

BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Prospective Bidder

The Bakersfield City School District is soliciting bids for Paper Products (Index/NCR), Bid #26-04-03. Bids will be received until **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. via our online bidding portal.** Vendors must register through the District's online bidding portal to review and submit bid opportunities www.bcsd.com/planetbids.

All specified items, or approved equal items, will be considered and it is imperative that bidders clearly identify the brands, product numbers, package quantities, and unit prices for the items bid. Any ambiguities in a bid response may be grounds for rejection of that item. If there is any question as to the "or equal" nature of the alternate offering, please include a sample (see condition numbers 11 & 12). Please review the attached 'General Conditions and Instructions for Bidding' prior to preparing your bid. Sample submission deadline is 10:00 a.m., April 30, 2026. A listing of our historical usage of specific items over a six (6) month period is included for your review only and is not a guarantee of purchases in similar quantities. Items will be ordered on an "as needed" basis in various quantities.

The Bid will be awarded by line item to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s). The bid pricing is to remain firm through ***December 31, 2026***. No price increases may take effect during the first 90 days of award. Thereafter, any requested increase *must* be submitted in writing at least 30 days in advance, supported by manufacturer documentation, and may not exceed 5% per line item unless otherwise approved by the District. All items must be bid delivered, F.O.B., to Bakersfield City School District warehouse or individual school site, as noted on the purchase order, within thirty (30) calendar days of the purchase order date.

Bid tabulations will be available online after the June 9, 2026, Board Meeting. Please visit the website: <https://www.bcsd.com/purchasing> for bid tabulations.

All prospective bidders must register to participate in the bid through the District's online portal to review bid opportunities, receive changes, and addenda. We look forward to receiving your electronic bid response.

Sincerely,

David West

David J. West
Director, Stores and Purchasing

BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDING EQUIPMENT AND/OR SUPPLIES

PAPER PRODUCTS (INDEX/NCR) - Bid #26-04-03

1. All responses including the attached bid forms must be submitted online, on or before **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure your bid is submitted before the bid deadline. Late bids will not be accepted. The district will not accept any bids or bid modifications submitted by facsimile, via hardcopy, or electronic mail transmission.
2. All bids must be submitted by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such submission must be fulfilled. Bid pricing is to be good through December 31, 2026. A successful bidder shall not be relieved of the bid submitted without the District's consent or bidder's recourse to Public Contract Code Section 5100 et seq. No bidder may withdraw a bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.
3. All prices or notations must be submitted online. Verify all quotations before submission, as they cannot be corrected after the bids are opened. Bids not submitted on the online portal shall be disregarded. Bidders are limited to one price per line item. Multiple bids by a single vendor will not be accepted unless alternative bids are called for, and otherwise will be deemed non-responsive.
4. All items are to be bid, delivered, F.O.B. Bakersfield City Schools District warehouse or school site as designated on the purchase order. No charge for containers, packing, draying, handling, or any other purpose will be allowed over and above the prices bid. Return of products for warranty purposes shall be free of all cost to the District.
5. The successful bidder shall not be held responsible for delays in performance of the contract caused by strikes, lockouts, labor disturbances, lack of or failure by transportation, acts of the government or other causes similar to the foregoing which are beyond the control of and are not the fault of the bidder; provided however, that whenever the bidder shall claim that delays are due to any or all of the above-named causes the bidder shall within five days after the occurrence of existing cause or causes of delay, request extension of time from the Governing Board of the District; such request shall be in writing and shall state in detail the reason or reasons why the said cause or caused of delay will prevent timely delivery. If the Governing Board finds that extension of time equal to the delay resulting from such cause or causes of the Governing Board may, at its option, rescind the contract. Delays attributable to supply chain or inventory issues will not constitute excusable delays.
6. The delivery date of supplies, equipment, or services shall be as specified on the District's Purchase Order or within 30 days of the Purchase Order date. All items which have an asterisk (*), must be delivered palletized for tailgate delivery with notification to our warehouse 24 hours in advance of delivery
7. The Board of Education anticipates awarding by line item to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; however, the Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities, and award one or more contracts as permitted by law. Per Public Contract Code Section 20117, if two or more bids are identical in all respects, the district may determine by lot which bidder will be awarded the contract or the vendor who has offered the most consistent service and reliability in the past. This requirement applies to competitive bidding for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property, supplies, materials, equipment services, bonds, or the awarding of any contract.

