EFFINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT | MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

MAINTENANCE SHOP FENCING

Effingham County School District

593 Hodgeville Road | Guyton, Georgia

RFP Issue Date	November 5, 2026
Proposal Due Date and Time	November 19, 2026 at 12:00 PM Eastern Time
Issuing Agency	Effingham County School District 405 North Ash Street, Springfield, GA 31329
District Contact	Nick Smith, Maintenance Department	nsmith@effingham.k12.ga.us	(912) 754-2515

1. PURPOSE AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Effingham County School District (ECSD or District) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified, licensed, and experienced fencing contractors to furnish and install chain-link fencing and gates at the District's new Maintenance Shop located at 593 Hodgeville Road, Guyton, Georgia. The successful proposer shall provide all labor, supervision, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, layout, installation, and incidentals required for a complete and operational fence and gate system in accordance with this RFP, the Fencing Plan, and the technical requirements included herein.

The project is intended to secure the maintenance facility and the areas identified on the plan. The plan and specifications are incorporated into this RFP as reference documents. In the event of a discrepancy, proposers shall identify the discrepancy in writing before the question deadline; the District will resolve it by written addendum. No proposer shall rely on an assumed interpretation that changes the depicted layout or technical requirements.

2. PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE AND SUBMISSION

Sealed proposals must be received no later than Tuesday, November 19, 2026, at 12:00 PM Eastern Time. Proposals shall be delivered to:

Effingham County School District
Attn: Nick Smith – Maintenance Building Fencing RFP
405 North Ash Street
Springfield, GA 31329

The outside of the sealed package shall be clearly marked "RFP – Maintenance Shop Fencing." Late proposals and proposals submitted by fax, email, telephone, or other electronic means will not be accepted. Proposers are responsible for ensuring timely delivery.

Questions concerning this RFP shall be submitted in writing to Nick Smith at nsmith@effingham.k12.ga.us. Questions should be received no later than five (5) business days before the proposal due date. Responses that affect the RFP will be issued by written addendum to known plan holders/proposers. Verbal statements are not binding.

Proposals shall remain valid for at least ninety (90) calendar days after the submission deadline unless otherwise stated in the proposal and accepted by the District.

3. PROJECT DOCUMENTS AND SITE REVIEW

- Fencing Plan: Effingham County B.O.E. Maintenance Facility

Each proposer shall review all provided documents, visit the site, verify existing conditions, access, grades, utility locations, and the proposed fence alignment, and independently verify all dimensions and quantities before submitting a price. The plan is schematic at the printed scale; field measurements and the plan's indicated layout shall govern. The District does not guarantee bidder takeoff quantities.

A site visit is strongly recommended. Proposers shall coordinate any site visit with Nick Smith. Before excavation, the awarded contractor shall contact Georgia 811 and arrange for utility locating. The contractor is responsible for protecting existing utilities, pavement, curbs, landscaping, drainage features, structures, and other site improvements.

4. SCOPE OF WORK

Provide a complete chain-link fence and gate installation in the locations and configuration shown in appendix A. Work includes, at a minimum:

- Field layout and verification of the fence alignment and gate openings shown on the plan.
- Furnishing and installing approximately the full fence system depicted on the plan, including fence fabric, posts, rails, braces, fittings, tension wire, ties, bands, caps, concrete footings, and all required accessories.
- Furnishing and installing each gate shown on the plan, including gate leaves/frames, gate posts, hinges, latches, stops, drop rods or plunger bars, locking provisions, and padlocks.
- Cutting, drilling, excavating, placing concrete, backfilling, grading, and restoring disturbed areas as necessary to complete the installation.
- Adjusting gates for proper alignment, full opening, smooth operation, and secure latching; lubricating hardware as needed.
- Removing construction debris and leaving the work area clean and safe.
- Providing submittals, product certificates, test reports, warranty documentation, and closeout information required by this RFP.

The plan identifies six-foot (6'-0") galvanized chain-link fencing and double-swing gate locations. The technical specification provides a default six-foot fence height, a 3'-6" nominal single-gate width, and a 6'-0" nominal double-gate width unless otherwise indicated. Gate count, locations, and actual opening dimensions shall be taken from appendix A and verified in the field. Proposers shall list any assumptions or discrepancies in their proposals.

5. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Fence Fabric

- Provide No. 9 gauge steel wire, 0.148 inch plus/minus 0.005 inch finished size.
- Provide 2-inch mesh unless otherwise indicated on the drawings.
- Provide top selvages knuckled for fabric 60 inches high and under; provide bottom selvages twisted. Provide one-piece fabric widths for fences up to 12 feet high.
- Fabric finish shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A392, Class I, with a minimum of 1.2 ounces of zinc per square foot of surface.

5.2 Posts, Rails, Framework, and Accessories

- Steel framework shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A120 or ASTM A123, with a minimum of 1.8 ounces of zinc per square foot of surface. Fittings and accessories shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A153.
- Provide end, corner, and pull posts sized for the fence height and in accordance with Section 32 3110. For fabric heights up to 6 feet, the reference specification lists a minimum 2.375-inch outside-diameter steel pipe, 3.65 pounds per linear foot, or an accepted equivalent section.
- Provide line posts at no more than 10 feet on center, unless otherwise indicated. For fabric heights up to 6 feet, the reference specification lists a minimum 1.90-inch outside-diameter steel pipe, 2.70 pounds per linear foot, or an accepted equivalent section.
- Provide gate posts sized for the gate leaf width and loading.Provide continuous top rail, securely attached to terminal posts and joined with sleeves or couplings that permit expansion and contraction. Provide post caps, rail ends, brace assemblies, tension bars, tension bands, and all required fittings.
- Provide bottom tension wire at all fences, installed within the bottom 4 inches of the fabric, using 11-gauge galvanized steel hog rings at 24 inches on center. Tension wire shall be taut and free of sag.
- Provide brace assemblies at terminal and gate posts as required to maintain alignment and proper tension.

5.3 Gates and Hardware

- Provide gate frames fabricated from galvanized steel perimeter members, with horizontal and vertical members adequate for the gate size and operation. Provide fabric matching the fence unless otherwise indicated.
- Provide galvanized, non-lift-off hinges sized for the gate and arranged to permit the opening shown on the plan. Provide at least one and one-half pairs of hinges for each gate leaf over 6 feet nominal height, as specified in the reference section.
- Provide forked-type or plunger-bar latches that permit operation from either side of the gate. Include padlock eyes as an integral part of the latch.
- At double gates, provide center stops consisting of mushroom-type flush anchors set in concrete to engage the center drop rod or plunger bar. Provide locking provisions allowing both leaves to be secured with a single padlock.

- Provide one padlock for each gate; all padlocks shall be keyed alike.
- Install gates plumb, level, and secure for the full opening without interference. Provide 2-inch minimum and 4-inch maximum clearance between the bottom of the gate and grade, measured along the direction of travel, unless the plan or field conditions require an approved adjustment.

5.4 Concrete and Post Setting

- Set posts in concrete. Concrete shall have a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 2,500 psi, using Portland cement conforming to ASTM C150 and aggregates conforming to ASTM C33.
- Excavate post holes to the diameter recommended by the fence manufacturer, but not less than four times the largest cross-section of the post. Unless otherwise indicated, hole depth shall be approximately 3 inches deeper than the post bottom, with the bottom of posts not less than 36 inches below finished grade.
- Center and align posts in holes with the post bottom approximately 3 inches above the bottom of the excavation. Place concrete around posts and consolidate by vibration or tamping. Hold posts in position during placement and until concrete is sufficiently set.
- Unless otherwise indicated, extend concrete footings approximately 2 inches above grade and crown/trowel the top to shed water.

