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HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS
Request for Proposal #RFP-2025-15

**Building Automation System Upgrade
Coats/Erwin Middle School**

Contract Type: Open Market

Proposals due date: **October 7, 2025**, @ 2:00 PM EDT

Using Agency Name: HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO OFFEROR

Sealed Proposals, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, must be received in the Purchasing Department no later than 2 o'clock p.m., on the date referenced above, for furnishing the supplies, materials and/or services, as described herein. Refer to Instructions for Response, Item 10 for proper mailing instructions. Proposals and/or addenda submitted via E-Mail or facsimile (FAX) machine in response to this Request for Proposal **will not be** acceptable. Proposals may be subject to rejection unless submitted on this form.

EXECUTION

In compliance with this Request for Proposal, and subject to all the conditions herein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish and deliver any or all items or services upon which prices are offered, at the prices set opposite each item or service within the time specified herein. By executing this document, I certify that this proposal is submitted competitively and without collusion (G.S. 143-54), that none of our officers, directors, or owners of an unincorporated business entity have been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2), and that we are not an ineligible vendor as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1. False certification is a Class I felony. **Failure to execute/sign offer prior to submittal may render proposal invalid. Late submittals are not acceptable.**

OFFEROR:		FEDERAL ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
STREET ADDRESS:		P.O. BOX:	ZIP:
CITY & STATE & ZIP:		TELEPHONE NUMBER:	TOLL FREE TEL. NO
TYPE OR PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING:		FAX NUMBER:	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:	E-MAIL:	

If you desire to "no proposal" this requirement, sign and return only this page, check appropriate box(es).
 NO PROPOSAL **REMOVE FROM MAILING LIST**

Offer valid for 30 days from date of opening unless otherwise stated here: _____ days (See Instructions for Response, Item 8)
 Prompt Payment Discount: _____% _____ days (See Instructions for Response, Item 9)

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

If any or all parts of this proposal are accepted by Harnett County Schools, an authorized representative of the School System shall affix their signature hereto and this document and the provisions of the Instructions for Response, the special terms and the conditions specific to this Request for Proposal, the specifications, and the Harnett County Schools General Contract Terms and Conditions shall then constitute the written agreement between the parties. A copy of this acceptance will be forwarded to the successful offeror(s).

FOR HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS USE ONLY

Offer accepted and contract awarded this _____ day of _____, 20____, as indicated on attached certification,
 by _____ (Authorized representative of Harnett County Schools)

I. PURPOSE

Harnett County Schools is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms for the upgrade of the Building Automation System (BAS) at Coats/Erwin Middle School. The scope of work includes engineering, materials, labor, installation, commissioning, and system integration of digital control systems.

II. STATEMENT OF NEEDS

The successful vendor is required to perform and fulfill all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, and agreements of this RFP document and any negotiated contract(s). Specifications contained herein and in the successful response will become contractual obligations, if an award ensues. Failure of the vendor to fully perform these obligations may result in cancellation of the award and contract. HCS will look to the vendor and his/her identified personnel to coordinate and deliver the products and services described in this RFP. The services shall not be delegated to sub-vendors or assigned to any third party. The awarded vendor shall be fully responsible for the successful delivery, implementation, continued support, and all things and services necessary for the complete project.

Vendors shall include a detailed and separate cost analysis for each component to include but not be limited to hardware, software, delivery, installation, setup, implementation, training, licenses, and annual maintenance agreements.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

1. The selected contractor shall furnish and install digital control systems for the following equipment at Coats/Erwin Middle School:
 - (1) Air Cooled System (Includes (2) chillers & (4) pumps)
 - (1) Hot Water System (Includes (2) boilers, & (4) pumps)
 - (21) Air Handling Units
 - (3) DOAS Units
 - (16) Exhaust Fans
 - (6) Lighting Circuits
 - (1) Electric Meter Monitor
 - (1) Cooler Monitor
 - (1) Freezer Monitor
 - (9) Domestic Hot Water Heaters
 - (9) Hot Water Secondary Pumps
 - (9) Cold Water Secondary Pumps
 - (1) Outdoor Air Sensor (temperature and humidity)
2. Connection to existing WebCTRL server
3. Provision or modification of standard ALC graphic displays
4. All associated low-voltage wiring, conduit, and terminations
5. Engineering drawings, submittals, project management, commissioning, and validation of provided systems
6. Minimum of one (1) year Warranty on all provided components, from the time of beneficial use
7. Alternate 1: Integrate 3 new chillers BACnet Integration only (Hardwire points included)

IV. ON-SITE IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING

The vendor shall provide a high level comprehensive on-site project timeline and training in accordance to districts plan that outlines how you see HCS implementation of your solution. Include major milestones and key deliverables and dates that will be generated during the project staff on all aspects of the proposed software by the specified time outlined.

The training plan should be sufficiently detailed and provide the following:

1. Include timelines and training schedules
2. Outline objective and outcomes
 - Include a summary of professional development training points
 - Give expectations of user competency upon completion of training in phases
3. Provide unlimited refresher training and new employee/user orientation

4. Provide a dedicated team/development services for initial setup and configuration while staff are being trained.
5. Describe the type of resources that would be assigned to this project.
6. Describe the type of HCS resources required to be assigned to the implementation project.
7. Provide a dedicated single point of contact (project manager) during implementation. Any changes must be approved in advance with HCS.
The system should securely and safely store and transmit data according to industry standards and best practices.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE

1. **READ, REVIEW AND COMPLY:** It shall be the offeror's responsibility to read this entire document, review all enclosures and attachments, and comply with all requirements specified herein.
2. **NOTICE TO OFFERORS:**
All responses are subject to the provisions of the Instructions for Response, special terms and conditions specific to this Request for Proposal, the specifications, and the Harnett County Schools General Contract Terms and Conditions.

Harnett County Schools object to and will not evaluate or consider any additional terms and conditions submitted with a response. This applies to any language appearing in or attached to the document as part of the offeror's response. **DO NOT ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

By execution and delivery of this document, the offeror agrees that any additional terms and conditions, whether submitted purposely or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect.
3. **DEFINITIONS:**
OFFEROR: Company, firm, corporation, partnership, individual, etc., submitting a response to a Request for Proposal.
TERM CONTRACT: A contract generally intended to cover all normal requirements for a commodity for a specified period of time based on estimated quantities only.
4. **RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS:** Proposals shall be received in strict accordance with the requirements of the General Statutes of North Carolina.
5. **PROPOSAL EVALUATION:** The award of the contract will be made as soon as practical to the Vendor whose proposal is shown to be most advantageous to Harnett County Schools. Before awarding a contract the District may require additional information or presentation by proposer to substantiate Vendor's responsibility.

