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## **NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rockland County, popularly known as Rockland BOCES (in accordance with Section 104b of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law), hereby invites the submission of sealed Proposals for the following:

### **ABA FEEDING CONSULTANT - RFP #2025-26-09**

Proposals will be received until Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 11:00 AM by the PURCHASING OFFICE at:

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT - BUILDING #4**

Rockland County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)

65 Parrott Road

West Nyack, NY 10994-0607

at which time and place all proposals will be opened at 11:00 AM on the above date. In the event that Rockland BOCES Purchasing Office is closed the day of the RFP Opening, the RFP(s) will be opened at the same time, on the next day that Rockland BOCES Purchasing Office is open. Conditions, Specifications, Forms and instructions for submitting proposals may be downloaded from our website at <http://www.rocklandboces.org> or from the Purchasing Office. Vendors are requested to carefully review the instructions contained therein.

ROCKLAND BOCES IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPOSALS OPENED PRIOR TO THE PROPOSAL OPENING IF PROPOSAL NUMBER AND OPENING DATE DO NOT APPEAR ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE. PROPOSALS OPENED PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED ARE INVALID.

THE PROPOSER ASSUMES THE RISK OF ANY DELAY IN THE MAIL OR IN THE HANDLING OF THE MAIL BY EMPLOYEES OF ROCKLAND BOCES, AS WELL AS IMPROPER HAND DELIVERY. Please refer to the General Information/Conditions for details.

The Rockland County Board of Cooperative Educational Services reserves the right to waive any informalities in the proposals, or to reject all proposals, or to accept any proposal which in the opinion of the Board will be to their best interest.

Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Sole Supervisory District

65 Parrott Road

West Nyack, NY 10994-0607

By: Jackie Cinquemani, Purchasing Agent

**Rockland Board of Cooperative Educational Services  
(a/k/a Rockland BOCES)**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**for**

**ABA FEEDING CONSULTANT**

**RFP #2025-26-09**

**For School Year 2025-2026**

**Rockland BOCES  
65 Parrott Road  
West Nyack, NY 10994**

**April 3, 2025**

**A. Statement of Purpose:**

The Rockland Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified individuals for services of autism specialist to provide consultation services in our school programs for students with developmental disabilities.

**B. Time Line:**

Release of RFP Specifications	→	April 3, 2025
RFP Proposal Due	→	April 22, 2025
Notification of Award (BOE Approval)	→	April or May 2025
Effective Date of Award	→	Upon Board Approval

**C. Submission of Proposal:**

The following are general requirements to which applicants must adhere in response to the RFP:

1. Proposals are to be sent showing the following information on the outside and shall be mailed or hand delivered to the following address:

Rockland BOCES – Purchasing Department  
65 Parrott Road – Bldg #4  
West Nyack, NY 10994

***RFP # 2025-26-09 – ABA FEEDING CONSULTANT***

Please be sure your return address is shown on the outside of the envelope.

2. RFP's must be **received** by BOCES on or before 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. **Proposals received after this time will NOT be accepted.**
3. To facilitate the evaluation process, the applicant is required to submit two (2) copies of the proposal.

**D. Questions Concerning the RFP:**

From the issue date until the selection of the successful applicant, all contacts with BOCES personnel concerning the contents of this RFP must be through Ms. Jackie Cinquemani, Purchasing Agent. To the extent possible **each question should be submitted in writing**, citing a particular RFP section, prior to any formal conference with interested applicants. Answers to all questions of a substantive nature will be addressed in writing. Copies of questions and answers will be provided to all participants.

**E. Oral Presentation:**

The BOCES reserves the right to require all applicants, under final consideration, to make oral presentations regarding their RFP.

**F. Addendum to RFP:**

The BOCES reserves the right to amend the RFP. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFP, an addendum will be provided to all prospective applicants who received the RFP. It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure that they have responded to all addendums before submission of the RFP.

**G. Incurred Costs:**

The BOCES is not liable for any cost incurred by prospective applicants or applicants submitting proposals.

**H. Request for Supplemental Information:**

During the evaluation period, applicants may be requested to present supplemental information clarifying their proposal. This information must be submitted in writing and will be included as a formal part of the applicant's proposal.

**I. Notification of Award:**

Following the notification of the selected consultant, a contract will be executed between the parties as soon as possible thereafter.

**J. Contract Terms:**

These specifications will become part of any "contract" forms that may be required and will take precedence over any other terms or conditions submitted by the bidder. Any agreement resulting from this RFP shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New York.