5.5 Installation and Workmanship

- Do not begin fence installation before final grading is complete unless the District authorizes otherwise.
- Set terminal, corner, pull, and gate posts at the beginning and end of each continuous fence run and at changes in vertical or horizontal alignment. Maximum spacing between terminal or pull posts shall be 1,000 feet.
- Provide a minimum 3-foot clearance on all sides of equipment being enclosed, unless the drawings indicate otherwise.
- Install fabric on the security side of the fence. Pull fabric taut, attach securely to posts, rails, and tension wires, and anchor to the framework so that fabric remains in tension after the pulling force is released.
- Leave approximately 2 inches between finished grade and bottom selvage unless otherwise indicated. Tie fabric to line posts at 12 inches on center and to rails/braces at 24 inches on center; tie fabric to tension wires with hog rings at 24 inches on center.
- Install tension bars at vertical fabric edges and at top and bottom edges. Secure bars to gate frames at a maximum of 15 inches on center. Provide smooth, uniform fabric without sag, bulges, or loose connections.
- Install all fasteners with nuts on the side opposite the fabric and peen bolt ends or score threads to prevent removal of nuts.

6. SUBMITTALS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Before ordering materials or beginning installation, the selected contractor shall submit the following for District review:

- Product data for each fence and gate type, including construction details, material descriptions, dimensions, profiles, finishes, post/rail sizes and weights, fabric gauge and mesh, fittings, hardware, and padlocks.
- Shop drawings for each fence and gate assembly, including plan, elevations, sections, gate opening dimensions, post locations, footing details, and attachments to adjacent work.
- Structural/delegated-design information for the fence framework where required by the project specification, signed and sealed by a qualified professional engineer responsible for its preparation.
- Product certificates for each type of chain-link fence and gate.
- Product test reports demonstrating framework strength in accordance with ASTM F1043.
- Written manufacturer warranty and installer warranty information.

Manufacturer shall have at least three (3) years of documented experience manufacturing the specified products. Fence installer shall have at least five (5) years of documented experience installing similar fencing projects. The District may request evidence of qualifications and references before award.

7. WARRANTY

Provide a five (5) year special warranty beginning on the date of Substantial Completion. The manufacturer shall repair or replace fence and gate components that fail due to defects in materials or workmanship during the warranty period. Covered failures include, but are not limited to, failure to comply with the specified performance requirements and deterioration of metals, metal finishes, or other materials beyond normal weathering. The proposer shall identify any standard product warranties that differ from or supplement this requirement.

8. PROJECT SCHEDULE AND SITE CONDITIONS

The Maintenance Shop project is anticipated to be substantially complete in Spring 2027. Fence installation is anticipated during March or April 2027. The District will coordinate and specify the installation window as construction completion approaches. There are no students at this site; therefore, no student-occupancy time or date restrictions are anticipated. The contractor shall coordinate access and work sequencing with the District and shall not interfere with ongoing construction or other site operations.

The proposer shall include estimated lead time after receipt of approved submittals, duration of field installation, crew size, and any schedule assumptions. No work shall begin until the District issues written authorization to proceed.

9. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain a safe work area and comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, regulations, and occupational safety requirements.
- Provide competent supervision and qualified personnel. The contractor is responsible for its employees, subcontractors, tools, equipment, and work methods.
- Secure and protect the work area; coordinate deliveries and access with the District.
- Obtain and pay for permits, licenses, inspections, and fees required for the contractor's work, if applicable.
- Repair, at the contractor's expense, damage caused by its operations to existing improvements, utilities, grounds, or facilities.
- Maintain required insurance and provide evidence of coverage before commencing work.
- Remove excess materials and debris and restore disturbed areas to a condition equal to or better than the condition existing before work, subject to normal construction tolerances.

10. PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Submit one (1) signed original and one (1) copy of the proposal in a sealed package. Proposals shall be organized in the following order:

- Cover letter identifying the proposer, primary contact, address, telephone number, email address, and authorized representative.
- Completed and signed pricing proposal / bid schedule (Section 11).
- Description of proposed fence and gate system, including manufacturer, product line, fabric gauge and mesh, coating/galvanizing, post and rail sizes, hardware, and any deviations.
- Proposed project schedule, including material lead time, submittal schedule, anticipated installation duration, and crew size.
- Installer qualifications and evidence of at least five years of similar installation experience; manufacturer qualifications where requested.
- At least three (3) references for comparable work, including K-12 school district projects in Georgia, if available. Include contact name, organization, telephone/email, project description, and approximate completion date.
- Certificate of Insurance and evidence of Workers' Compensation coverage, as applicable.
- Georgia E-Verify / SAVE affidavits or other immigration-compliance documentation required by applicable Georgia law for the work and the proposer's business classification.
- List of all exceptions, exclusions, assumptions, substitutions, and requested clarifications. If none, state "No exceptions."
- Any other information the proposer believes will assist the District in evaluating the proposal.