Evaluation Criteria	Percent
Qualified proposals will be evaluated according to RFP pricing	25%
Experience with BAS	10%
Customer Support and Responsiveness	20%
Functional and Technical Requirements	25%
System Integration/Customization Capabilities	10%
System Reliability and Effectiveness	10%

Selection Committee

A selection committee will evaluate the information submitted. Interviews with short-listed carriers are anticipated but may not be held at the option of the Selection Committee. Please do not contact any HCS staff member other than the designated contact person (Garland McDowell by email only) regarding the project contemplated under this RFP while the RFP is open, and a selection has not been finalized. Any attempt to do so may disqualify the carrier's submittal for consideration.

6. **EXECUTION:** Failure to sign under EXECUTION section may render response invalid.
7. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** In cases of conflict between specific provisions in this proposal, the order of precedence shall be (1) special terms and conditions specific to this request, (2) specifications, (3) Harnett County Schools General Contract Terms and Conditions, and (4) Instructions for Response.

8. **TIME FOR CONSIDERATION:** Unless otherwise indicated on the first page of this document, the offer shall be valid for a minimum of 30 days from the date of the proposal due date. Preference may be given to offers allowing not less than 30 days for consideration and acceptance.
9. **PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS:** Offerors are urged to compute all discounts into the price offered. If a prompt payment discount is offered, it will not be considered in the award of the contract except as a factor to aid in resolving cases of identical prices.
10. **MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

In an effort to support the sustainability efforts of the State of North Carolina we solicit your cooperation in this effort.

It is desirable that all responses meet the following requirements:

- All copies are printed **double-sided**.
- Due to demands on the time of the Selection Committee members, please limit your submittal to 25 pages, 8.5" x 11" format (cover letters of interest, table of contents, tabs or dividers are not included in the count). Longer submissions may be removed from consideration. The Letter of Interest must identify a contact person for questions during the bidding process and provide contact information, including telephone number, email, and postal address.
- All submittals and copies are printed on **recycled paper with a minimum post-consumer content of 30%** and indicate this information accordingly on the response.
- Unless absolutely necessary, all proposals and copies should **minimize or eliminate use of non-recyclable or non re-usable materials** such as plastic report covers, plastic dividers, vinyl sleeves, and GBC binding. Three-ringed binders, glued materials, paper clips, and staples are acceptable.
- Materials should be submitted in a format which allows for **easy removal and recycling** of paper materials.

Mail or deliver only one fully executed response document, unless otherwise instructed, and only one response per envelope. One electronic copy on a thumb drive. Address envelope and insert RFP number as shown below. It is the responsibility of the offeror to have the response in this office by or before the specified time and date of closing.

DELIVERED BY US POSTAL SERVICE

RFP NO. RFP-2025-15
 HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS
 PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 P. O. BOX 1029
 LILLINGTON, NC 27546

OR

DELIVERED BY ANY OTHER MEANS

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 HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS
 PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 125 ALEXANDER DR.
 LILLINGTON, NC 27546

11. **TABULATIONS:** Tabulations of proposals and award information can be obtained by calling the purchaser listed on the first page of this document.
12. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Any deviation from specifications indicated herein must be clearly pointed out; otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and offeror will be held responsible therefore. Deviations shall be explained in detail. **The offeror shall not construe this paragraph as inviting deviation or implying that any deviation will be acceptable.**
13. **INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE:** Offeror is to furnish all information requested and in the spaces provided in this document. Further, if required elsewhere in this request, each offeror must submit with their response sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications covering the products offered. Reference to literature submitted with a previous offer will not satisfy this provision. Responses which do not comply with these requirements may be subject to rejection.

14. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

DATE	EVENTS
September 8, 2025	RFP distributed and posted to Harnett County Schools website
September 17, 2025 10:30 AM EDT	Mandatory – SITE VISIT @ Coats/Erwin Middle School, 2833 NC-55, Dunn, NC 28334
September 25, 2025 2:00 PM EDT	Inquiries must be received by (e-mail only) on or before. gmcowell@harnett.k12.nc.us
October 7, 2025 2:00 PM EDT	Proposals Due – SEALED PROPOSAL Submissions must be on time to be considered.
TBD – 2025	Award Announcement

15. RECYCLING AND SOURCE REDUCTION: It is the policy of Harnett County Schools to encourage and promote the purchase of products with recycled content to the extent economically practicable, and to purchase items which are reusable, refillable, repairable, more durable, and less toxic to the extent that the purchase or use is practicable and cost-effective.

We also encourage and promote using minimal packaging and the use of recycled/recyclable products in the packaging of commodities purchased. However, no sacrifice in quality of packaging will be acceptable. The company remains responsible for providing packaging that will protect the commodity and contain it for its intended use.

Companies are strongly urged to bring to the attention of purchasers those products or packaging they offer which have recycled content and that are recyclable.

16. CLARIFICATIONS/INTERPRETATIONS: Any and all questions regarding this document must be addressed to the purchaser named on the cover sheet of this document. Do not contact the user directly. Any and all revisions to this document shall be made only by written addendum. The offeror is cautioned that the requirements of this proposal can be altered only by written addendum and that verbal communications from whatever source are of no effect.

17. ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION: Harnett County Schools reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to waive any informality in the process and, unless otherwise specified by the offeror, to accept any item in the quote. If either a unit price or extended price is obviously in error and the other is obviously correct, the incorrect price will be disregarded.

18. REFERENCES: Harnett County Schools reserves the right to require a list of users of the exact item offered. Harnett County Schools may contact these users to determine acceptability of the response. Such information may be considered in the evaluation of the proposal.

19. TAXES:

FEDERAL: All agencies participating in this contract are exempt from Federal Taxes, such as excise and transportation. Exemption forms submitted by the contractor will be executed and returned by the using agency.

