

Georgetown County School District Business Services Procurement Office 2018 Church Street Georgetown, S.C. 29440 Phone (843) 436-7000	Solicitation Type: Invitation for Bid Solicitation Number: 2324010 Date Issued: / /2022 Procurement Officer: Vicki Williams Phone: (843) 436-7024 E-Mail Address: vwilliams@gcsd.k12.sc.us
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DESCRIPTION: Provide School-to-Home Communication Platform

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal".

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): Click or tap to enter a date. at **p.m.** (EST) (See "Deadline for Submission of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY (Date/Time): Click or tap to enter a date. at **p.m.** (EST) (See "Questions from Offerors" provision)

SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO: vwilliams@gcsd.k12.ssc.us

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: SEE PAGE 3

Offers must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES BELOW:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

Georgetown County School District
 Office of Procurement Services
 Attn: Vicki Williams Solicitation # 2324010
 2018 Church Street
 Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

MAILING ADDRESS:

Georgetown County School District
 Office of Procurement Services
 Attn: Vicki Williams Solicitation # 2324010
 2018 Church Street
 Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.

CONFERENCE TYPE: ☐ **MANDATORY** ☐ **NOT MANDATORY** ☐ **N/A**

DATE & TIME: Click or tap to enter a date. at (EST)

As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions

LOCATION:

AWARD & AMENDMENTS

Notice of Award and any addendums to the solicitation will be posted on the GCSd website at:
<http://www.gcsd.k12.sc.us/?DivisionID=14195&DepartmentID=14702&SubDepartmentID=6626>
 Go to Departments/ Business Services/Procurement/Awards

You **must** submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of () calendar days after the Opening Date. (See "Signing Your Offer" provisions)

NAME OF OFFEROR (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)		OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one) ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation (tax-exempt) ☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) ☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local) ☐ Other _____ (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (Person signing must be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)		
TITLE (Business title of person signing above)		
PRINTED NAME (Printed name of person signing above)	DATE SIGNED	

Instructions regarding Offeror's name: Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror above. An offer may be submitted by only one legal entity. The entity named as the Offeror **must** be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, *i.e.*, a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

STATE OF INCORPORATION (If Offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.)	TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO. (See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)
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HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Offeror's home office / principal place of business)				NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)							
								Area Code:	Number:	Extension:	Facsimile:
								E-Mail Address:			
PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)				ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)							
								Order E-Mail Address:			
								☐ Payment Address same as Home Office Address ☐ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)			
☐ Order Address same as Home Office Address ☐ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)											
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS: Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)											
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date				
DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)			10 Calendar Days (%) _____	20 Calendar Days (%) _____	30 Calendar Days (%) _____	_____ Calendar Days (%)					
MINORITY PARTICIPATION											
Please answer the following questions:											
1. Are you certified as a MOB/WOB (minority-owned business/woman-owned business) by the State of South Carolina? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide certification number: _____. If no, would you qualify as a MOB/WOB based on the District's requirement of at least fifty-one percent (51%) ownership by a woman or person of ethnic (non-white) origin? ☐ Minority-owned ☐ Woman-owned											
PROCUREMENT CARD Do you accept purchasing (Mastercard) cards to facilitate ordering and payment? ☐ Yes ☐ No											
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT											
Have you clearly listed any deviations from the requested specifications and fully explained such deviations? ☐ Yes ☐ No Failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation exist. ☐ None exist ☐ Yes If yes, below is a list of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation exist.											

NUMBER OF COPIES

Offerors will need to follow these instructions carefully when responding to the solicitation.

At least one (1) copy of the Offeror should contain original signatures; that copy shall be clearly marked or differentiated from the other copies of the Offeror by notation in the lower left corner of the cover of each Offeror with the words "ORIGINAL". This signed original copy will be retained for incorporation by reference in any contract resulting from this solicitation.

Offerors shall be signed by only those Company officials or agents duly authorized to sign bid/ proposals or contracts on behalf of their respective organizations. Each additional copy must be separated.

Additionally, if Offeror is submitting confidential information, one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed any information that you marked as exempt, i.e., a redacted copy. The information redacted should mirror in every detail the information marked as exempt from public disclosure. The redacted copy should (i) reflect the same pagination as the original, (ii) show the empty space from which information was redacted, and (iii) be submitted on magnetic media.

Return all with boxes checked:

- ☒ **(1) Original** hard copy of complete offer;
- ☐ **(1) Original** hard copy and copies (marked 'copy');
- ☒ **(1) Original** submitted electronically on USB Flash Drive;
- ☐ **(1) Original** and copies submitted electronically on USB Flash Drive;
- ☒ **(1) Redacted** copy (marked 'redacted') submitted electronically on USB Flash Drive **IF** you are submitting confidential information;
- ☐ **Other:**

(see Section II A "Submitting Confidential Information")

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I. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION

The purpose of this solicitation is for Georgetown County School District (GCSD) to solicit offers from qualified sources to provide a school-to-home communication platform for the 2024-2025 academic year. in accordance with all requirements stated herein. The selected platform must facilitate two-way communication and messaging while ensuring the privacy of personal contact information.

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD – (ESTIMATED): Start date: 07/01/**2024** End date: 06/30/**2029**.

Dates provided are estimates only. Any resulting contract will begin on the date specified in the notice of award. See clause entitled "Term of Contract – Effective Date / Initial Contract Period".

The contract resulting from this solicitation will be a one (1) year contract with four (4) additional one-year renewal options. The maximum potential contract life is five years.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

DEFINITIONS, CAPITALIZATION, AND HEADINGS

CLAUSE HEADINGS USED IN THIS SOLICITATION ARE FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND SHALL NOT BE USED TO CONSTRUE MEANING OR INTENT. EVEN IF NOT CAPITALIZED, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE

ADDENDUM means a document issued to supplement or revise the original solicitation document.

AMENDMENT means an agreed addition to, deletion from, correction, or modification of a document or contract.

BOARD means the Georgetown County School District's Board of Education; the governing body of the District.

BUSINESS means any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or any other legal entity

BUYER means the purchaser or procurer of products and services.

CHANGE ORDER means any written alteration that is issued to modify or amend a contract or purchase order. A bilateral (agreed to by all parties) or unilateral (government orders a contract change without the consent of the Contractor) request that directs the Contractor to make changes to the contracted scope of work or specifications. In reference to construction contracts, it relates primarily to changes caused by unanticipated conditions encountered during construction not covered by the drawings, plans, or specifications of the project.

CONTRACT means all types of Georgetown County School District's agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of supplies, services, equipment or construction.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION means a written alteration in specifications, delivery point, frequency of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of the contract, accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract.

CONTRACTOR means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING means procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, more than (1) public procurement unit.

DAYS means calendar days.