11. PRICING PROPOSAL / BID SCHEDULE

Provide a firm, lump-sum price for a complete installation in accordance with this RFP and the plan. Break out the price as requested below. Quantities shall be verified by the proposer; do not rely solely on estimated quantities.

Item	Description	Quantity / Unit	Extended Price
1	6-foot galvanized chain-link fence, complete; 3,017 linear feet	Linear feet	$
2	Double-swing gates, complete with posts and hardware	Each / identify size	$
3	Single-swing gates, if shown/required by plan	Each / identify size	$
4	Mobilization, layout, excavation, concrete, restoration, cleanup, and incidentals	Lump sum	$
5	Other (identify)	As applicable	$
	TOTAL PROPOSAL PRICE		**$**

Total proposal price in words: _____

The proposal price shall include all labor, materials, equipment, supervision, transportation, taxes, overhead, profit, permits/fees, submittals, warranty obligations, and all other costs necessary for a complete project. Identify any proposed unit prices or allowances separately and explain their intended use. No additional charges will be allowed for work reasonably inferable from the contract documents unless approved in writing by the District.

12. EVALUATION AND AWARD

The District intends to evaluate responsive proposals using the following weighted criteria, for a total of 100 points:

Evaluation Criterion	Points
Insurance, E-Verify, and required documentation	10
Licenses, certifications, qualifications, and products proposed	15
Cost proposal	30
Installation plan, schedule, and recommendations	25
Callback / warranty response, including response time	10
References, K-12 experience, and prior work for Effingham County School District	10
TOTAL	**100**

The District may request clarification, additional information, or interviews; verify references and qualifications; reject any or all proposals; waive informalities or minor irregularities; and make award in the best interest of the District. The lowest-priced proposal will not necessarily be selected. The District may negotiate with the highest-ranked proposer, subject to applicable procurement requirements.

13. CONTRACT TERM, PAYMENT, AND CHANGES

The contract shall cover the project described in this RFP and shall remain in effect through completion, acceptance, and closeout, including the warranty period. The one-year initial term and up to four additional one-year renewals stated in the District's preliminary draft are not intended to apply to this one-time construction/installation project.

Payment shall be made in accordance with District procedures after satisfactory completion, inspection, acceptance, and receipt of a proper invoice and required closeout documents, unless a different payment schedule is approved in writing by the District. No extra work, substitution, or change in price or scope shall be performed without prior written authorization from the District's authorized representative.

14. INSURANCE AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Before work begins, the selected contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance evidencing coverage appropriate to the work, including commercial general liability, automobile liability, and Workers' Compensation as required by law. The District may require specific limits and endorsements before contract execution. The contractor shall comply with applicable Georgia immigration-compliance requirements, including E-Verify documentation where required, and all applicable licensing requirements.

The contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its Board, officers, employees, and agents from claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the contractor or those for whom it is responsible, subject to applicable law.

15. ACCEPTANCE AND CLOSEOUT

Upon completion, the contractor shall request a final inspection. The District will identify incomplete or deficient work, which the contractor shall correct at no additional cost. Final acceptance is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the work, proper gate operation, cleanup/restoration, delivery of approved as-built layout information if changes were made, product certificates, warranty documents, and final invoice.

16. DISTRICT RIGHTS

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, cancel or reissue this RFP, request clarifications, waive minor irregularities, negotiate with one or more proposers as permitted by law, and award all or part of the work when determined to be in the District's best interest. This RFP does not obligate the District to award a contract or reimburse proposal preparation costs. The District may terminate any resulting agreement for cause or convenience in accordance with the executed contract and applicable law.