OTHER: Prices offered are not to include any personal property taxes, nor any sales or use tax (or fees) unless required by the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

20. AWARD OF CONTRACT: As directed by statute, qualified responses will be evaluated and acceptance may be made of the lowest and best response most advantageous to Harnett County Schools as determined upon consideration of such factors as: prices offered; the quality of the articles offered; the general reputation and performance capabilities of the offerors; the substantial conformity with the specifications and other conditions set forth in the proposal; the suitability of the articles for the intended use; the related services needed; the date or dates of delivery and performance; and such other factors deemed by Harnett County Schools to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question. Unless otherwise specified by Harnett County Schools or the offeror, Harnett County Schools reserves the right to accept any item or group of items on a multi-item request.

In addition, on TERM CONTRACTS, Harnett County Schools reserves the right to make partial, progressive or multiple awards: where it is advantageous to award separately by items; or where more than one supplier is needed to provide the contemplated requirements as to quantity, quality, delivery, service, geographical areas; other factors deemed by Harnett County Schools to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question.

21. HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES: Pursuant to General Statute 143-48 and Executive Order #150, Harnett County School invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, disabled, disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled.

REQUIREMENTS

USER: Harnett County Schools

TRANSPORTATION CHARGES: FOB Destination. Freight charges must be included in the price of each item listed, not listed as a separate item.

USAGE AND DURATION: This proposal is intended to cover our requirements for the Building Automation System Upgrade. Period of installation, training, and warranty. No minimum or maximum window replacement projects or volumes are implied or guaranteed herein. While it is not contemplated that any abnormal requirements will develop, however, if such should occur, Harnett County Schools reserves the right to call for separate proposals.

NOTE: HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST QUANTITIES UP OR DOWN AT THE UNIT PRICE AS BUDGETED FUNDS MAY ALLOW OR REQUIRE.

HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD CONTRACTS ON A SPLIT ORDER BASIS OR LUMP SUM BASIS IF IT IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST.

ALL MATERIALS SHOULD BE NEW AND CURRENT UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH PROPOSAL: Upon request, the Vendor will be required to submit complete descriptive literature and specifications on all items offered. Proposals which fail to comply may be subject to rejection.

FORM COMPLETION: All forms at the end of this RFP should be completed in their entirety.

SITE VISIT: Prospective bidders are URGED and CAUTIONED to visit the site of the project and apprise themselves of all conditions, which will affect the performance of the work called for or reasonably implied by the Request for Proposal. A site visit is MANDATORY for all vendors submitting a Request for Proposals. Submission of a bid shall constitute sufficient evidence of this compliance, and no allowance will be made for unreported conditions, which a prudent bidder would recognize as affecting the performance of the work called for in this Request for Proposals.

Complete bid for the total scope of work (including labor, equipment, all necessary materials, tax, shipping, technical support, training, and warranties).

In compliance with the above bid specifications, I hereby bid these specified Building Automation System at a flat rate of:

\$_____ Total Annual Cost.

Signature of Company Official

Company Name

Date

Harnett County Schools

GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) with which they propose to contract or subcontract is not excluded or disqualified. This is done by: (a) checking the SAM exclusions; (b) collecting a certification from that person (found below); or (c) adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract.

Instructions for Certification: By signing and submitting this bid or proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the signed certification set out below.

(1) It will comply and facilitate compliance with Federal and State, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 CFR part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR part 180,

(2) To the best of its knowledge and belief, that its Principals and Subrecipients at the first tier:

- a. Are eligible to participate in covered transactions of any Federal department or agency and are not presently:
 1. Debarred,
 2. Suspended,
 3. Proposed for debarment,
 4. Declared ineligible,
 5. Voluntarily excluded, or
 6. Disqualified,
- b. Its management has not within a three-year period preceding its latest application or proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against any of them for:
 1. Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction, or contract under a public transaction,
 2. Violation of any Federal or State antitrust statute, or,
 3. Commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making any false statement, or receiving stolen property,
- c. It is not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in the preceding subsection 2.b of this Certification,
- d. It has not had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default within a three-year period preceding this Certification,
- e. If, at a later time, it receives any information that contradicts the statements of subsections 2.a – 2.d above, it will promptly provide that information to FTA,
- f. It will treat each lower tier contract or lower tier subcontract under its Project as a covered lower tier contract for purposes of 2 CFR part 1200 and 2 CFR part 180 if it:
 1. Equals or exceeds \$25,000,,
 2. Is for audit services, or,
 3. Requires the consent of a Federal official, and
- g. It will require that each covered lower tier contractor and subcontractor:
 1. Comply and facilitate compliance with the Federal requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200, and
 2. Assure that each lower tier participant in its Project is not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:
 - a. Debarred from participation in its federally funded Project,
 - b. Suspended from participation in its federally funded Project,
 - c. Proposed for debarment from participation in its federally funded Project,
 - d. Declared ineligible to participate in its federally funded Project,
 - e. Voluntarily excluded from participation in its federally funded Project, or
 - f. Disqualified from participation in its federally funded Project, and

(3) It will provide a written explanation as indicated on a page attached in this proposal or the Signature Page if it or any of its principals, including any of its first tier Subrecipients or its Third-Party Participants at a lower tier, is unable to certify compliance with the preceding statements in this Certification Group.

Certification

Contractor: _____

Signature of Authorized Official: _____ **Date** ____/____/____

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official: _____

HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS (“the District”)
GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. PERFORMANCE:

a) It is anticipated that the tasks and duties undertaken by the Vendor under the contract which results from the Harnett County Schools’ solicitation in this matter (Contract) shall include Services, and/or the manufacturing, furnishing, or development of goods and other tangible features or components, as deliverables.

b) Except as provided herein, and unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing prior to award, any deliverables not subject to an agreed Vendor license and provided by Vendor in performance of this Contract shall be and remain property of Harnett County Schools. During performance, Vendor may provide proprietary components as part of the deliverables that are identified in this Contract. Vendor grants Harnett County Schools a personal, permanent, non-transferable license to use such proprietary components of the deliverables and other functionalities, as provided under this Contract. Any technical and business information owned by Vendor or its suppliers or licensors made accessible or furnished to Harnett County Schools shall be and remain the property of the Vendor or such other party, respectively. Vendor agrees to perform under the Contract in at least the same or similar manner provided to comparable users and customers. Harnett County Schools shall notify the Vendor of any defects or deficiencies in performance or failure of deliverables to conform to the standards and specifications provided in this Contract. Vendor agrees to timely remedy defective performance or any nonconforming deliverables on its own or upon such notice provided by Harnett County Schools.