DISTRICT means a governmental entity governed by an elected Board of Education, which appoints a Superintendent to carry out policies established by the Board. This refers to the Georgetown County School District hereinafter referred to as the "District".

GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (GCSD) is a public-school district serving Georgetown County, South Carolina.

OFFER means the bid or proposal submitted in response this solicitation. The terms Bid and Proposal are used interchangeably with the term Offer.

OFFEROR means the single legal entity submitting the offer. The term Bidder is used interchangeably with the term Offeror. See bidding provisions entitled Signing Your Offer and Bid/Proposal as Offer to Contract.

PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR means the individual who is responsible for the daily procurement activities of the District.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER means any person acting within the scope of his/her authority and duly authorized by Georgetown County School District to enter into and administer contracts and make written determinations and findings with respect thereto, as identified as such on either the Cover Page, an amendment, or an award notice.

SOLICITATION means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Addendums.

SUBCONTRACTOR means any person you contract with to perform or provide any part of the Work.

US or WE means Georgetown County School District.

WORK means all labor, materials, equipment, services, or property of any type, provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

YOU and YOUR means Offeror.

ADDENDUMS TO SOLICITATION: (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Addendums: <http://www.gcsc.k12.sc.us/?PN=Pages&SubP=Level1Page&L=3&DivisionID=14195&DepartmentID=14702&SubDepartmentID=6626&PageID=23930>

(b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any addendum to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the addendum, (2) by letter, or (3) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the addendum. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

AUTHORIZED AGENT: All authority regarding this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer or designee is the only Georgetown County School District's official authorized to bind the District with regard to this procurement or the resulting contract.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Notice regarding any award, cancellation of award, or extension of award will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page, or if applicable, any notice of extension of award. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value of fifty thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the eleventh day after such notice is given.

BID/PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT: By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with Georgetown County School District. Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; "joint bids" are not allowed.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer in writing, documenting the fact(s) of Offeror's error.

BID IN ENGLISH and DOLLARS: Offers submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation.

BOARD AS PROCUREMENT AGENT: The Procurement Officer is an employee of the Board acting on behalf of the Georgetown County School District pursuant to the District's Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the District. The Board is not a party to such contracts and bears no liability for any party's losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION: GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

(a) By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that:

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Offeror or competitor relating to:

- (i) Those prices;
- (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
- (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the Offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other Offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:

(1) Is the person in the Offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or

(2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the Offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the Offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.

(c) If the Offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the Offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:

(a)

(1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) Offeror has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

(b) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a)(1), Offer must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish additional information as requested by the Procurement Officer may render the Offeror non-responsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to Georgetown County School District, the Procurement Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE (MODIFIED): The Georgetown County School District's Procurement Code is available at: <http://www.qcsd.k12.sc.us/?PN=Pages&SubP=Level1Page&L=3&DivisionID=14195&DepartmentID=14702&SubDepartmentID=6626&PageID=23930>

COMPLETION OF FORMS/CORRECTION OF ERRORS: All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including bid schedule).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER: Any offer received after the Procurement Officer of Georgetown County School District or designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated Georgetown County School District's Office of Procurement as instructed on the Cover page prior to the bid opening or the District's mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the opening.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: You warrant and represent that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award. The two underlying principles are (a) preventing the existence of conflicting roles that might bias a Contractor's judgment, and (b) preventing an unfair competitive advantage. If you have an unfair competitive advantage or a conflict of interest, Georgetown County School District may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, an Offeror will be notified of the concerns and provided a reasonable opportunity to respond. Efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities, may be considered. Without limiting the foregoing, you represent that your offer identifies any services that relate to either this solicitation or the work and that has already been performed by you, a proposed subcontractor,

or an affiliated business of either.

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE CERTIFICATION: By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

DUTY TO INQUIRE: Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. All ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation shall be interpreted to require the better quality or greater quantity of work and/or materials, unless otherwise directed by addendum. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the District's attention See clause entitled "Questions from Offerors."

ETHICS CERTIFICATE: By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by Contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The district may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If Contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, Contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the Procurement Officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed.

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE: Do not include any sales or use taxes in your price that Georgetown County School District may be required to pay.

OPEN TRADE REPRESENTATION: By submitting an Offer, Offeror represents that Offeror is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

PROTESTS: Any prospective bidder, Offeror, Contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest within fifteen days of the date of issuance of the applicable solicitation document at issue. Any actual bidder, Offeror, Contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within fifteen days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided, and must be received by the Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. See clause entitled "Protest-CPO". [Section 11-35-4210]

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS AND DONATIONS: Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of law.

(a) During the period between publication of the solicitation and final award, ***you must not communicate, directly or indirectly, with Georgetown County School District or its employees, agents or officials regarding any aspect of this procurement activity, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer.*** All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer.] [R. 19-445.2010]

(b) You are advised to familiarize yourself with Regulation 19-445.2165, which restricts donations to a governmental entity with whom you have or seek to have a contract. ***You represent that your offer discloses any gifts made, directly or through an intermediary, by you or your named subcontractors to or for the benefit of the District during the period beginning eighteen months prior to the Opening Date.***

PUBLIC OPENING: Offers will be publicly opened at the date/time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Addendum, whichever is applicable.

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS: (a) Any prospective Offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions regarding the original solicitation or any addendum must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless an earlier date is stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the Procurement Officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective Offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective Offerors as an Addendum to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective Offerors. See clause entitled "Duty to Inquire." **We will not identify you in our answer to your question.** (b) Georgetown County School District seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer -- as soon as possible -- regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation, that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition. [See R. 19-445.2140]

All questions should be received no later than the "QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY" date/time as noted on the cover page. The preferred method of receiving questions is via e-mail with the subject "**QUESTIONS in reference to Solicitation # 2324010**" and a Microsoft Word attachment using the following format:

Question Number	IFB Section Reference	IFB Page Number	Question

REJECTION/CANCELLATION: Georgetown County School District may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. Georgetown County School District may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [SC Code Section 11-35-1710 & R.19-445.2065.]

RESPONSIVENESS/IMPROPER OFFERS: (a) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

(b) Multiple Offers. Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all Solicitation requirements. If this solicitation is an Invitation for Bids, each separate offer must be submitted as a separate document. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.

(c) Responsiveness. Any Offer which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Offers which impose conditions that modify material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected. If a fixed price is required, an Offer will be rejected if the total possible cost to the District cannot be determined. Offerors will not be given an opportunity to correct any material nonconformity. Any deficiency resulting from a minor informality may be cured or waived at the sole discretion of the Procurement Officer. [R.19-445.2070 and Section 11-35-1520(13)]

(d) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. [R. 19-445.2070].

(e) Unbalanced Bidding. GCSD may reject an Offer as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the District even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

(f) **Do not submit bid samples or descriptive literature unless expressly requested.** Unsolicited bid samples or descriptive literature will not be examined or tested, will not be used to determine responsiveness, and will not be deemed to vary any of the provisions of the solicitation. S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445.2077(D).