17. PROPOSER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

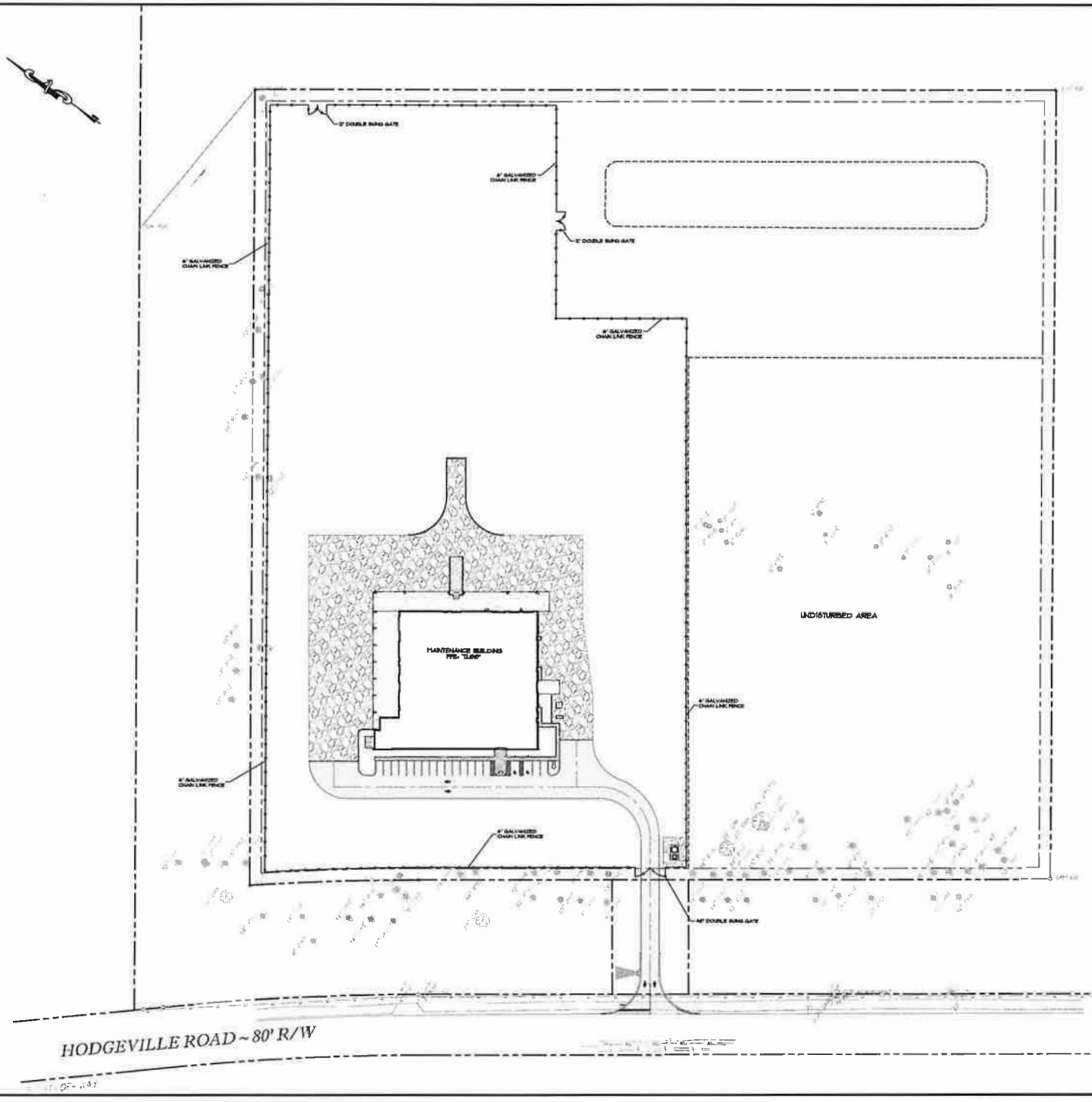
By signing below, the proposer acknowledges that it has reviewed this RFP and the referenced plan/specifications, has had the opportunity to inspect the site, understands the scope and requirements, and agrees that its proposal will remain valid for the period stated herein.

Company Name	
Authorized Representative / Title	
Signature	
Date	

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A – Fencing Plan, with gates

END OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



FENCING PLAN

GRAPHIC SCALE

(IN FEET)
1 inch = 50 ft.

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