c) Vendor has a limited, non-exclusive license to access and use Harnett County Schools’ Data provided to Vendor, but solely for performing its obligations under and during this Agreement and in confidence as further provided for herein or by law.

d) Vendor or its suppliers, as specified and agreed in the Contract, shall provide support assistance to Harnett County Schools related to all Services performed or other deliverables procured hereunder during the District’s normal business hours. Vendor warrants that its support, customer service, and assistance will be performed at a minimum in accordance with generally accepted and applicable industry standards.

e) Harnett County Schools may document and consider in awarding or renewing future procurement contracts the general reputation, performance and performance capabilities of the Vendor under this Contract as provided by G.S. 143-52 and 143-135.9 (a) and (b) (Best Value).

2. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION:

In the event of default by the Vendor, Harnett County Schools may, as provided by NC law, procure goods and services necessary to complete performance hereunder from other sources and hold the Vendor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby. See, G.S. 25-2-712. In addition, and in the event of default by the Vendor under the Contract, or upon the Vendor filing a petition for bankruptcy or the entering of a judgment of bankruptcy by or against the Vendor, the District may immediately cease doing business with the Vendor, terminate the Contract for cause, and take action to recover relevant damages, and if permitted by applicable law, debar the Vendor from doing future business with Harnett County Schools. 01 NCAC 05B.1520.

If, through any cause, Vendor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner the obligations under the Contract, including, without limitation, in these General Terms and Conditions, Harnett County Schools shall have the right to terminate the Contract by giving thirty days written notice to the Vendor and specifying the effective date thereof. In that event, any or all finished or unfinished deliverables that are prepared by the Vendor under the Contract shall, at the option of the District, become the property of Harnett County Schools (and under any applicable Vendor license to the extent necessary for the District to use such property), and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any acceptable deliverable completed (or partially completed at the District’s option) as to which such option is exercised. Notwithstanding, Vendor shall not be relieved of liability to Harnett County Schools for damages sustained by the District by virtue of any breach of the Contract, and the District may withhold any payment due the Vendor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due Harnett County Schools from such breach can be determined. Harnett County Schools, if insecure as to receiving proper performance or provision of goods deliverables, or if documented Vendor Services performance issues exist, under this Contract, may require at any time a performance bond or other alternative performance guarantees from a Vendor without expense to Harnett County Schools as provided by applicable law. G.S. 143-52(a); 01 NCAC 05B.1521; G.S. 25-2-609.

If this Contract contemplates deliveries or performance over a period of time, Harnett County Schools may terminate this Contract for convenience at any time by providing 30 days' notice in writing from the District to the Vendor. In that event, any or all finished or unfinished deliverables prepared by the Vendor under this Contract shall, at the option of the District, become its property, and under any applicable Vendor license to the extent necessary for the District to use such property. If the Contract is terminated by Harnett County Schools for convenience, the District shall pay for those items or Services for which such option is exercised, less any payment or compensation previously made.

3. **INTERPRETATION, CONFLICT OF TERM:**

The definitions in the Instructions to Vendors in the relevant solicitation for this Contract are specifically incorporated herein.

If federal funds are involved in the transactions under this Contract, the Vendor shall comply with all applicable state and federal requirements and laws, except where State requirements are more restrictive. See the additional federal requirements included in the "Federal Funds Provisions" section below.

"Purchasing Agency" herein is as defined in 01 NCAC 05A.0112,

Contracts made in contravention of General Statutes, Chapter 143, Article 3, are void. G.S. 143-58.

In cases of conflict between specific provisions in this Contract and any other referenced documents, the Order of Precedence shall be (high to low) (1) any special terms and conditions specific to this Contract, including any negotiated terms; (2) requirements, specifications and administrative terms; (3) these GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, including the Federal Funds Provisions; (4) Definitions and other provisions in INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS in this solicitation, which is specifically incorporated in this Contract; (5) PRICING, and (6) Vendor's Proposal, to the extent specifically and mutually incorporated into this Contract.

In the event of conflict of terms between applicable provisions of the Federal Funds Provisions and the other provisions of these North Carolina General Contract Terms and Conditions, the more restrictive provision will govern.

4. **TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, Harnett County Schools shall not be obligated for Vendor/Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this contract during any of Harnett County Schools' future fiscal years unless and until the Board of Education appropriates funds for this contract in the Harnett County Schools' budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this contract, this contract shall terminate effective June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. Harnett County Schools shall notify Vendor/Contractor in writing of any such non-appropriation of funds at the earliest possible date.

5. **TAXES:** Any applicable taxes shall be invoiced as a separate item.
- a) G.S. 143-59.1 bars the Secretary of Administration from entering into Contracts with Vendors if the Vendor or its affiliates meet one of the conditions of G.S. 105-164.8(b) and refuses to collect use tax on sales of tangible personal property to purchasers in North Carolina. Conditions under G.S. 105-164.8(b) include: (1) Maintenance of a retail establishment or office, (2) Presence of representatives in the State that solicit sales or transact business on behalf of the Vendor and (3) Systematic exploitation of the market by media-assisted, media-facilitated, or media-solicited means. By execution of the proposal document the Vendor certifies that it and all its affiliates, (if it has affiliates), collect(s) the appropriate taxes.
 - b) The agency(ies) participating in the Contract are exempt from Federal Taxes, such as excise and transportation. Exemption forms submitted by the Vendor will be executed and returned by the using agency.
 - c) Prices offered are not to include any personal property taxes, nor any sales or use tax (or fees) unless required by the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

6. **SITUS AND GOVERNING LAWS:**

- a) This Contract is made under and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of

North Carolina, including, without limitation, the relevant provisions of G.S. Chapter 143, Article 3, and the Rules in 01 NCAC Chapter 05, and any applicable successor provisions, without regard to its conflict of laws rules, and within which State all matters, whether sounding in Contract, tort or otherwise, relating to its validity, construction, interpretation and enforcement shall be determined. G.S. 22B-3.