SIGNING YOUR OFFER: Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words by its Partner, and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venture involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that it has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

SCHOOLS – GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES CLOSINGS: If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal processes so that offers cannot be received at Georgetown County School District's Office of Procurement as designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Addendum may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If Georgetown County School District offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Addendum will be issued to reschedule the conference.

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: (An overview is available at <https://procurement.sc.gov/legal/general-info>) For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret or (b) privileged and confidential. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends is protected by Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, Georgetown County School District may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not mark the entire page. By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page is conspicuously marked "TRADE SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROTECTED", (2) agrees that any information not marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. In determining whether to release documents, Georgetown County School District will detrimentally rely on Offeror's marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "PROTECTED". By submitting a response, Offeror agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Georgetown County School District, its officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from withholding information by Georgetown County School District that Offeror marked as "confidential" or "trade secret" or "PROTECTED". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION: (a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by electronic means) - (1) Addressed to the Office of Procurement Services as specified in the Solicitation; and (2) Showing the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of

the bidder. (b) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, each offer must be submitted in a different envelope or package. (c) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (d) Offerors using commercial carrier services shall ensure that the Offer is addressed and marked on the outermost envelope or wrapper as prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this provision when delivered to the office specified in the Solicitation. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (f) Offers submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation.

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES: Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this State who subcontracts with a socially and economically disadvantaged small business is eligible for an income tax credit equal to four percent of the payments to that subcontractor for work pursuant to the contract. The subcontractor must be certified as a socially and economically disadvantaged small business as defined in Section 11-35-5010 and regulations pursuant to it. The credit is limited to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars annually. A taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for ten consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the first payment is made to the subcontractor that qualifies for the credit. After the above ten consecutive taxable years, the taxpayer is no longer eligible for the credit. A taxpayer claiming the credit shall maintain evidence of work performed for the contract by the subcontractor. The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the Contractor's income tax return. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, Research and Review, Phone: (803) 898-5786, Fax: (803) 898-5888. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance, Phone: (803) 734-0657, Fax: (803) 734-2498.

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: (a) If Offeror is owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (b) of this provision, Offeror shall submit with its Offer the name and TIN of common parent.

(b) Definitions: "Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the Offeror is a member. "Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the Offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(c) If Offeror does not have a TIN, Offeror shall indicate if either a TIN has been applied for or a TIN is not required. If a TIN is not required, indicate whether (i) Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States; (ii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a state or local government; (iii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; or (iv) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

VENDOR REGISTRATION: Offerors who have not provided products/services to Georgetown County School District in the past or have not updated your companies profile with the District via of a completed vendor application and [W-9](#) within the past three (3) years, please complete the vendor application along with the W-9 and submit with your offer.

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER: Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED: Any award is subject to prior approval by the Georgetown County School District Board of Trustees. Board meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month.

CLARIFICATION: Pursuant to Section 11-35-1520(8), the Procurement Officer may elect to communicate with you after opening for the purpose of clarifying either your offer or the requirements of the solicitation. Such communications may be conducted only with Offerors who have submitted an offer which obviously conforms in all material aspects to the solicitation. Clarification of an offer must be documented in writing and included with the offer. Clarifications may not be used to revise an offer or the solicitation.

MAIL PICKUP: The District's mail is delivered from the US Postal Service once daily before noon (excluding weekends and holidays). Mail is routed internally at non-specific times. The risk of being delivered late is placed upon the Offeror. See provision entitled Deadline for Submission of Offer.

PROTEST-CPO – GCSD ADDRESS: Any protest must be addressed to the Mrs. Lisa Johnson, Chief Procurement Officer, Georgetown County School District, and submitted in writing (a) by email to vwilliams@gcsd.k12.sc.us, (b) by post or delivery to 2018 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440.

III. SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS:

INTRODUCTION: Georgetown County School District is coextensive with the county and is located on the southern end of South Carolina's "Grand Strand". The District is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, the south by Charleston County, the west by Williamsburg County and the north by Horry County. The land area of the District encompasses 812 square miles. Our District serves students in the towns of Georgetown, Andrews, Pawleys Island, and the rural areas in Georgetown County. The school district is comprised of 19 schools with approximately 10,000 students in grades pre-K through 12. Currently, there are nine (9) elementary schools, four (4) middle schools, and four (4) high schools, as well as the Howard Adult Center (that serves approximately 500 participants) and JB Beck Education Center in GCSD.

For more information about Georgetown County School District, please view our District website at www.gcsd.k12.sc.us.

SCOPE OF WORK: The Georgetown County School District's (hereinafter referred to as the "District") Procurement Office invites all qualified firms to provide offers for a school-to-home communication platform that allows for two-way communication and messaging. The platform should be specifically designed for school districts and be able to support en masse or targeted messaging by teachers, schools, and the district without disclosure of personal contact information while also being able to support communications for athletic teams and school clubs/organizations.

The following project objectives must be met:

1. Implement a secure and user-friendly school-to-home communication platform that enables two-way communication between teachers, students, parents, and administrators.
2. Ensure the protection of personal contact information by allowing communication without disclosing phone numbers or email addresses.
3. Enhance parental involvement and engagement in their child's education through regular updates and notifications.
4. Provide a seamless experience across various devices and communication channels.

PLATFORM SPECIFICATIONS: The following services are required of the proposed platform:

1. Provision and implementation of a school-to-home communication platform for 19 schools within Georgetown County School District.
2. Customization options to align with the specific needs and branding guidelines of Georgetown County School District.
3. Training sessions for teachers, administrators, parents, and students on how to effectively use the communication platform.
4. Integration of the platform with existing school management systems if applicable.
5. Ongoing technical support and maintenance throughout the duration of the contract.

PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Provide the capability for designated users (District, school administrators, teachers, coaches, advisors) to send communications with the choice of one or more modalities including SMS/text from a web portal and a mobile application.
2. Ability to send messages with unlimited characters.
3. Allow teachers, parents, and students to interact in the following ways
 - Option for sender to set messaging preference for sent only or send and receive
 - Capability for a teacher to communicate with parents/guardians in their individual classroom as a group or individually
 - Option for District administration to monitor messages and select the modality of communications that can be sent
4. Allow for group sizing from one to unlimited
5. Allow school staff to communicate with a group of other staff who work at the same school
6. Provide the option for messaging to be one-way or two-way per the sender's preference
7. Allow school staff to communicate with a select group of parents/guardians of the students enrolled in the school
8. Ability to create configurable, generic user accounts for sending different types of communication to include but not limited to student bus groups, athletic groups, club/organizational groups and across multiple campuses or special programs
9. Include administrator oversight for monitoring of product usage, oversight of all interactions, and management of accounts
10. Capability to schedule messages in advance
11. Allow for attachments to include audio, videos, links, files, and images
12. Ability to translate outgoing and incoming messages into all languages used by District families as indicated within the District's information system, PowerSchool. These should include but not be limited to: Spanish, Polish, German, Gujarati, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Russian, and Mandarin.
13. Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act
14. In addition to initial set-up and training, the vendor will provide a high-quality level of ongoing technical support for the District to include:
 - 24/7 customer support
 - Total system maintenance
 - Timely and automatic upgrades and upgrade information
 - Dedicated support as requested by the District
15. Integration of the platform with the District's PowerSchool SMS. Integrations for rostering is preferred with the ability to create groups outside of rostering (for use with athletics, clubs, organizations)

IV. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT:

INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT – GENERAL: Offeror shall submit a signed Cover Page and Page Two. Offeror should submit all other information and documents requested in this part and in parts II.B. Special Instructions; III. Scope of Work; V. Qualifications; VIII. Bidding Schedule/Price Proposal; and any appropriate attachments addressed in section IX. Attachments to Solicitations. You should submit a summary of all insurance policies you have or plan to acquire to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein, if any, including policy types; coverage types; limits, sub-limits, and deductibles for each policy and coverage type; the carrier's A.M. Best rating; and whether the policy is written on an occurrence or claims-made basis.

OFFSHORE CONTRACTING PROHIBITED: No part of the resulting contract from this solicitation may be performed offshore of the United States by persons located offshore of the United State or by means, methods, or communications that, in whole or in part, take place offshore of the United States.

SERVICE PROVIDER SECURITY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE – REQUIRED: The Contractor must demonstrate that programs, policies and procedures are in place to adequately provide for the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the information systems used by Contractor to process, store, transmit, and access all District information. In order for the District to accurately evaluate the strength and viability of the Contractor's security policies, procedures and practices related to confidentiality, integrity and availability, Offerors must submit with their offers a thorough and complete written response to the Service Provider Security Assessment Questionnaire ("Response to SPSAQ") attached to this Solicitation, which must address all applicable organizations and applicable information systems. The terms used in this clause shall have the same meaning as the terms defined in the clause titled Information Security – Definitions.

SUBMITTING REDACTED OFFERS: If your offer includes any information that you marked as "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Protected" in accordance with the clause entitled "Submitting Confidential Information," you must also submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). The redacted copy should (i) reflect the same pagination as the original, (ii) show the empty space from which information was redacted, and (iii) be submitted on a USB flash drive. Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original offer, and the Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password. If your offer does not contain "Confidential Information", a redacted copy is not required.

V. QUALIFICATIONS:

QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR: (1) To be eligible for award, you must have the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance. We may also consider a documented commitment from a satisfactory source that will provide you with a capability. We may consider information from any source at any time prior to award. We may elect to consider (i) key personnel, any predecessor business, and any key personnel of any predecessor business, including any facts arising prior to the date a business was established, and/or (ii) any subcontractor you identify. (2) You must promptly furnish satisfactory evidence of responsibility upon request. Unreasonable failure to supply requested information is grounds for rejection. (3) **Corporate subsidiaries are cautioned that the financial capability of an affiliated or parent company will not be considered in determining financial capability;** however, we may elect to consider any security, e.g., letter of credit, performance bond, parent company corporate guaranty, that you offer to provide.

Please submit the following information:

1. Clarification of approach to fulfill the project objectives outlined above.
2. Cost breakdown, including all fees associated with the provision of services.
3. Company profile highlighting relevant experience and expertise in providing communication solutions for educational institutions.
4. References from at least three (3) current or former clients, preferably school districts.
5. Any additional information deemed relevant by the vendor.

SUBCONTRACTOR – IDENTIFICATION: If you intend to subcontract, at any tier level, with another business for any portion of the work and that portion either (1) exceeds 10% of your cost, (2) involves access to any "District information," as defined in the clause entitled "Information Security - Definitions," if included, or (3) otherwise involves services critical to your performance of the work (err on the side of inclusion), your offer must identify that business and the portion of work which they are to perform. Identify potential subcontractors by providing the business' name, address, phone, taxpayer identification number, **and point of contact**. In determining your responsibility, the District may evaluate your proposed subcontractors.

VI. AWARD CRITERIA:

AWARD CRITERIA – BIDS: Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s).

AWARD TO ONE OFFEROR: Award will be made to one Offeror.

CALCULATING THE LOW BID

COMPETITION FROM PUBLIC ENTITIES: If a South Carolina governmental entity submits an offer, the Procurement Officer will, when determining the lowest offer, add to the price provided in any offers submitted by non-governmental entities a percentage equivalent to any applicable sales or use tax. S.C. Code Ann. Regs 117-304.1 (Supp. 2004)

UNIT PRICE GOVERNS: In determining award, unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – A. GENERAL:

ASSIGNMENT, NOVATION AND CHANGE OF NAME, IDENTITY, OR STRUCTURE: (a) Contractor shall not assign this contract, or its rights, obligations, or any other interest arising from this contract, or delegate any of its performance obligations, without the express written consent of the responsible Procurement Officer. The foregoing restriction does not apply to a transfer that occurs by operation of law (e.g., bankruptcy; corporate reorganizations and consolidations, but not including partial asset sales). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor may assign monies receivable under the contract provided that the District shall have no obligation to make payment to an assignee until thirty days after Contractor (not the assignee) has provided the responsible Procurement Officer with (i) proof of the assignment, (ii) the identity (by contract number) of the specific contract to which the assignment applies, and (iii) the name of the assignee and the exact address or account information to which assigned payments should be made. (b) If Contractor amends, modifies, or otherwise changes its name, its identity (including its trade name), or its corporate, partnership or other structure, or its FEIN, Contractor shall provide the Procurement Officer prompt written notice of such change. (c) Any name change, transfer, assignment, or novation is subject to the conditions and approval required by Regulation 19-445.2180, which does not restrict transfers by operation of law.

BANKRUPTCY: (a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to Georgetown County School District. This notification shall be furnished within two (2) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all GCSD contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is cancellable and subject to immediate termination by GCSD upon the Contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

BUY AMERICAN-SUPPLIES (JAN 2021):

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item—

(1) Means any item of supply (including construction material) that is—

(i) A commercial item (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [2.101](#));

(ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and

(iii) Offered to the Government, under a contract or subcontract at any tier, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and

(2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in [46 U.S.C.40102\(4\)](#), such as agricultural products and petroleum products.

Component means an article, material, or supply incorporated directly into an end product.

Cost of components means—

(1) For components purchased by the Contractor, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the end product (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

(2) For components manufactured by the Contractor, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (1) of this definition, plus allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the end product.