**K. Indemnification:**

The successful vendor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party from all suits, claims and the liability for injury or damage to persons or property resulting from or arising out of any activity conducted by either the respective parties or their agents, employees, invitees or designees except for injuries or damage caused or contributed to by the acts, omissions or negligence of the other party.

**L. Payment for Services:**

Upon receipt of invoice payment will be made.

**M. Term of Engagement:**

A one (1) year contract is contemplated, subject to the review and recommendation of the BOCES, the satisfactory negotiation of terms (including a price acceptable to the BOCES and the selected consultant), the availability of appropriation, and annual approval by the Rockland BOCES Board of Education. The school year is July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The agreement may be extended to a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year engagement, upon mutual consent of both parties.

The Consultant, as well as the BOCES shall have the option to cancel the engagement for the school year 2025/2026, provided that thirty days written notice is given to the District Superintendent, 65 Parrott Road, Bldg. 7, West Nyack, NY 10994-0607.

**N. Subcontracting:**

No subcontracting will be allowed without the express prior written consent of the BOCES.

**O. Scope of Work to be Performed:**

The consultant is required to provide direct and indirect observation of students with developmental disabilities and consultation to school staff, including school administrators. A written report is required following each consultation with specific recommendations for students. Recommendations will include student specific treatment plans to shape and improve food selectivity.

Hourly Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees shall include all expenses.

**P. Qualifications of Candidate**

- Licensed behavior analyst
- Fingerprint clearance through the State Education Department
- Extensive experience working with students with autism.
- Experience working in a school setting
- Extensive experience conducting professional development in the area of feeding and food selectivity
- Provide own transportation

**Q. Proposal Submissions**

Candidates wishing to submit proposals must include responses to the following:

1. A letter describing the services to be provided to Rockland BOCES.
2. A schedule of the fees the individual intends to charge the BOCES based on an hourly rate and an estimate of the hours spent on site per day.
3. Provide the names of all current and former School District clients with information on the number of years of service to each along with the names and telephone numbers of contact persons in each District.
4. Provide a statement verifying that there are no conflicts of interest between the individual or organization and the Rockland BOCES Board.
5. Identify any litigation brought against the individual or organization during the past five years. Explain any pending litigation that may have a financial impact on your firm.
6. Provide certificate of completion for Child Abuse and S.A.V.E. (Schools Against Violence in Education) coursework.
7. Prospective contracted service providers must be fingerprinted in accordance with Section 305 of Education Law.
8. Provide a Certificate of Insurance to Rockland BOCES to verify coverage in relationship to these services.
  - a. Workers' Compensation
  - b. Commercial Liability
  - c. Professional Liability

**R. Scoring Criteria**

1. Qualifications – Experience of individual or organization, educational background, specialized skills.
2. Number of New York State schools districts/BOCES that the individual or organization has instructed, including total years of service.
3. Results of interview by Board of Education or Steering Committee.
4. Fees – Estimated costs as compared to other proposals

**S. Evaluation of Proposals**

- (1) The BOCES reserves the right to:
  - Reject any and all proposals/received in response to this RFP
  - Select a proposal other than the proposal offering the lowest fee
  - Waive or modify irregularities in proposals received, after prior notification to the applicant
  - Negotiate with any applicant whose proposal is within the competitive range.
  - This RFP should not be considered as an offer. It constitutes only an invitation to negotiate.
- (2) The Steering Committee will evaluate each proposal submitted for the BOCES. The committee will recommend a Consultant to whom the Board will award the contract.
- (3) Fees - This contract will for be one year. The price shall include consultant's cost in full for all transportation, labor, materials and equipment use in performing the services herein.
- (4) References - Consultants should make available a list of references of successful work with clients on the issues listed above.



**HOLD HARMLESS**

**(PROPOSER)**

\_\_\_\_\_ does hereby covenant and agree to  
(Individual/Firm)  
defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Rockland BOCES from and against  
any and all liability, loss, damages, claims, or actions (including costs and  
attorney's fees) for bodily injury and/or property damage, to the extent  
permissible by law, arising out of or in connection with the

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of project)  
by the \_\_\_\_\_, it's agents, servants and  
(Individual/Firm)  
employees.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**BID PROPOSAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

**I. General Bid Certification**

The bidder certifies that he will furnish, at the prices herein quoted, the materials, equipment and/or services as proposed on this bid.