- b) Vendor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business and its performance in accordance with the Contract, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority, and including, without limitation, the applicable requirements in the Federal Funds Provisions, below.
- c) Non-resident Vendor corporations not formed under NC law must be domesticated in the Office of the NC Secretary of State in order to contract with Harnett County Schools. G.S. 55A-15-01.

7. **INSPECTION AT CONTRACTOR'S SITE:** Harnett County Schools reserves the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, the equipment/item, plant or other facilities of a prospective contractor prior to contract award, and during the contract term as necessary for Harnett County Schools' determination that such equipment/item, plant or other facilities conform with the specifications/requirements and are adequate and suitable for the proper and effective performance of the contract.

8. **NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:**
Wholly State Funded Contracts.

- a) The Vendor will take affirmative action in complying with all State requirements and laws concerning fair employment and employment of people with disabilities, and concerning the treatment of all employees without regard to discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability or rights, such as preserved by Governor Roy Cooper Order E.O. 24 or 25, and will take necessary action to ensure that its internal employee policies and procedures are consistent with Executive Order #82 (Roy Cooper, December 6, 2018), which extends workplace protections and accommodations to pregnant employees.
- b) Federal Law, such as the following, applies as provided for therein: Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL 88-352), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (prohibiting discrimination on the basis race, color, national origin and ensuring that individuals are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex); Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. § 794) (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.) (prohibiting age discrimination); Executive Order 11063 as amended by Executive Order 2259; and Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Contracts Partially or Wholly Federally Funded.

To the extent federal funding is involved in this procurement, in whole or in part, compliance with the following is required:

- c) The Vendor shall comply with all Federal Funds Provisions requirements (below) and not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Vendor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- d) The Vendor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin:
- e) The Vendor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Vendor's legal duty to furnish information.
- f) The Vendor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Vendor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- g) The Vendor shall comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- h) The Vendor shall furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- i) In the event of the Vendor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Vendor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction Contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- j) The Vendor shall include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Vendor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a Vendor (or herein "applicant," as applicable in context within these Federal Funds Provisions) becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the Vendor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
- k) The Vendor further agrees that it shall be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the Vendor so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the Contract.
- l) The Vendor agrees that it shall assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of Vendors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it shall furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it shall otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

m) The Vendor further agrees that it shall refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a Vendor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government Contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon Vendors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the Vendor agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part any relevant grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the Vendor under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such Vendor; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

9. **PAYMENT TERMS:** Payment terms are net not later than 30 days after receipt of a correct invoice or acceptance of goods, whichever is later. The Procuring Agency is responsible for all payments to the Vendor under the Contract.

Harnett County Schools does not agree in advance, in contract, pursuant to Constitutional limitations, to pay costs such as interest, late fees, penalties or attorney's fees. This Contract will not be construed as an agreement by Harnett County Schools to pay such costs and will be paid only as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

10. **CONDITION AND PACKAGING:** Unless otherwise expressly provided by special terms and conditions or specifications in the Contract or by express, specific federal law or rule, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped has not been sold or used for any purpose, is newly manufactured, and shall be in first class condition. All containers/packaging shall be suitable for handling, storage or shipment.

11. **STANDARDS (if applicable):** All manufactured items and/or fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving a connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate state inspector which customarily requires the label or re-examination listing or identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization; such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters Laboratories and /or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; or the American Gas Association for gas operated assemblies, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type of device offered and furnished. Further, all items furnished shall meet all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.

The complete product(s) offered herein, and NOT merely its component parts or subsystems, must comply with the above requirement for safety listing. Having the appropriate certification or safety label affixed to any device delivered pursuant to this solicitation, under the conditions described above, is a material condition of any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation. All costs for product and industry certifications and listings, and any other actions required to supply conforming products to Harnett County Schools as described in this RFQ, are the sole responsibility of the Vendor. The certifications or safety label shall be affixed and be visible on the OUTSIDE of all products that require a certification or safety label in order to pass the State Quality Acceptance Inspection.

12. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY:** Vendor shall hold and save Harnett County Schools, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from liability of any kind, including costs and expenses, resulting from infringement of the rights of any third party in any Services or copyrighted material, patented or patent-pending invention, article, device or appliance delivered in connection with the Contract.

a) Vendor warrants to the best of its knowledge that:

- i. Performance under the Contract does not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of any third party; and
- ii. There are no actual or threatened actions arising from, or alleged under, any intellectual property rights of any third party.

b) Should any deliverables supplied by Vendor become the subject of a claim of infringement of a patent, copyright, trademark or a trade secret in the United States, the Vendor, shall at its option and expense, either procure for the District the right to continue using the deliverables, or replace or modify the same to become non-infringing. If neither of these options can reasonably be taken in Vendor's judgment, or if further use shall be prevented by injunction, the Vendor agrees to cease provision of any affected deliverables and refund any sums the District has paid Vendor for such deliverables and make every reasonable effort to assist Harnett County Schools in procuring

substitute deliverables. If, in the sole opinion of the District, the cessation of use by Harnett County Schools of any such deliverables due to infringement issues makes the retention of other items acquired from the Vendor under this Agreement impractical, the District shall then have the option of terminating the Agreement, or applicable portions thereof, without penalty or termination charge; and Vendor agrees to refund any sums Harnett County Schools paid for unused Services or other deliverables.

- c) The Vendor, at its own expense, shall defend any action brought against Harnett County Schools to the extent that such action is based upon a claim that the deliverables supplied by the Vendor, their use or operation, infringe on a patent, copyright, trademark or violate a trade secret in the United States. The Vendor shall pay those costs and damages finally awarded or agreed in a settlement against the District in any such action. Such defense and payment shall be conditioned on the following:
 - i. That the Vendor shall be notified within a reasonable time in writing by Harnett County Schools of any such claim; and
 - ii. That the Vendor shall have the sole control of the defense of any action on such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise provided, however, that Harnett County Schools shall have the option to participate in such action at its own expense.
- d) Vendor will not be required to defend or indemnify Harnett County Schools to the extent any claim by a third party against the District for infringement or misappropriation results solely from the District's material alteration of any Vendor-branded deliverables or Services, or from the continued use of the Services or other deliverables after receiving written notice from the Vendor of the claimed infringement.