Domestic end product means—

(1) For an end product that does not consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both-

(i) An unmanufactured end product mined or produced in the United States;

(ii) An end product manufactured in the United States, if-

(A) The cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds 55 percent of the cost of all its components. Components of foreign origin of the same class or kind as those that the agency determines are not mined, produced, or manufactured in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality are treated as domestic. Components of unknown origin are treated as foreign. Scrap generated, collected, and prepared for processing in the United States is considered domestic; or

(B) The end product is a COTS item; or

(2) For an end product that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, an end product manufactured in the United States, if the cost of foreign iron and steel constitutes less than 5 percent of the cost of all the components used in the end product. The cost of foreign iron and steel includes but is not limited to the cost of foreign iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the end product and a good faith estimate of the cost of all foreign iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners. Iron or steel components of unknown origin are treated as foreign. If the end product contains multiple components, the cost of all the materials used in such end product is calculated in accordance with the definition of "cost of components".

End product means those articles, materials, and supplies to be acquired under the contract for public use.

Fastener means a hardware device that mechanically joins or affixes two or more objects together. Examples of fasteners are nuts, bolts, pins, rivets, nails, clips, and screws.

Foreign end product means an end product other than a domestic end product.

Foreign iron and steel means iron or steel products not produced in the United States. Produced in the United States means that all manufacturing processes of the iron or steel must take place in the United States, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, except metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives. The origin of the elements of the iron or steel is not relevant to the determination of whether it is domestic or foreign.

Predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both means that the cost of the iron and steel content exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of all its components. The cost of iron and steel is the cost of the iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the product and a good faith estimate of the cost of iron or steel components excluding COTS fasteners.

Steel means an alloy that includes at least 50 percent iron, between 0.02 and 2 percent carbon, and may include other elements.

United States means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

(b) [41 U.S.C. chapter 83](#), Buy American, provides a preference for domestic end products for supplies acquired for use in the United States. In accordance with [41 U.S.C. 1907](#), the domestic content test of the Buy American statute is waived for an end product that is a COTS item (see [12.505\(a\)\(1\)](#)), except that for an end product that consists wholly or predominantly of iron or steel or a combination of both, the domestic content test is applied only to the iron and steel content of the end product, excluding COTS fasteners.

(c) Offerors may obtain from the Contracting Officer a list of foreign articles that the Contracting Officer will treat as domestic for this contract.

(d) The Contractor shall deliver only domestic end products except to the extent that it specified delivery of foreign end products in the provision of the solicitation entitled "Buy American Certificate."

CHOICE-OF-LAW: The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: (a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) the solicitation, as amended, , (3) documentation of clarifications or discussions of an offer, if applicable, (4) your offer, (5) any statement reflecting GCSD's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (6) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complimentary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (5) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in any other document, including without limitation (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by GCSD or (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor, or (iii) any privacy policy, terms of use, or end user agreement. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by GCSD.

Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer of record shall be void and of no effect.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT: (a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the Offeror. As an alternative to offering a discount for prompt payment in conjunction with the offer, Offerors awarded contracts may include discounts for prompt payment on individual invoices. (b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided GCSD annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed, and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day.

DISPUTES: (1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the District's Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Florence County, State of South Carolina. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided as the Notice Address on Page Two or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

FALSE CLAIMS: According to the S.C. Code of Laws § 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED: Any pricing provided by Contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms, except as otherwise provided in this solicitation. This clause does not prohibit Contractor from offering lower pricing after award.

NO INDEMNITY OR DEFENSE: Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires GCSD to indemnify, defend, or pay attorney's fees to anyone for any reason.

NOTICE: (A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (B) Notice to Contractor shall be to the address identified on Cover Page. Notice to GCSD shall be to the Procurement Officer's address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph.

OPEN TRADE: During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

PAYMENT & INTEREST: GCSD shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified herein, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial

deliveries accepted by GCSD. (b) Unless otherwise provided herein, including the purchase order, payment will be made by check mailed to the payment address on "Page Two." (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45, or Chapter 6 of Title 29 (real property improvements) when applicable, which provides the Contractor's exclusive means of recovering any type of interest from the Owner. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable. Except as set forth in this paragraph, GCSD shall not be liable for the payment of interest on any debt or claim arising out of or related to this contract for any reason. (d) Amounts due to GCSD shall bear interest at the rate of interest established by the South Carolina Comptroller General pursuant to Section 11-35-45 ("an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year"), as amended, unless otherwise required by Section 29-6-30. (e) Any other basis for interest, including but not limited to general (pre- and post-judgment) or specific interest statutes, including S.C. Code Ann. § 34-31-20, are expressly waived by both parties. If a court, despite this agreement and waiver, requires that interest be paid on any debt by either party other than as provided by items (c) and (d) above, the parties further agree that the applicable interest rate for any given calendar year shall be the lowest prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published for each year, applied as simple interest without compounding. (f) The District shall have all its common law equitable and statutory rights of set-off.

PAYMENT WITH PROPER INVOICE: Invoices submitted for payment for goods or services provided under this contract shall contain, as a minimum, the following information:

- Name of business;
- Contract number or other authorization for delivery of service or property;
- Complete description per individual line item;
- Price and quantity of property or service delivered or executed;
- Shipping and payment terms;
- Name where applicable;
- Title, telephone number and complete mailing address of responsible official to whom payment is to be sent; and
- Other substantiating documentation of information as required by the contract;

Invoices shall be provided to Georgetown County School District at the address below. An itemized invoice shall be provided even if payment is made with a District purchasing card.

Georgetown County School District
Attn: Accounts Payable
2018 Church Street
Georgetown, SC 29440

During the term of the contract, if the District identifies items that have been overcharged, the Contractor shall reimburse the District the difference in the overcharge(s) plus an additional ten percent of the overages. Repeated instances of overcharging the District may result in the contract being terminated.

PUBLICITY: Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes GCSD employees, or include GCSD in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

PURCHASE ORDERS: CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT PERFORM ANY WORK PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF A PURCHASE ORDER FROM GEORGETOWN COUTNY SCHOOL DISTRICT. The District shall order any supplies or services to be furnished under this contract by issuing a purchase order. Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this contract. Purchase orders may be electronic. No form is required. An order placed pursuant to the purchasing card provision qualifies as a purchase order.

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS: The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

TAXES: Any tax the Contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by GCSD, and such sums shall be due and payable to the Contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by GCSD. It shall be solely GCSD's obligation, after payment to Contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to Contractor by the taxing authority. If the Contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by GCSD to Contractor, Contractor shall be liable to GCSD for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefore. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. In the event of a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, Contractor will be reimbursed the resulting unamortized, reasonably incurred, nonrecurring costs. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs amortized beyond the initial contract term.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY: This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or because of this Contract as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

WAIVER: GCSD does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the acting Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of GCSD's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – B. SPECIAL

BANKRUPTCY – DISTRICT INFORMATION: (a) All District information (as defined in the clause herein entitled "Information Security - Definitions") shall belong exclusively to the District, and Contractor has no legal or equitable interest in, or claim to, such information. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that in the event Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, District information in its possession and/or under its control will not be considered property of its bankruptcy estate.

