.

### 2. Executive Overview

Your offer should include a summary of the proposed solution that reflects your understanding of both the district's needs and how your solution will satisfy those needs. Please explain in your overall approach to the management of this effort, including a brief discussion of the total organization

### 3. Offeror Capabilities

Comprehensive description of the firm's experience in supplying the services required by this Request for Proposals, preferably with a school district setting.

### 4. Offeror Project Manager and Project Personnel

Resumes or Business Experience Summary of Project Manager, Project Staff and other parties who will provide services for the project.

### 5. Response to Scope of Work Requirements

- Discussion of or response to the requirements of the Scope of Work.
- Statement of the responsibilities of the vendor and the District.
- Submit completed functional requirements spreadsheet and all other attachments requesting completion.

### 6. Other Information

- Statement of any litigation to which the Offeror has been a party in the last twelve months.
- Statement of any exceptions proposed to the requirement of this Request for Proposals or the Terms and Conditions of the contract.

### 7. Statement of additional or optional services which are not requested in this Request for Proposal; that are offered for the benefit of the District.

Pricing for additional and optional services is to be included in the Price Proposal. Additional services must follow the general scope of the project. Limited additional pages to one page each service.

In addition to forms and/or information required elsewhere in this solicitation, the bidder must provide a copy of any required contractor license(s). Failure to provide this information may make your bid non-responsive.

**9.0 BIDDING SCHEDULE / COST PROPOSAL**

**Cost Proposal**

Offerors shall provide pricing based on the requirements and terms set forth in this RFP. Pricing must be all inclusive (e.g., travel, materials, & etc...) and cover every aspect of the programs. Cost must be in U.S. dollars. **If there are additional costs associated with the Services, please add to this form. Your Price Proposal must reflect all costs for which the District will be responsible for.** Notwithstanding any other instructions herein, you shall submit the following price information as a separate document:

Description of Services	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Cost	
Drug Screening	1	Each		
<b>Mark-up Rate Percentage:</b> This is a proposal price with a maximum mark-up of 40%. Bidders may submit a markup percentage less than 40%. Bids with a markup greater than 40% will be rejected.	1	Each		

	Job Positions	Job Description	Pay Rate (per hour)	Mark Up Rate Percentage	Cost to CCSD (per hour)
	Special Education Teacher Assistant	Will assist the Special Ed Teacher with duties	\$10.00	40%	\$14.00
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

**10.0 Attachments to Solicitation**

- A. Minority Participation Affidavit
- B. Offeror’s Checklist
- C. Questionnaire
- D. No Bid Response

**Attachment A**

**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
- \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary certification
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)

**Note:** *If more than one minority Contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.*

Attachment B

**OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST**  
*AVOID COMMON MISTAKES*

Review this checklist prior to submitting your proposal  
If you fail to follow this checklist, you risk having your proposal rejected.

- COMPLETED AND SIGNED ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.
- DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF YOUR STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS!
- UNLESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED, DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL BOILERPLATE CONTRACT CLAUSES.
- REREAD YOUR ENTIRE PROPOSAL TO MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO ANY OF THE DISTRICTS MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED ALL PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL, OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEADING ENTITLED: FOIA BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS, SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. ***DO NOT MARK YOUR ENTIRE BID AS CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, OR PROTECTED! Do NOT INCLUDE A LEGEND ON THE COVER STATING THAT YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE IS NOT TO BE RELEASED!***
- HAVE YOU PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED ALL AMENDMENTS? INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN AMENDMENT SHOULD APPEAR IN ALL AMENDMENTS ISSUED.
- MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION COVER PAGE.
- MAKE SURE A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTUALLY BIND YOUR BUSINESS SIGNS THE COVER PAGE.
- MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED.
- CHECK TO ENSURE YOUR PROPOSAL 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 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE OR A QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD, RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS! PLEASE SEE BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS AND ANY PROVISIONS REGARDING PRE-BID CONFERENCES.**

**NOTE: 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. Don not return this checklist with your response.**



Attachment C

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Bidder shall answer the following questionnaire which shall be used in the bid evaluation process in order to determine the responsible bidder.

**1. SAFETY:**

Have you had any OSHA fines within the last three (3) years? YES  NO

Have you had jobsite fatalities within the last five (5) years? YES  NO

If you have answered **YES** to either of the above questions, you **MUST** submit on a separate sheet the details describing the circumstances surrounding each incident.

**2. EXPERIENCE:**

Years in business under present name: \_\_\_\_\_

Licenses currently valid in force: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. REFERENCES**

Provide three references from agencies you have performed similar services for in the past two (2) years.

*Reference #1*

Industry: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Reference #2*

Industry: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Reference #3*

Industry: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment D

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO BID REPLY FORM

**BID TITLE: P2426 Sspecial Education Providers**

If you intend to enter a "No Bid" response to our request for bids, please indicate your reasons below. We will use this information to better identify bidders for particular commodities, update our records and improve the quality and content of our requests for bids. This information will not preclude your receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the bidders list or from a particular product category. We treat this "No Bid" response as a proper reply to an invitation. Failure to return this form for a "No Bid" could result in your being removed from the bidders list as "Not Interested".

- 1. We do not wish to participate in the bid process.
- 2. We do not wish to bid under the terms and conditions of the request for bid document. Our objections are.....

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- 4. We cannot submit a bid because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.
- 5. We do not wish to sell to Charleston County School District. Our objections are.....

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 6. We do not sell the items/service on which bids are requested.
- 7. Other

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 8. We wish to remain on the bidders' list.
- 9. We wish to be deleted from the bidders' list.
- 10. Remove us from this item(s)/service only.

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_