13. **ADVERTISING:** Vendor agrees not to use the existence of the Contract or the name of Harnett County Schools as part of any commercial advertising or marketing of products or Services except as provided in 01 NCAC 05B.1516. A Vendor may inquire whether the District is willing to be included on a listing of its existing customers.

14. **ACCESS TO PERSONS AND RECORDS:** During, and after the term hereof during the relevant period required for retention of records by State law (G.S. 121-5, 132-1 *et seq.*, typically five years), the State Auditor and any Purchasing Agency's internal auditors shall have access to persons and records related to the Contract to verify accounts and data affecting fees or performance under the Contract, as provided in G.S. 143-49(9). However, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this project is commenced before the end of the such retention of records period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the record retentions period, whichever is later.

15. **ASSIGNMENT OR DELEGATION OF DUTIES:** As a convenience to the Vendor, Harnett County Schools may include any person or entity designated by the Vendor in writing as a joint payee on the Vendor's payment check. In no event shall such approval and action obligate Harnett County Schools to anyone other than the Vendor. If Vendor requests any assignment, or delegation of duties, the Vendor shall remain responsible for fulfillment of all Contract obligations. Upon written request, Harnett County Schools may, in its unfettered discretion, approve an assignment or delegation to another responsible entity acceptable to the District, such as the surviving entity of a merger, acquisition or a corporate reorganization if made as part of the transfer of all or substantially all of the Vendor's assets. 01 NCAC 05B.1507. Any purported assignment or delegation made in violation of this provision shall be void and a material breach of the Contract. G.S. 143-58.

16. **INSURANCE:** This section provides minimum insurance coverage rates that are applicable to most moderate risk solicitations. Agency Risk Analysis will determine if higher insurance coverage amounts are needed based on the likelihood and severity of exposure to Harnett County Schools. The analysis is documented in writing in the official file and considers the following non-exclusive factors:

1. Potential for damage to District property or property of a third party,
2. Potential for bodily injury to District employees or third parties,
3. Whether Vendor will transport District property, clients, or employees,
4. Use of a vehicle to accomplish the work or to travel to or from District locations,
5. Anticipated physical contacts of the Vendor with the District,
6. Anticipated number and activity of Vendor personnel within the District, and
7. Any other unique considerations that could result in harm, bodily injury, or property damage.

Harnett County Schools has specified elsewhere in this Contract any increase in the minimum insurance coverage requirements below if the risk from the above factors is high.

a) REQUIREMENTS - Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Vendor and is of the essence of the Contract. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the NC Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The Vendor shall always comply with the terms of such insurance policies, and all requirements of the insurer under any such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing North Carolina laws or the Contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the Vendor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Vendor's liability and obligations or the indemnification requirements under the Contract. As provided above, Harnett County Schools is authorized, upon written evaluation and substantiation in the official file of the significant risk of bodily injury and/or property or other damage in the contract, to require and enforce higher coverage limits to mitigate the potential risk of liability to the District.

b) COVERAGE - During the term of the Contract, the Vendor at its sole cost and expense shall provide commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. At a minimum, the Vendor shall provide and maintain the following coverage and limits, subject to higher requirements by an agency after the risk analysis indicated above:

1. **Worker's Compensation** - The Vendor shall provide and maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance, as may be required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage, with minimum limits of \$500,000.00, covering all of Vendor's employees who are engaged in any work under the Contract in North Carolina. If any work is sub-Contracted, the Vendor shall require the sub-contractor to provide the same coverage for any of its employees engaged in any work under the Contract within the State.
2. **Commercial General Liability** - General Liability Coverage on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit. Defense costs shall be in excess of the limit of liability.
3. **Automobile** - Automobile Liability Insurance, to include liability coverage covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, used within North Carolina in connection with the Contract. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$500,000.00 bodily injury and property damage; \$500,000.00 uninsured/under insured motorist; and \$5,000.00 medical payment.

17. **GENERAL INDEMNITY**: The Vendor shall hold and save Harnett County Schools, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from liability of any kind, including all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, Services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract, and also from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation that may be injured or damaged by the Vendor in the performance of the Contract that are attributable to the negligence or intentionally tortious acts of the Vendor, provided that the Vendor is notified in writing within 30 days from the date that the District has knowledge of such claims. The Vendor represents and warrants that it shall make no claim of any kind or nature against the District's agents who are involved in the delivery or processing of Vendor deliverables or Services to the District. As part of this provision for indemnity, if federal funds are involved in this procurement, the Vendor warrants that it will comply with all relevant and applicable federal requirements and laws, and will indemnify and hold and save Harnett County Schools harmless from any claims or losses resulting to the District from the Vendor's noncompliance with such federal requirements or law in this Contract. The representations and warranties in the preceding two sentences shall survive the termination or expiration of the Contract. Harnett County Schools does not participate in indemnification due to Constitutional restrictions, or arbitration, which effectively and unacceptably waives jury trial. See, G.S. 22B-3, -10.

18. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**: Vendor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business and performance in accordance with this contract, including those of federal, state and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority.

19. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**: The Contract (including any documents mutually incorporated specifically therein) resulting from a relevant solicitation represents the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior oral or written statements or agreements. All promises, requirements, terms, conditions, provisions, representations, guarantees, and warranties contained herein shall survive the Contract expiration or termination date unless specifically provided otherwise herein, or unless superseded by applicable Federal or State statutes of limitation.

20. **ELECTRONIC RECORDS**: Harnett County Schools may digitize all Vendor responses to the relevant solicitation, if not

received electronically, as well as any awarded Contract together with associated procurement-related documents. These electronic copies shall constitute a preservation record and shall serve as the official record of this procurement with the same force and effect as the original written documents comprising such record. Any official electronic copy, printout or other output readable by sight shown to reflect such record accurately shall constitute an "original."

21. **AMENDMENTS:** This contract may be amended only by written amendments duly executed by Harnett County Schools and the Vendor.
22. **QUANTITIES:** The award of a contract neither implies nor guarantees any minimum or maximum purchases there under.
23. **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:** Any price changes, downward or upward, which might be permitted during the contract period must be general, either by reason of market change or on the part of the Vendor to other customers.

Notification: Must be given to Harnett County Schools, in writing, concerning any proposed price adjustments. Such notification shall be accompanied by copy of manufacturer's official notice or other acceptable evidence that the change is general in nature.