**II. Non-Collusive Bidding Certification**

By submission of this bid proposal, the bidder certifies that he is complying with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law as follows:

Statement of non-collusion in bids and proposals to political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, or local law, for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain the following statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true under the penalties of perjury: Non-collusive bidding certification.

"(a) By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of knowledge and belief:

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition."

(b) A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (b) (1) (2) and (3) above have not been complied with; provided, however, that if in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. Where (a) (1) (2) and (3) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for award. Nor shall any award be made unless the head of the purchasing unit of the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid is made, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

The fact that a bidder (a) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured (b) has informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (c) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning subparagraph one (a).

2. Any bid hereafter made to any political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof by a corporate bidder for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, or local law, and where such bid contains the certification referred to in subdivision one of the section, shall be deemed to have been authorized by the board of directors of the bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the signing and submission of the bid and the inclusion therein of the certificate as to non-collusion as the act and deed of the corporation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Authorized)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
65 PARROTT ROAD  
WEST NYACK, NY 10994-0607

FORM-A

VENDOR IDENTIFICATION

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you incorporated:    (    ) Yes    (    ) No

a)    If yes, in what State are you incorporated? \_\_\_\_\_

b)    If you are not incorporated in New York State, are you authorized to do business in New York? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not incorporated, you are a (n):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sole Proprietorship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unincorporated association
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

**This form must be returned with your bid.**

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FORM-A

VENDOR IDENTIFICATION (continued)

List all Principals of the proposing firm:

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List all individuals who will be available throughout the term of the agreement for continuing advice and counsel:

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List all Business Names, Corporate or otherwise, used by the above listed Principals over the past ten (10) years:

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Have any of the projects represented by the above resulted in litigation? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain:

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ as Principal of the proposing firm,  
(Print name) (Print title)

hereby certify that the above listed information is complete, true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**This form must be returned with your bid.**

Rockland BOCES  
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**IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT CERTIFICATION**

As a result of the Iran Divestment Act of 2012 (Act), Chapter 1 of the 2012 Laws of New York, a new provision has been added to the State Finance Law (SFL), § 165-a, effective April 12, 2012. Under the Act, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (OGS) will be developing a list (prohibited entities list) of “persons” who are engaged in “investment activities in Iran” (both are defined terms in the law). Pursuant to SFL § 165-a(3)(b), the initial list is expected to be issued no later than 120 days after the Act’s effective date, at which time it will be posted on the OGS website.

By submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) in response to this solicitation or by assuming the responsibility of a Contract awarded hereunder, Proposer/Contractor (or any assignee) certifies that once the prohibited entities list is posted on the OGS website, it will not utilize on such Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the prohibited entities list.

Additionally, Proposer/Contractor is advised that once the list is posted on the OGS website, any Contractor seeking to renew or extend a Contract or assume the responsibility of a Contract awarded in response to the solicitation, must certify at the time the Contract is renewed, extended or assigned that it is not included on the prohibited entities list.

During the term of the Contract, should the Rockland BOCES receive information that a person is in violation of the above-referenced certification, Rockland BOCES will offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then Rockland BOCES shall take such action as may be appropriate including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

Rockland BOCES reserves the right to reject any proposal or request for assignment for an entity that appears on the prohibited entities list prior to the award of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the prohibited entities list after contract award.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**This form must be returned with your bid.**

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

**Before you begin.** For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

<b>Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.</b>	<b>1</b>	Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)		
	<b>2</b>	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.		
	<b>3a</b>	Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) . . . . . <b>Note:</b> Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) _____	<b>4</b>	Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____  <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)</i>
	<b>3b</b>	If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>5</b>	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)	
	<b>6</b>	City, state, and ZIP code	<b>ROCKLAND BOCES 65 PARROTT ROAD WEST NYACK, NY 10994</b>	
	<b>7</b>	List account number(s) here (optional)		

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

<b>Social security number</b>																					
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**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person	Date
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

## What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

## Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
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NON-PROPOSER'S RESPONSE

The Rockland County Board of Cooperative Educational Services is interested in the reasons why prospective Proposers fail to submit proposals. Failure to submit a proposal without explanation may result in removal of your firm from our Proposers' list. If you are NOT submitting a proposal, please indicate the reason(s) by checking off one or more of the items below and return this form to us.

- 1.  Unable to propose at this time, but would like to receive future RFPs.
- 2.  Insufficient time allowed for preparation and submission of Proposal.
- 3.  Other reasons \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

You may remove our name from the RFP List for:

This Service Class  All Proposals

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_