(b) Contractor agrees to notify the District within forty-eight (48) hours of any determination that it makes to file for bankruptcy protection, and Contractor further agrees to turn over to the District, before such filing, all District information that is in Contractor's possession in a format that can be readily utilized by the District.

(c) In order to protect the integrity and availability of District information, Contractor shall take reasonable measures to evaluate and monitor the financial circumstances of any subcontractor that will process, store, transmit or access District information.

CHANGES: (1) Contract Modification. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:

- (a) Drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for GCSD in accordance therewith;
 - (b) Method of shipment or packing;
 - (c) Place of delivery;
 - (d) Description of services to be performed;
 - (e) Time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or,
 - (f) Place of performance of the services.
 - (g) Product upgrades and new products that are offered by manufacturer.
- Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract.

(2) Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance. If any such change increases or decreases the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment

in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the District promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the Contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

(3) Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the Contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the Contractor's claim unless the District is prejudiced by the delay in notification.

(4) Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the Contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: During the term of the contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE–SOFTWARE LICENSING–SINGLE AGENCY: Notwithstanding the clause entitled "Contract Documents & Order of Precedence," but as provided in the clause titled "Software Licensing Agreements–Single Solicitation," any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall not include a software licensing agreement.

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE – INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY: Any Offeror having concerns with any specific requirements of this clause should communicate those concerns to the Procurement Officer well in advance of opening.

(a) Without limiting any other obligations or liabilities of Contractor, Contractor shall procure from a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina and with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, and maintain for the duration of the contract, a policy or policies of insurance against claims which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work and the results of that work by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, subcontractors or any other entity for which the Contractor is legally responsible.

(b) Coverage must include claims for:

(i) information security risks, including without limitation, failure to prevent unauthorized access to, tampering with or unauthorized use of a computer system; introduction of malicious codes, computer viruses, worms, logic bombs, etc., into data or systems; or theft, damage, unauthorized disclosure, destruction, or corruption of information in whatever form;

(ii) privacy risks, including (A) failure to properly handle, manage, store, destroy, or otherwise control non-public personally identifiable information in any format; (B) loss or disclosure of confidential information; and (C) any form of invasion, infringement or interference with rights of privacy, including breach of security/privacy laws or regulations;

(iii) contractual liability for the Contractor's obligations described in the clauses titled "Indemnification - Third Party Claims – Disclosure of Information" and "Information Use and Disclosure;" and

(iv) errors, omissions, or negligent acts in the performance, by the Contractor or by any entity for which the Contractor is legally responsible, of professional services included in the work.

(c) If the work includes content for internet web sites or any publications or media advertisements, coverage must also include claims for actual or alleged infringement of intellectual property rights, invasion of privacy, as well as advertising, media and content offenses.

(d) If the work includes software, coverage must also include claims for intellectual property infringement arising out of software and/or content (with the exception of patent infringement and misappropriation of trade secrets)

(e) Coverage shall have limits no less than five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars per occurrence and ten million (\$10,000,000.00) dollars aggregate.

(f) If the insurance required by this clause is procured on a form affording "claims-made" coverage, then (i) all limits stated above as "per occurrence" shall be understood to mean "per claim" or "per occurrence," as is consistent with the terms of the "claims-made" policy; and (ii) such claims-made insurance shall provide for a retroactive date no later than the date the contract is awarded.

(g) All terms of this clause shall survive termination of the contract and shall continue until thirty (30) days past the final completion of the work, including the performance of any warranty work. In addition, Contractor shall maintain in force and effect any "claims-made" coverage for a minimum of two (2) years after final completion of all work or services to be provided hereunder. Contractor shall purchase an extended reporting period, or "tail coverage," if necessary to comply with the latter requirement.

(h) Georgetown County School District, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, must be covered as additional insureds on the policy or policies of insurance required by this clause.

(i) For any claims related to this contract, the insurance coverage required by this clause shall be primary insurance as respects the District, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District, or the officers, officials, employees and volunteers, shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

(j) Prior to commencement of the work, the Contractor shall furnish the District with original certificates of insurance for every applicable policy effecting the coverage required by this clause. All certificates are to be received and approved by the Procurement Officer before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The District reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including policy declarations and any endorsements required by this section, at any time.

(k) Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. In addition, the Contractor shall notify the District immediately upon receiving any information that any of the coverages required by this clause are or will be changed, cancelled, or replaced.

(l) Contractor hereby grants to the District a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the District by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance as is required by this clause. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether the District has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

(m) Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the District. The District may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.

CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION – GENERAL: The Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and non-professional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The Contractor must act as the prime Contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. The Contractor will be considered the sole point of contact regarding all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements.

DEFAULT: (a)(1) GCSD may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to—(i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension; (ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or (iii) Perform any of the other material provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause). (2) The District's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Procurement Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Procurement Officer specifying the failure.

(b) If GCSD terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Procurement Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the District for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.

(c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable

for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(e) If this contract is terminated for default, GCSD may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the District, as directed by the Procurement Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which GCSD has an interest.

(f) GCSD shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Procurement Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property; if the parties fail to agree, the Procurement Officer shall set an amount subject to the Contractor's rights under the Disputes clause. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. GCSD may withhold from these amounts any sum the Procurement Officer determines to be necessary to protect the District against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of GCSD, be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of GCSD. If, in the foregoing circumstances, this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of GCSD, the contract shall be adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly subject to the Contractor's rights under the Disputes clause.

(h) The rights and remedies of GCSD in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the District upon request any documentation required to establish either:

(a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or

(b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractor's language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractor's language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY CLAIMS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION: (a) Without limitation, Contractor shall defend and hold harmless Indemnitees from and against any and all suits, claims, investigations, or fines (hereinafter "action") of any character (and all related damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities) by a third party which arise out of or in connection with a disclosure of District information (as defined in the clause titled Information Security - Definitions) caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of Contractor, its subcontractors at any tier, their employees, workmen, servants, agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not caused in part by an Indemnitee, and whether or not such action is brought by a third party or an Indemnitee, but only if the act or omission constituted a failure to perform some obligation imposed by the contract or the law.