- a. **Decreases:** Harnett County Schools shall receive full proportionate benefit immediately at any time during the contract period.
- b. **Increases:** All prices shall be firm against any increase for a minimum of 180 days from the effective date of the contract. After this period, a request for increase may be submitted with Harnett County Schools reserving the right to accept or reject the increase or cancel the contract. Such action by Harnett County Schools shall occur not later than fifteen (15) days after the receipt by Harnett County Schools of a properly documented request for price increase. Any increases accepted shall become effective not later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the original fifteen (15) days reserved to evaluate the request for increase.

Invoices: It is understood and agreed that orders will be shipped at the established contract prices in effect on dates orders are placed. Invoicing at variance with this provision will subject the contract to cancellation. Applicable North Carolina sales tax shall be shown on invoice as a separate item.

24. **WARRANTY:** The Vendor warrants to Harnett County Schools that all equipment furnished under this specification will be new, of good material and workmanship, and agrees to replace promptly any part or parts which by reason of defective material or workmanship shall fail under normal use, free of negligence or accident, for a minimum period of twelve (12) months from date put in operation. Such replacement shall include all parts, labor, and transportation cost to the location where equipment is down, free of any charge to the owner or his representative.

25. **REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS:** Vendor acknowledges that Harnett County Schools prohibits anyone registered or required to register as a sex offender from being present on any Harnett County Schools property for any reason, whether before, during or after school hours. Vendor expressly agrees that it, and any of its employees, will comply with this policy and acknowledges that any individuals that violate this policy are subject to removal from Harnett County Schools' property by Harnett County Schools and/or law enforcement officials and may also be subject to criminal prosecution. Vendor could be removed from additional opportunities that may become available with Harnett County Schools.

If Vendor, any of Vendor's employees, or any of Vendor's subcontractors or employees of subcontractors will have any direct interaction with students, then Vendor or the subcontractor must (i) on an annual basis conduct a check of the N.C. Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the N.C. Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program and the National Sex Offender Registry for all such employees; and (ii) prohibit individuals listed on such registries from being on Harnett County Schools property.

26. **NO WAIVER:** Notwithstanding any other language or provision in the Contract or in any Vendor-supplied material, nothing herein is intended nor shall be interpreted as a waiver of any right or remedy otherwise available to Harnett County Schools under applicable law. The waiver by the District of any right or remedy on any one occasion or instance shall not constitute or be interpreted as a waiver of that or any other right or remedy on any other occasion or instance.

27. **FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations as a result of events beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, fire, power failures, any act of war, hostile foreign action, nuclear explosion, riot, strikes or failures or refusals to perform under subcontracts, civil insurrection, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, natural event or Act of God.

28. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor shall be considered to be an independent contractor and as such shall be wholly responsible for the work to be performed and for the supervision of its employees. The Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this agreement. Such employees shall not be employees of or have any individual contractual relationship with Harnett County Schools.
29. **SUBCONTRACTING:** Performance under the Contract by the Vendor shall not be subcontracted without prior written approval of Harnett County Schools Director of Procurement and Materials Management or their designee. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, acceptance of a Vendor's proposal shall include approval to use the subcontractor(s) that have been specified therein.
30. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Vendor information that cannot be shown to be, e.g., a trade secret, may be subject to public disclosure under the terms of the State Public Records Act (SPRA), beginning at G.S. 132.1. Blanket assertions of confidentiality are not favored, but confidentiality of specific material meeting one or more exceptions in the SPRA will be honored. Vendors are notified that if the confidentiality of material is challenged by other parties, the Vendor has the responsibility of defending the assertion of confidentiality. G.S. 143-52(a).
31. **CARE OF DISTRICT DATA AND PROPERTY:** Any District property, information, data, instruments, documents, studies or reports given to or prepared or assembled by or provided to the Vendor under the Contract shall be kept as confidential, used only for the purpose(s) required to perform the Contract and not divulged or made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of Harnett County Schools. The District's data and property in the hands of the Vendor shall be protected from unauthorized disclosure, loss, damage, destruction by a natural event or another eventuality. The Vendor agrees to reimburse Harnett County Schools for loss or damage of District property while in Vendor's custody. Such District Data shall be returned to the District in a form acceptable to the District upon the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

The Vendor shall notify Harnett County Schools of any security breaches within 24 hours.

32. **PROTECTION OF WORK, PROPERTY AND THE PUBLIC:** The Vendor shall be responsible for the safe and prudent use of the site and work in progress. The Vendor shall be responsible for any damage to Harnett County Schools' property, or that of others on the job, and shall make good such damages.

The Vendor shall adhere to all applicable rules, regulations and interpretations of the North Carolina Department of Labor relating to Occupational Safety and Health Standards. There shall be no tobacco products inside or outside of buildings, since all Harnett County Schools buildings and properties are tobacco-free. There shall be no alcoholic beverages, drugs, or firearms on any Harnett County Schools property.

The Vendor and its employees will observe the posted safety requirements of Harnett County Schools and those required by law. The Vendor is responsible for the safety of its employees at all times while on Harnett County Schools' premises.

33. **ASBESTOS AWARENESS (if applicable):** To fulfill EPA document 40 CFR Part 763.84 (d) of the Federal Register "Ensure that short-term workers (e.g., telephone repair workers, utility workers, exterminators etc.) who may come in contact with asbestos in a school are provided information regarding the locations of ACBM and suspected ACBM assumed to be ACM." Harnett County Schools is providing you with the locations of Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM) in the specified site/sites. You as a contractor for the Harnett County Schools are to ensure that you and/or your employees do not disturb any of these asbestos-containing materials. If you have any questions regarding this regulation or the locations of asbestos in the Harnett County Schools, please contact Rodney Pope, 910-703-5275.

HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS
REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS
UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS – APPENDIX II TO 2 CFR PART 200

The following provisions are required and apply when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools (the District) for any contract resulting from this procurement process.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (A) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools, the District reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

(B) Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)

Pursuant to Federal Rule (B) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools, the District reserves the right to immediately terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process in the event of a breach or default of the agreement by Vendor, in the event vendor fails to: (1) meet schedules, deadlines, and/or delivery dates within the time specified in the procurement solicitation, contract, and/or a purchase order; (2) make any payments owed; or (3) otherwise perform in accordance with the contract and/or the procurement solicitation. Harnett County Schools also reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately, with written notice to vendor, for convenience, if Harnett County Schools believes, in its sole discretion that it is in the best interest of the District to do so. The vendor will be compensated for work performed and accepted and goods accepted by Harnett County Schools as of the termination date if the contract is terminated for convenience of the District. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and Harnett County Schools reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in the best interest of the District.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

Pursuant to Federal Rule (C) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools on any federally assisted construction contract, the equal opportunity clause is incorporated by reference herein.

