

DR. JAVIER MONTAÑEZ
Superintendent

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION:	Direct to Film Apparel Printer System
DATE AND TIME TO BE OPENED:	December 11, 2025 at 1:00 PM
PRE-BID CONFERENCE (IF APPLICABLE):	None
SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS (NAME):	Nicole Simpson- Director of Fine & Performing Arts Michael Lamantia- Graphics CTE Teacher PCTA
SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT (EMAIL):	Nicole.Simpson@ppsd.org, Michael.Lamantia@ppsd.org
QUESTION DEADLINE:	November 20, 2025 by 4:30 PM

Instructions

1. Bidders must submit sealed proposals in an envelope clearly labeled with the Item Description shown above on the outside of the envelope. The proposal envelope and any information relative to the proposal must be addressed to:

**Purchasing Department, Suite 206
797 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
Attention: Thomas Morgan**

2. Bidders must include **at least** one original, one copy, and a digital PDF copy on a CD or flash drive.
3. Proposal responses must be in ink or typewritten.
4. Bidders are advised that all materials submitted to Providence Public Schools for consideration in response to this Request for Proposals shall be considered to be public records as defined in [R.I. General Law Section 38-2 et seq.](#), without exception, and may be released for public inspection. All proposals submitted become the property of Providence Public Schools.
5. Bid proposals that are not present in the Providence Public Schools Purchasing Department at the time of opening for whatever cause will be deemed to be late and will not be considered. Postmarks shall not be considered proof of timely submission.
6. Questions regarding this request for proposals must be submitted to the Subject Matter Expert via email by the question deadline listed above. Questions will be answered via addendum to be

posted publicly on the Providence Schools website. Bidders are responsible for checking the website for all addenda distributed in response to questions and requests for additional information.

Notice to Vendors

1. Providence Public Schools reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the lowest responsible evaluated bid proposal.
2. In determining the lowest responsive evaluated bid proposal, cash discounts based on preferable payment terms will not be considered.
3. No proposal will be accepted if it is made in collusion with any other responder.
4. Providence Public Schools reserves the right to award to a single vendor, to split the award between multiple vendors and to reject any and all proposals. Unless otherwise specified, Providence Public Schools reserves the right to make the award by item or items or by total as may be in its best interest.
5. As Providence Public Schools is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Sales Tax, prices quoted are not to include these taxes.
6. In case of error in the extension of prices quoted, the unit price will govern. In the event there is a discrepancy between the price written in words and written in figures, the prices written in words shall govern.
7. Proposals must meet the attached specifications. Any exceptions or modifications must be noted and fully explained. Bids may be submitted on an “equal in quality” basis. Providence Public Schools reserves the right to decide equality and determine whether bids are responsive. Bidders must indicate brand or make offered and submit detailed specifications if other than brand requested.
8. A responder who is an out of-state corporation shall qualify or register to transact business in this State, in accordance with R.I. General Law [Section 7-1.2-1401](#) et seq. as amended)
9. The contractor will not be permitted to: assign or underlet the contract; or assign either legally or equitably any monies or any claim thereto without the previous written consent of the Director of Purchasing.
10. Delivery dates must be shown in the bid. If no delivery dates are specified, it will be assumed that an immediate delivery from stock will be made.
11. Only one shipping charge will be applied in the event of partial deliveries for blanket or term contracts.

12. No goods should be delivered and no work should be started without a Purchase Order from Providence Public Schools.
13. Awards will be made within ninety (90) days of the proposal opening. All proposal prices will be considered firm, unless qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored.
14. Failure to deliver within the time quoted or failure to meet specifications may result in default in accordance with the general specifications. It is agreed that deliveries and/or completion are subject to strikes, lockouts, and Acts of God.
15. For contracts involving construction, alteration and/or repair work, the provisions of State Labor Law concerning payment of prevailing wage rates apply (See R.I. General Law [Section 37-13-1](#) et seq. as amended).
16. All proposals will be disclosed at the opening date and time listed above. After a reasonable lapse of time, tabulation of proposals may be viewed on the Providence Public School's website (<https://www.providenceschools.org/Page/215>).
17. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall attest to compliance with provisions of R.I. General Law [Section 28-29-1](#), et seq. If exempt from compliance, the successful bidder shall submit a sworn Affidavit by a corporate officer to that effect, which shall accompany the signed contract.
18. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall, submit a certificate of insurance, in a form and in an amount satisfactory to Providence Public Schools.

BID FORM 1: BIDDER INFORMATION

Agrees to Bid on: Direct to Film Apparel Printer System

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Name of Bidder (Firm or Individual): _____

Business Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Delivery Date: _____

Signature of Representation

Title

Printer Specifications

PPSD seeks quotations for one complete direct-to-film apparel printing system. The system will be used for arts and CTE programming to produce student-designed apparel and other fabric-based projects.

The system must be capable of, and include the following:

- Print, cure, and transfer full color designs onto fabric using a single, automated workflow
- Printing on light and dark fabrics including cotton, polyester, canvas, and blends
- PET/DTF transfer film and adhesive powder suitable for permanent heat press application
- Supports one-click full-color printing directly from design software to film without additional manual alignment or color management steps.
- Supports automatic underbase (white ink) application for dark fabrics.
- Must achieve resolution and print quality comparable to xTool Apparel Printer (up to 1200 dpi).
- Minimum printable area: 11.7" × 16.5" (A3 or larger).
- Must operate as a closed, self-contained workflow that does not require third-party curing ovens, heat tunnels, or external shakers.
- Must include or be compatible with design software (xTool Creative Space) supporting file types such as .PNG, .JPG, .SVG, and .PDF.-
- Vendor must deliver, setup, and provide on-site or virtual training (minimum 2 hours) maintenance, and operation of the full print-to-press workflow.
- Must include a user manual, maintenance guide, and direct contact for technical support.
- Must include at least one-year limited hardware warranty.