(b) Indemnitee must notify Contractor in writing within a reasonable period after Indemnitee first receives written notice of any action. Indemnitee's failure to provide or delay in providing such notice will relieve Contractor of its obligations under this clause only if and to the extent that such delay or failure materially prejudices Contractor's ability to defend such action. Indemnitee must reasonably cooperate with Contractor's defense of such actions (such cooperation does not require and is without waiver of an Indemnitee's attorney/client, work product, or other privilege) and, subject to Title 1, Chapter 7 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, allow Contractor sole control of the defense, so long as the defense is diligently and capably

prosecuted. Indemnitee may participate in Contractor's defense of any action at its own expense. Contractor may not, without Indemnitee's prior written consent, settle, compromise, or consent to the entry of any judgment in any such commenced or threatened action unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of Indemnitee from all liability related to such commenced or threatened action, and (ii) is solely monetary in nature and does not include a statement as to, or an admission of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of, an Indemnitee or otherwise adversely affect an Indemnitee. Indemnitee's consent is necessary for any settlement that requires Indemnitee to part with any right or make any payment or subjects Indemnitee to any injunction.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision, Contractor's obligations pursuant to this clause are without any limitation whatsoever. Contractor's obligations under this clause shall survive the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of the contract. This provision shall be construed fairly and reasonably, neither strongly for nor against either party, and without regard to any clause regarding insurance.

(d) "Indemnitee" means Georgetown County School District, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees.

INDEMNIFICATION - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: (a) Without limitation and notwithstanding any provision in this agreement, Contractor shall, upon receipt of notification, defend and indemnify the District, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees against all actions, proceedings or claims of any nature (and all damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees (including inside counsel), costs, expenses, losses or liabilities attributable thereto) by any third party asserting or involving an IP right related to an acquired item. District shall allow Contractor to defend such claim so long as the defense is diligently and capably prosecuted. District shall allow Contractor to settle such claim so long as (i) all settlement payments are made by Contractor, and (ii) the settlement imposes no non-monetary obligation upon District. District shall reasonably cooperate with Contractor's defense of such claim.

(b) In the event an injunction or order shall be obtained against District's use of any acquired item, or if in Contractor's opinion, the acquired item is likely to become the subject of a claim of infringement or violation of an IP right, Contractor shall, without in any way limiting the foregoing, and at its expense, either: (1) procure for District the right to continue to use, or have used, the acquired item, or (2) replace or modify the acquired item so that it becomes non-infringing but only if the modification or replacement does not adversely affect the specifications for the acquired item or its use by District. If neither (1) nor (2), above, is practical, District may require that Contractor remove the acquired item from District, refund to District any charges paid by District therefor, and take all steps necessary to have District released from any further liability.

(c) Contractor's obligations under this paragraph do not apply to a claim to the extent (i) that the claim is caused by Contractor's compliance with specifications furnished by the District unless Contractor knew its compliance with the District's specifications would infringe an IP right, or (ii) that the claim is caused by Contractor's compliance with specifications furnished by the District if the District knowingly relied on a third party's IP right to develop the specifications provided to Contractor and failed to identify such product to Contractor.

(d) As used in this paragraph, these terms are defined as follows: "IP right(s)" means a patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or any other proprietary right. "Acquired item(s)" means the rights, goods, or services furnished under this agreement. "Specification(s)" means a detailed, exact statement of particulars such as a statement prescribing materials, dimensions, and quality of work. (e) Contractor's obligations under this clause shall survive the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this Agreement.

INFORMATION SECURITY – DEFINITIONS: The following definitions are used in those clauses that cross reference this clause:

Compromise means disclosure of information to unauthorized persons, or a violation of the security policy of a system in which unauthorized intentional or unintentional disclosure, modification, destruction, or loss of an object may have occurred. Without limitation, the term "compromise" includes copying the data through covert network channels, or copying the data to unauthorized media, or disclosure of information in violation of any obligation imposed by this contract.

Data means a subset of information in an electronic format that allows it to be retrieved or transmitted.

District information means information (i) provided to Contractor by, or generated by Contractor for Georgetown County School District, or (ii) acquired or accessed by Contractor as a result of performing the Work. Without limiting the foregoing, District information includes any information that Contractor acquires or accesses by software or web-based services, which includes, without limitation, any metadata or location data. District information excludes unrestricted information.

Information means any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts, statistics, or opinions, in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual.

Information system means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information.

Public information means any specific information, regardless of form or format, that the District has actively and intentionally disclosed, disseminated, or made available to the public. Information is not public information solely because it may be subject to inspection pursuant to an unfulfilled public records request.

Software means any computer program accessed or used by the District Unit or a third party pursuant to or as a result of this contract.

Third party means any person or entity other than the District, the Contractor, or any subcontractors at any tier.

Unrestricted information means (1) public information acquired other than through performance of the work, (2) information acquired by Contractor prior to contract formation, (3) information incidental to your contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management information, and (4) any ideas, concepts, know-how, methodologies, processes, technologies, techniques which Contractor develops or learns in connection with Contractor's performance of the work.

Web-based service means a service accessed over the Internet and acquired, accessed, or used by the District or a third party pursuant to or as a result of this contract, including without limitation, cloud services, software-as-a-service, and hosted computer services.

INFORMATION SECURITY - SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS: (a) *Definitions.* The terms used in this clause shall have the same meaning as the terms defined in the clause titled Information Security – Definitions. In addition, as used in this clause—

Clearing means removal of data from an information system, its storage devices, and other peripheral devices with storage capacity, in such a way that the data may not be reconstructed using common system capabilities (i.e., through the keyboard); however, the data may be reconstructed using laboratory methods.

Intrusion means an unauthorized act of bypassing the security mechanisms of a system.

Media means physical devices or writing surfaces including but not limited to magnetic tapes, optical disks, magnetic disks, large scale integration memory chips, and printouts (but not including display media, e.g., a computer monitor, cathode ray tube (CRT) or other (transient) visual output) onto which information is recorded, stored, or printed within an information system.

Safeguarding means measures or controls that are prescribed to protect information.

Voice means all oral information regardless of transmission protocol.

(b) *Safeguarding Information.* Without limiting any other legal or contractual obligations, Contractor shall implement and maintain reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards (including without limitation written policies and procedures) for protection of the security, confidentiality and integrity of the District information in its possession. In addition, Contractor shall apply security controls when the Contractor reasonably determines that safeguarding requirements, in addition to those identified in paragraph (c) of this clause, may be required to provide adequate security, confidentiality and integrity in a dynamic environment based on an assessed risk or vulnerability.

(c) *Safeguarding requirements and procedures.* Contractor shall apply the following basic safeguarding requirements to protect District information from unauthorized access and disclosure:

(1) Protecting information on public computers or Web sites: Do not process District information on public computers (e.g., those available for use by the general public in kiosks, hotel business centers) or computers that do not have access control. District information shall not be posted on Web sites that are publicly available or have access limited only by domain/Internet Protocol restriction. Such information may be posted to web pages that control access by user ID/password, user certificates, or other technical means, and that provide protection via use of security technologies. Access control may be provided by the intranet (versus the Web site itself or the application it hosts).

