

Merrillville Community School Corporation

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Bid# 570

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of School Trustees of the Merrillville Community School Corporation, with its office located at 6701 Delaware Street, Merrillville, Indiana, will receive sealed bids on or before 10:30 AM (local time) on April 14, 2025, at which time they will be opened for the following:

MHS Weapons Detection System

Bids received after the above time and date will be returned unopened.

Specifications are on file at the Merrillville Community School Corporation, 6701 Delaware Street, Merrillville, Indiana, and may be picked up from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Specifications can also be accessed on the website: www.mvsc.k12.in.us/bid

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a return address. A certified check or a bid bond is to be filed with each bid in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. A non-collusion affidavit must be executed.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid or bids presented, reject all bids, or waive all informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

Dated this 21st day of April 2025

**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

Mar 21, 2025

Dear Vendor:

The enclosed packet of information includes an invitation to bid for student Chromebooks. This Invitation to Bid should give you important information relative to terms and conditions upon our receiving and awarding of the bid.

Additionally, we have included a Bid Cover Sheet, a Non-Collusion Affidavit, Instructions, and specifications for Bidders. Questions regarding the specifications should be directed to:

Steven J. Kerr, Director of Technology

Email: sjkerr@mvsc.k12.in.us

Ph: 219.650.5355

The bid opening is scheduled for April 14, 2025, at 10:30 AM local time. We look forward to receiving a bid from you.

Sincerely

Steven J. Kerr
Director of Technology
Merrillville Community School Corporation

Bid Cover Sheet

Owner:	Merrillville Community School Corporation
Project:	MHS Weapons Detection System
Name of Bidder:	
Agent of Bidder (if applicable)	
Address:	
City/State:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Total Cost of all Items Bid:	
Anticipated Start Date(s):	

The attached bid(s) conform(s) to the conditions as specified in the Invitation to Bid, the Instructions to Bidders and the specifications furnished except where noted in the bid documents.

Signature of Bidder

Printed Name/Title

Date

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned bidder or agent, being duly sworn on oath, says that he has not, nor has any other member, representative, or agent of the firm, company, corporation or partnership represented by him, entered into any combination, collusion or agreement with any person relative to the price to be bid by anyone at such letting nor to prevent any person from bidding nor to induce anyone to refrain from bidding, and that this bid is made without reference to any other bid and without any agreement, understanding or combination with any other person in reference to such bidding.

He further says that no person or persons, firms, or corporation has, have or will receive directly or indirectly, any rebate, fee, gift, commission or thing of value on account of such sale.

Bidder (Firm)_____

Signature of Bidder or Agent_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this____ day of_____ 20____ .

My Commission Expires:_____

Notary Public Signature:_____

County and State of Residence:_____

Instructions and Specifications for Weapons Detection System

Bid # 570

Due: 4/14/2025

I. Scope

This specification intends to provide the Merrillville Community School Corporation(MCSC) with Weapons Detection Systems for 6 lanes at Merrillville High School. These devices will help improve school safety for students, staff, and visitors. The devices must be easy to use, accurate, portable, and able to handle large amounts of students without delays. All devices will be delivered and configured for Merrillville High School, 276 East 68th Place, Merrillville, IN 46410.

II. Bid Form

The Non-Collusion Affidavit, which is part of Bid Form 95, shall be properly completed, signed, and notarized.

III. Bid Deposit

A Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the Base Bid shall accompany each proposal. The Bonding Company on issuing a Bid Bond, thereby obligated themselves to furnish a Performance, Labor and Material Bond in the full amount to the contract should the subject bidder be the low bidder.

IV. Submission of Bids

Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes addressed to the Merrillville Community School Corporation and shall be clearly marked "MHS Weapons Detection System". Bids will be received until 10:30 A.M. on April 14, 2025, at 6701 Delaware Street, Merrillville, Indiana 46410, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received subsequent to the date and time stated will be returned to the bidder unopened. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening of the bids.

V. Board's Right Reserved

The Board of School Trustees of the Merrillville Community School Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of the bids.