8. Bidders may elect to bid on any or all items. “ALL OR NOTHING” BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
9. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20118 and 20265, other school districts, public agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities and tax-supported agencies in the State of California, including but not limited to Cities, Counties, County Office of Education, State Agencies, and Public School Districts may purchase products and/or associated alternates under same terms and conditions of this bid. The District waives its right to require other districts to draw their warrant in favor of the district and authorizes each district/agency to make payments directly to the successful bidder.
10. Bidders have the option to accept or decline this piggyback option on a per-request basis.
11. Alternate supplies, equipment, or services will be considered. The Board of Education reserves the right to be the sole judge of the merit and suitability of such supplies, equipment, or services. The use of the name of a manufacturer, or any special brand, make, or model number, in describing any items in the Contract Documents does not restrict bidders to that manufacturer or specific article. An equal of the named product will be given due consideration. Specifications or model numbers from manufacturers are included in this bid for clarification purposes. Refer to Appendix B of this document for full technical specifications.
12. All paper being submitted for the bid must contain bid specification on the label, (i.e. line item, brightness, size, weight, etc.) ***A sample ream or package must be submitted for each item that is bid by the vendor when it is not bid as specified with exception to the bid item 132401. A minimum of 10 reams must be submitted for bid item 132401.*** Failure to submit sample by April 30, 2026 may be considered reason for disqualification of bid. A Substitute Request Form is included in this bid package.
13. Should any bidder question or protest the award of contract to the apparent low bidder(s), such question or protest must be furnished in writing to the Director of Purchasing no later than three (3) working days following the date of bid opening. Untimely protests will not be reviewed by the District and will be returned to the proposer. Such submittal must fully explain the basis of objection supported by all relevant information, facts, and details. The letter must be signed by an authorized representative stating specific reason(s) for the protest including all relevant facts (law, rule, regulation, and criteria). Bid protests will be reviewed by the Director of Purchasing and the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. The affected proposer will be given an opportunity to rebut the evidence and present evidence that the proposer should be allowed to perform the work. The District will issue a written final decision within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the protest unless factors beyond the District’s reasonable control prevent such resolution.
14. Questions regarding this bid must be submitted through the “Q&A” tab in the online bidding portal on or before 10:00 a.m. April 30, 2026. An addendum will be issued, if necessary, on or before May 5, 2026. Oral communications by District employees concerning this bid shall not be binding on the District and shall in no way excuse the vendor of his/her obligations as set forth in the bid.
15. Each bidder must upload a fully executed Drug-Free Workplace Certification, Iran Contracting Act Certification, Non-Collusion affidavit, Conflict of Interest Disclosure, and Federal Certifications with the completed bid proposal as outlined in Appendix A. The documents are included in this bid package as individual files available through the bid portal. It is the bidder’s responsibility to ensure all files are correctly uploaded in advance of the aforementioned bid deadline.
16. The Bakersfield City School District has been designated as a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free District. Tobacco use (smoked or smokeless) is prohibited at all times in all areas of District property.
17. If an awarded bidder defaults, the District may procure the materials or services from other sources, typically the 2nd place bidder, and may recover the loss occasioned thereby from any unpaid balance due the bidder or by proceeding against a bidder’s bond, if any, or by suit against the bidder. The prices paid by the District shall be considered the prevailing market prices at the time such purchase is made.

18. In the event of litigation, the bid documents, specifications, and related matters shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be with the appropriate state or federal court located in Kern County.
19. Bidder agrees to comply with, and be bound by, and assist the District in ensuring compliance with, 2 CFR Section 200.322, as applicable. 2 CFR Section 200.322 requires the bidder to provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products), to the greatest extent possible.
20. In connection with the execution of this contract, the bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin. The bidder shall take affirmative actions to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment, lay-off, termination; rates of pay or other form of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
21. The successful bidder shall agree not to assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the items appearing on this bid form, or any rights accruing thereunder, title or interest therein, funds to be received hereunder, or any power to execute the same without the consent in writing of the District Governing Board. Notice is hereby given that the District will not honor any assignment made by the successful bidder unless the consent in writing, as indicated above, has been given.
22. The vendor shall hold the DISTRICT, its officers, agents, servants, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind whatsoever, on account of use by the publisher or author, manufacturer, or agent, of any copyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used under this bid.



SUBSTITUTION REQUEST FORM

Paper Product (Index/NCR)

Bid No. 26-04-03

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax: _____

Line item on Bid: _____

Proposed Product: _____
(Including weight, size, brightness, etc.)

Proposed Product #: _____

Provide a point-by-point comparative data and sample before **10:00 a.m., April 30, 2026**. Be sure to include product description, performance, and test data adequate for evaluation of the request. Notification of acceptability of proposed substitution will be made on or before *May 5, 2026*.