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (D) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools, during the term of an award for all contracts and subgrants for construction or repair, the vendor will be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (E) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools, the vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by the District resulting from this procurement process, the vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (F) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools, the vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by the District resulting from this procurement process, the vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (F) above.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Pursuant to Federal Rule (G) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools, the vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by the District resulting from this procurement process, the vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (G) above.

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (H) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools, the vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by the District resulting from this procurement process, the vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (I) above, when federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools, the vendor certifies that during the term and after the awarded term of an award for all contracts by the District resulting from this procurement

process, the vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). The vendor further certifies that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid for on behalf of the vendor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(J) Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.

This Contract, if federal funding is used, is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. §200.216. Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

- (1) Procure or obtain;
- (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained. See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information. See also §200.471.

**RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS PAID FOR WITH FEDERAL FUNDS –
2 CFR § 200.333**

When federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools for any contract resulting from this procurement process, the vendor certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.333. The vendor further certifies that vendor will retain all records as required by 2 CFR § 200.333 for a period of three years after grantees or

subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH EPA REGULATIONS
APPLICABLE TO GRANTS, SUBGRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, AND CONTRACTS
IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 OF FEDERAL FUNDS**

When federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools for any contract resulting from this procurement process in excess of \$100,000, the vendor certifies that the vendor is in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, regulations, and/or requirements issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 117389 and Environmental Protection Agency Regulation, 40 CFR Part 15.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

When federal funds are expended by Harnett County Schools for any contract resulting from this procurement process, the vendor certifies that the vendor will be in compliance with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICA PROVISIONS

Vendor certifies that vendor is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Buy America Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy America Act must still follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition.

CERTIFICATION OF NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

Vendor certifies under penalty of perjury that its response to this procurement solicitation is in all respects bona fide, fair, and made without collusion or fraud with any person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity.

By "Execution" (see page 1) of this contract, vendor agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, as applicable. It is further acknowledged that vendor certifies compliance with all provisions, laws, acts, regulations, etc. as specifically noted above.

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Submitter is required to certify that the performance of the work will not create any conflicts of interest or disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest by completing and signing one of the following statements:

All Vendors should be aware of Harnett County Schools’ Code of Ethics, which prohibits Harnett County Schools Employees and Board Members from having certain relationships with persons or entities conducting (or proposing to conduct) business with Harnett County Schools and which prohibits the acceptance of gifts from Vendors. If the Vendor has an actual or potential conflict, the Vendor shall disclose any Conflict of Interest that may exist.

Conflicts of Interest (Potential or actual) will be evaluated by Harnett County Schools’ General Counsel to determine the proper course of action. Failure to comply with the provisions established above may render the vendor ineligible to participate in Harnett County Schools’ procurement process.

The Submitter hereby discloses no conflicts of interest.

DATE: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

SUBMITTER/COMPANY NAME: _____

OR

The Submitter hereby discloses the following circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest for the Submitter, any affiliates, any proposed subconsultants, and key personnel of any of these organizations. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

Name of the Individual/Company to which potential conflict of interest might apply:

Nature of potential conflict of interest:

Proposed Remedy:

DATE: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

SUBMITTER/COMPANY NAME: _____

PROPOSER STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION

BY SUBMISSION OF THIS PROPOSAL, PROPOSER AND EACH PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF PROPOSER CERTIFIES AS TO ITS OWN ORGANIZATION, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF:

- (1) The prices of this proposal have been arrived at independently, without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Proposer or competitor, for the purposes of restricting competition or as to any matter relating to price.
- (2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices quoted in this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by Proposer and will not be disclosed by Proposer directly or indirectly to any other Proposer or competitor before proposals are opened.
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid on any portion of the Project work.

IF, FOR ANY REASON, PROPOSER CANNOT CERTIFY AS SET FORTH ABOVE, PROPOSER SHALL SO STATE AND SET FORTH THE REASONS IN DETAIL BELOW:

Subscribed to under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of North Carolina, this _____ day of _____, 20__ as the act and deed of said corporation or partnership.

Name:
Title:
Firm:

References

Vendors shall provide at least three references, for similar size and scope projects, for which comparable services and supplies have been provided.

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Name of Organization		Contact Person Name	
Annual Contract Value		Contact Person Title	
Contract Start Date		Contact Person Telephone Number	
Contract End Date		Contact Person Email Address	

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Sexual Offender Registry Check Certification Form
PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE

Project Name: _____ Contract: _____

Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of sexual offender registry check:
_____ Initial _____ Supplemental _____ Annual

I, _____ (insert name), _____ (insert title) of (vendor) hereby certify that I have performed all of the required sexual offender registry checks required under this Agreement for all contractual personnel (employees, agents, ownership personnel, or contractors) who may be used to deliver goods or provide services under this Agreement, including the North Carolina Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the North Carolina Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program, and the National Sex Offender Registry (Note: all of the required registry checks may be completed at no cost by accessing the United States Department of Justice Sex Offender Public Website at <http://www.nsopw.gov/>). I further certify that none of the individuals listed below appears on any of the above-named registries and that I will not assign an individual to deliver goods or perform services under this Agreement if said individual appears on any of the sex offender registries. I agree to maintain all records and documents associated with these registry checks, and that I will provide such records and documents to Harnett County Schools upon request. I specifically acknowledge that Harnett County Schools retains the right to audit these records to ensure compliance with this section at any time at Harnett County Schools' sole discretion. I acknowledge that I am required to perform these checks and provide this certification form before any work is performed under the Agreement (initial check), any time additional contractual personnel may perform work under the Agreement (supplemental check), and at each anniversary date of the Agreement (annual check).

Contractual Personnel Names	Job Title
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____

I attest that the foregoing information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

_____ (print name)
_____ (signature/date)