VI. Award of Contract – Rejection of Bids

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders on an item-by-item basis who comply with the conditions of these specifications, provided the bid is reasonable and it is in the best interest of the owner to accept it. The bidder to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The owner also reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who had previously failed to perform properly or complete on-time, contracts of a similar

nature, who is not in a position to perform the contract, or who has habitually and without just cause neglected the payment of bills or otherwise disregarded their obligation to subcontractors, material men, or employees. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, the following elements, in addition to those previously mentioned, will be considered:

1. Maintains a permanent place of business;
2. Has suitable financial status to meet the obligations incident to the work;
3. Has appropriate technical expertise.

VII. Detailed Specifications

- Brand names and Model Numbers are offered for the purpose of comparison only and are in no way intended to limit competition. However, other products must meet and/or exceed the specifications of the ones listed.
- Bid prices must include all delivery charges. Warranty information is to be provided for review. All warranties described in the product literature are to be in effect. Warranty information should include all details of the warranty procedure for any warranty claims.
 - The system must include a minimum one-year warranty covering parts and labor.
 - The vendor should provide options for ongoing maintenance and support services beyond the warranty period.
 - The vendor should provide a detailed service-level agreement (SLA) outlining response times and support availability.
- A list of School corporations to which the bidder has sold the requested bid item(s) within the last 2 years, including contact information for references.
 - Case studies or references from similar K-12 deployments.
- The vendor must be an authorized retailer of the Weapons Detection system with certified staff available for installation and support.
 - The vendor must provide comprehensive training for MCSC Staff on the system's operation, troubleshooting, and maintenance.
 - The vendor must provide a minimum of one year of maintenance and support, with options for extended service contracts.
 - The system must include software updates and security patches as necessary.
- The Vendor will provide:
 - Information such as average downtime, average response time for service calls, and number of trained technicians on staff.
 - Detailed product specifications and capabilities.
 - Description of installation, setup, and integration processes.
 - Pricing breakdown, including hardware, software, installation, training, and support.
 - Estimated lead time for delivery and deployment.
- On-site demonstrations may be requested during the evaluation of the submittal.

- Delivery of all devices, installation, and training must be done within 60 days of the award.
- The school district reserves the right to select the solution that best meets its security needs and budgetary constraints.

Bid Item #1 Weapons Detection System Qty 6 Lanes

General System Requirements:

- The system must be specifically designed to detect weapons, including but not limited to firearms and knives. The system must be able to identify weapons concealed under clothing or within bags.
- The system should utilize advanced sensor technology such as AI-driven threat recognition, millimeter-wave imaging, electromagnetic scanning, or a combination thereof.
- The system should provide real-time alerts with clear threat indicators.
- The system should be able to differentiate between threats and non-threatening metallic objects to reduce false alarms.
- The system must not require individuals to remove common items such as keys, cell phones, or wallets.
- The system must be capable of processing a minimum of 2000 individuals per hour without causing significant delays and accommodate the expected volume of students, staff, and visitors at peak entry times so that all events can start on time.
- The system must be ADA-compliant and accessible for all students, staff, and visitors.
- The system must be operable in various environmental conditions commonly found in a school setting, both indoor and outdoor. Easy to move and relocate and provides an arch-free structure.
- The system should function autonomously and not require any connection to any other software, hardware, or equipment in the corporation.
- The system must allow for easy user interface operation with minimal training requirements.
- The system should have adjustable sensitivity settings to accommodate different security needs.
- The system should have backup power capabilities in case of power outages.
- The system must utilize advanced algorithms to minimize false alerts caused by non-threatening objects.
- The system should be tested and validated to demonstrate a low false-positive rate.
- The system should include reporting and analytics features to monitor detection accuracy and performance over time.

- The system must comply with all relevant safety regulations, including FCC, ANSI, and other applicable standards.
- The system must be non-invasive and not use ionizing radiation.
- The system must ensure data privacy and not retain personally identifiable information.

Bid Sheet

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6701 Delaware Street
Merrillville, Indiana 46410
MHS Weapons Detection System

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Due: April 14, 2025

Bid Item #1 Weapons Detection System

Bid Price \$_____

Total for items bid

Bid Price \$_____