The Undersigned certifies:

- Proposed substitution has been fully investigated and determined to be equal or superior in all respects to the specified products performance.
- Same warranty (if applicable) will be furnished for proposed substitution as for specified product.
- Proposed substitution does not affect Functional Performance Values.

Submitted by: _____

Signed by: _____

REVIEW AND ACTION (*Office Use Only*):

- ☐ Substitution approved - Substitution approved as noted
- ☐ Substitution rejected - Use specified materials.
- ☐ Substitution Request received too late - Use specified materials.

Signed by: _____

Date: _____

Appendix A

Required Documents

ATTENTION: The online bid portal will **not** allow a bidder to click the "Submit" button if any of the mandatory documents listed below are missing. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure all files are correctly uploaded in advance of the aforementioned bid deadline. All bids must be submitted by a responsible officer or employee.

1. Non-Collusion Declaration
2. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement
3. Drug-Free Workplace Certification
4. Federal Certifications
5. Iran Contracting Act
6. Piggyback Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Appendix B

Technical specifications

IMPORTANT NOTE TO BIDDERS:

To ensure the highest level of accuracy and to assist in the preparation of a responsive bid, the Bakersfield City School District has provided Appendix B as a complete reference for all required items.

- **Full Descriptions:** While all items listed here match the "Line Items" tab within the online bidding portal, the portal interface may require users to "mouse over" or "hover" to view long-form descriptions.
- **Accuracy:** This document provides the full technical specifications, manufacturer names, and model numbers that have been approved through previous history.
- **Requirements:** Specific Product Identification: For line items where the District has listed multiple acceptable manufacturers or "approved equals," the bidder must clearly identify the specific manufacturer and model number they are bidding.
- **Substitutions:** If requesting to substitute a product, please include all relevant information including manufacturer and model numbers. Samples are required if bidding on a substitute item. A physical sample must be submitted for each item that is bid by the vendor when it is not bid as specified. Failure to submit samples prior to 10:00 a.m. April 30, 2026, may be considered a reason for the disqualification of the bid. A Substitute Request Form is included in this bid package.

Line Item Responses

All bidders are required to provide responses in each of the three form fields available for each line item on the bid. All Line Items must have a Unit Price or a Response of "No".

- **Unit price:** Please enter the unit price based on the unit of measure indicated.
- **Response:**
 - "Yes" - Indicates that the bidder has bid the line item product as specified
 - "No" - Indicates that the bidder chooses not to bid on this line item
 - "Alt" - Indicates that the bidder has provided an approved substitute alternative item as outlined in sections 11 and 12 of the General Conditions and Instructions for Bidding Equipment and/or Supplies.

Comments: Please indicate the manufacturer and model number of the alternate approved substitute

Line No.	Item Description	Unit Of Measure	Quantity	Manufacturer	Model Number
1	INDEX PAPER-BLUE-8-1/2'X11'- 110 LB. SUB 250 SHEETS/PACKAGE-8 PACKAGES/CASE-2000 SHEETS/CASE	PACKAGE	200	SPRINGHILL-WAUSAU-NEENAH-DOMTAR-UNIVERSAL OR EQUAL	
2	INDEX PAPER-CHERRY-8-1/2'X11' - 110 LB SUB 250 SHEETS/PACKAGE - 8 PACKAGES/CASE-2000 SHEETS/CASE	PACKAGE	75	SPRINGHILL-WAUSAU-NEENAH-DOMTAR-UNIVERSAL OR EQUAL	
3	INDEX PAPER - WHITE-8-1/2'X11' - 110 LB. SUB 250SHEETS/PACKAGE - 8 PACKAGES/CASE-2000 SHEETS/CASE	PACKAGE	600	SPRINGHILL-WAUSAU-NEENAH-DOMTAR-UNIVERSAL OR EQUAL	
4	INDEX PAPER - CANARY - 8-1/2'X11' - 110 LB SUB 250 SHEET/PACKAGE - 8 PACKAGES/CASE-2000 SHEETS/CASE	PACKAGE	200	SPRINGHILL-WAUSAU-NEENAH-DOMTAR-UNIVERSAL OR EQUAL	
5	INDEX PAPER-GREEN-8-1/2'X11' - 110 LB. SUB 250 SHEETS/PACKAGE - 8 PACKAGES/CASE-2000 SHEETS/CASE	PACKAGE	200	SPRINGHILL-WAUSAU-NEENAH-DOMTAR-UNIVERSAL OR EQUAL	
6	INDEX PAPER-SALMON-8-1/2'X11' - 110 LB. SUB 250 SHEETS/PACK - 8 PACKAGES/CASE-2000 SHEETS/CASE	PACKAGE	75	SPRINGHILL-WAUSAU-NEENAH-DOMTAR-UNIVERSAL OR EQUAL	
7	INDEX PAPER-IVORY-8-1/2"X11" - 110 LB. SUB 250 SHEETS/PACK - 8 PACKAGES/CASE-2000 SHEETS/CASE	PACKAGE	80	SPRINGHILL-WAUSAU-NEENAH-DOMTAR-UNIVERSAL OR EQUAL	
8	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER-WHITE-20 LB SUB 8-1/2"X11 92-96 BRIGHTNESS ONLY	CASE	5000	MULTI. XEROGRAPHIC 95, BOISE, FASCOPY, PREMIERE, STINSON'S A1, , DISCOVER PREM. COPY, TRU RED, APEX PLUS, MULTI. COPY (WHITE BOX), OFFICE DEPOT XEROX, OR EQUAL	N/A, 634A2203B, FWH1192, 5246900627, N/A, 1501397, 56962, APXP00402, WB1120, N/A

9	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER-WHITE-SUB 20 LB 8-1/2"14"	REAM	350	KELLY - X-9 HIBRITE - ESSENTIAL - HAMMERMILL - DOMTAR GEORGIA PACIFIC, BRITEX PLUS, OPTIMUS, STAPLES OR EQUAL	
10	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER-BLUE-SUB 20 LB 8-1/2"X11"	REAM	1000	GEORGIA PACIFIC - XPERT - EARTHCHOICE - BOISE FIREWORX - HAMMERMILL COLORWORKS-APEX-SPARCO (DOMTAR)-UNIVERSAL-STAPLES PASTELS OR EQUAL	
11	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER - GREEN-20 LB SUB 8-1/2"X11"	REAM	850	GEORGIA PACIFIC - XPERT - EARTHCHOICE - BOISE FIREWORX - HAMMERMILL COLORWORKS-APEX-SPARCO (DOMTAR)-UNIVERSAL-STAPLES PASTELS OR EQUAL	
12	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER - GOLDENROD - 8-1/2"X 11"	REAM	700	GEORGIA PACIFIC - XPERT - EARTHCHOICE - BOISE FIREWORX - HAMMERMILL COLORWORKS-APEX-SPARCO (DOMTAR)-UNIVERSAL-STAPLES PASTELS OR EQUAL	
13	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER - PINK-20 LB SUB 8-1/2"X 11"	REAM	800	GEORGIA PACIFIC - XPERT - EARTHCHOICE - BOISE FIREWORX - HAMMERMILL COLORWORKS-APEX-SPARCO (DOMTAR)-UNIVERSAL-STAPLES PASTELS OR EQUAL	
14	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER-CANARY-20 LB SUB-8-1/2"X11"	REAM	1100	GEORGIA PACIFIC - XPERT - EARTHCHOICE - BOISE FIREWORX - HAMMERMILL COLORWORKS-APEX-SPARCO (DOMTAR)-UNIVERSAL-STAPLES PASTELS OR EQUAL	

15	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER-IVORY-20 LB SUB-8-1/2"X11"	REAM	250	GEORGIA PACIFIC - XPERT - EARTHCHOICE - BOISE FIREWORX - HAMMERMILL COLORWORKS-APEX-SPARCO (DOMTAR)-UNIVERSAL-STAPLES PASTELS OR EQUAL	
16	XEROGRAPHIC PREMIUM PAPER-WHITE-28LB SUB - 8-1/2"X11" 8 REAMS/CASE	REAM	640	HAMMERMILL - MOHAWK - XEROX OR EQUAL	
17	XEROGRAPHIC PREMIUM PAPER-WHITE-32LB SUB - 8-1/2"X11" 8 REAMS/CASE	REAM	480	HAMMERMILL - MOHAWK - XEROX OR EQUAL	
18	XEROGRAPHIC PREMIUM PAPER-WHITE-28LB SUB - 11" X 17" 4 REAMS/CASE	REAM	240	HAMMERMILL - MOHAWK - XEROX OR EQUAL	
19	XEROGRAPHIC PREMIUM PAPER-WHITE-32LB SUB - 11" X 17" 4 REAMS/CASE	REAM	160	HAMMERMILL - MOHAWK - XEROX OR EQUAL	
20	XEROGRAPHIC PAPER - WHITE - 11" X 17" - 20 LB. SUB - DIGITAL / COPIER QUALITY - 5 REAMS/CASE	REAM	100	ECONOSOURCE - GEORGIA PACIFIC - KELLY - ESSENTIAL - DOUBLE A - DOMTAR - STAPLES OR EQUAL	
21	CARBONLESS PAPER-2-PART-8-1/2'X11' REVERSE-WHITE/CANARY	REAM	1200	PREMIUM GRADE NCR BRAND ONLY	
22	CARBONLESS PAPER-3 PART-8-1/2'X11' PRE-COLLATED-REVERSE	REAM	600	PREMIUM GRADE NCR BRAND ONLY	
23	CARBONLESS PAPER-WHITE CB-8-1/2'X11	REAM	50	PREMIUM GRADE NCR BRAND ONLY	
24	CARBONLESS PAPER-CANARY CFB-8-1/2'X11'	REAM	15	PREMIUM GRADE NCR BRAND ONLY	
25	CARBONLESS PAPER-PINK CFB-8-1/2'X11'	REAM	15	PREMIUM GRADE NCR BRAND ONLY	
26	CARBONLESS PAPER-4-PART-8-1/2'X11' PREMIUM GRADE PRE-COLLATED-REVERSE (WHITE, CANARY, PINK, GOLDENROD)	REAM	60	PREMIUM GRADE NCR BRAND ONLY	
27	CARBONLESS PAPER-5-PART-8-1/2"11" REVERSE	REAM	50	PREMIUM GRADE NCR BRAND ONLY	

28	INDEX PAPER-SALMON-22"X35" 110 LB SUB - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	10	WAUSAU-SPRINGHILL- NEENAH- DOMTAR	
29	INDEX PAPER-GREEN-22"X35" 110 LB SUB - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	15	WAUSAU-SPRINGHILL- NEENAH- DOMTAR	
30	INDEX PAPER-BLUE-22"X35" 110 LB SUB - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	20	WAUSAU-SPRINGHILL- NEENAH- DOMTAR	
31	INDEX PAPER-IVORY-22"X35" 110 LB SUB - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	5	WAUSAU-SPRINGHILL- NEENAH- DOMTAR	
32	INDEX PAPER-CANARY-22"X35" 110 LB SUB - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	20	WAUSAU-SPRINGHILL- NEENAH- DOMTAR	
33	INDEX PAPER-CHERRY-22"X35" 110 LB SUB - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	10	WAUSAU-SPRINGHILL- NEENAH- DOMTAR	
34	INDEX PAPER-WHITE-22"X35" 110 LB SUB - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	30	WAUSAU-SPRINGHILL- NEENAH- DOMTAR	
35	ASTROBRIGHT - ROCKET RED - 23 X 35 65 LB COVER - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	10	NEENAH	
36	ASTROBRIGHT - COSMIC ORANGE - 23 X 35 65 LB COVER - 500 SHEETS/CASE	CASE	10	NEENAH	
37	DIGITAL COVER-COATED (NO GLOSS) ONE SIDE 19X13 - 10PT - 124LB/200GSM - APPROX. 450 SHEETS/CASE	SHEET	40500	CAROLINA/TANGO - KNIGHT DIGITAL - KELLY DIGITAL	
38	DIGITAL COVER-COATED (NO GLOSS) TWO SIDE 19X13 - 10PT - 124LB/200GSM - APPROX. 450 SHEETS/CASE	SHEET	27000	CAROLINA/TANGO - KNIGHT DIGITAL - KELLY DIGITAL	
39	DIGITAL COVER-COATED TWO SIDE 19X13 - 14PT - 330GSM - APPROX. 450 SHEETS/CASE	SHEET	18000	CAROLINA/TANGO - KNIGHT DIGITAL - KELLY DIGITAL	
40	ENVELOPES-REGULAR #9-3 7/8" X 8 7/8"-24# - GUMMED "V" FLAP - 500/BOX - 5 BOXES/CASE	BOX	240	SEABOARD, BSN, SHASTA	

41	ENVELOPES-REGULAR #10-4 1/8" X 9 1/2"-24# - GUMMED ROUNDED "V" FLAP - 500/BOX - 5 BOXES/CASE	BOX	240	SHASTA ONLY	
42	ENVELOPES-REGULAR #10-WINDOW-4 1/8" X 9 1/2"-24#-GUMMED ROUNDED "V" FLAP - 500/BOX - 5 BOXES/CASE	BOX	240	SHASTA ONLY	