- (2) Transmitting electronic information. Transmit email, text messages, blogs, and similar communications that contain District information using technology and processes that provide the best level of security and privacy available, given facilities, conditions, and environment.
- (3) Transmitting voice and fax information. Transmit District information via voice and fax only when the sender has a reasonable assurance that access is limited to authorized recipients.
- (4) Physical and electronic barriers. Protect District information by at least one physical and one electronic barrier (e.g., locked container or room, login and password) when not under direct individual control.
- (5) Sanitization. At a minimum, clear information on media that have been used to process District information before external release or disposal. Overwriting is an acceptable means of clearing media in accordance with National Institute of Standards and Technology 800–88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, at http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-88/NISTSP800-88_with-errata.pdf.
- (6) Intrusion protection. Provide at a minimum the following protections against intrusions and compromise:
- (i) Current and regularly updated malware protection services, e.g., anti-virus, antispyware.
 - (ii) Prompt application of security-relevant software upgrades, e.g., patches, service packs, and hot fixes.
- (7) Transfer limitations. Transfer District information only to those subcontractors that both require the information for purposes of contract performance and provide at least the same level of security as specified in this clause.
- (d) *Subcontracts*. Any reference in this clause to Contractor also includes any subcontractor at any tier. Contractor is responsible for and shall impose by agreement requirements at least as secure as those imposed by this clause on, any other person or entity that Contractor authorizes to take action related to District information.
- (e) *Other contractual requirements regarding the safeguarding of information*. This clause addresses basic requirements and is subordinate to any other contract clauses or requirements to the extent that it specifically provides for enhanced safeguarding of information or information systems.

INFORMATION SECURITY – LOCATION OF DATA: Notwithstanding any other provisions, Contractor is prohibited from processing, storing, transmitting, or accessing District information, as defined in the clause titled Information Security - Definitions, outside the continental United States. For clarity, this obligation is a material requirement of this contract and applies to subcontractors at any tier.

INFORMATION USE AND DISCLOSURE: Except to the extent necessary for performance of the work, citizens should not be required to share information with those engaged by the District in order to access services provided by the District and such information should be used by those engaged by the District only to the extent necessary to perform the work acquired; accordingly, this clause addresses basic requirements for the Contractor's use and disclosure of District information, which expressly includes, but is not limited to, information provided by or obtained from the citizens. Anonymizing information does not resolve the foregoing concern. This clause should be broadly interpreted to effectuate this intent. Every obligation in this clause is material. Absent express reference to this clause, this clause supersedes any other clause to the extent of any inconsistency unless and to the extent the other clause provides greater protection for District information.

- (a) *Definitions*. The terms used in this clause shall have the same meaning as the terms defined in the clause titled Information Security – Definitions.
- (b) *Legal mandates*. Contractor shall be permitted to use, disclose, or retain District information to the limited extent necessary to comply with any requirement imposed on Contractor by law. If it is necessary for Contractor to use, disclose, or retain District information in order to comply with a law, Contractor shall provide District with written notice, including a description of the circumstances and applicable law, in advance of such use, disclosure or retention except to the extent expressly prohibited by law.
- (c) *Flow down*. Any reference in this clause to Contractor also includes any subcontractor at any tier. Contractor is responsible for and shall impose by agreement the requirements of this clause on, any other person or entity that Contractor authorizes to take action related to District information.
- (d) *Collecting Information*. Contractor must gather and maintain District information only to the minimum extent necessary to accomplish the work.
- (e) *Rights, Disclosure and Use*. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this solicitation, Contractor agrees NOT to either (1) use or disclose District information, or (2) retain District information after termination or expiration of this contract. Contractor acquires no rights in any District information except the limited rights to use, disclose and retain the District information in

accordance with the terms of this solicitation. To the extent reasonably necessary to perform the work, Contractor may: (i) use (including access, process, transmit, and store) and maintain the District information itself; and (ii) disclose District information to persons having a need-to-know (e.g., subcontractors). Before disclosing District information to a subcontractor or third party, Contractor shall give the District detailed written notice of both the reason for disclosure and the identity and location of the recipient. The notice shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) business days in advance of the disclosure.

(f) *Return*. Notwithstanding the district's failure to perform or the pendency of a dispute, Contractor agrees to promptly deliver to the District (or destroy, at the District's option) all District information in its possession as and upon written request of District (provided that, if the contract has not expired or been terminated, Contractor shall be excused from the performance of any work reasonably dependent on Contractor's further access to such District information).

(g) *Privacy Policy & Applicable Laws*. Without limiting any other legal or contractual obligations imposed by this contract or the law, Contractor shall (a) comply with its own privacy policies and written privacy statements relevant to the work, and (b) comply with (1) all laws applicable to Contractor regarding District information, and (2) all laws and standards identified in the clause, if included, entitled Information Use and Disclosure – Standards.

(h) *Actions Following Disclosure*. Immediately upon discovery of a compromise or improper use of District information, Contractor shall take such action as may be necessary to preserve forensic evidence and eliminate the cause of the compromise or improper use. As soon as practicable, but no later than twenty-four hours after discovery, Contractor shall notify District of the compromise or improper use, including a description of the circumstances of the use or compromise. As soon as practicable after discovery, Contractor shall undertake a thorough forensic investigation of any compromise or improper use and provide the District all information necessary to enable the District to fully understand the nature and extent of the compromise or improper use. With regard to any compromise or improper use of District information, Contractor shall: (1) provide any notification to third parties legally required to be provided such notice by Contractor, and if not (e.g., if legally required of the District), Contractor shall reimburse Georgetown County School District for the cost of providing such notifications; (2) pay all costs and expenses for at least two years of identity theft monitoring services (including without limitation, credit monitoring) and identity theft restoration services for any such affected individuals receiving notice where such services are appropriate given the circumstances of the incident and the nature of the information compromised; (3) undertake any other measures that are customary and reasonable for an entity to take when experiencing a similar disclosure, (4) pay any related fines or penalties imposed on the District, and (5) reimburse the District all costs reasonably incurred for communications and public relations services involved in responding to the compromise or improper use. Notwithstanding any other provision, Contractor's obligations pursuant to this item (h) are without limitation.

(j) *Survival & Remedy*. All the obligations imposed by this paragraph are material. The obligations of this section shall survive termination or expiration of the contract. Without limiting any rights, the District may have, and notwithstanding any other term of this contract, Contractor agrees that GCSD may have no adequate remedy at law for a breach of Contractor's obligations under this clause and therefore the District shall be entitled to pursue equitable remedies in the event of a breach of this clause.

INFORMATION USE AND DISCLOSURE – STANDARDS: To the extent applicable:

(a) Breach of security of state agency data; notification; rights and remedies of injured parties; penalties; notification of Consumer Protection Division, S.C. Code Ann. § 1-11-490.

(b) South Carolina Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Act (FIFITPA), 2008 Act 190, as amended. Solely for purposes of Section 39-1-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, Contractor is deemed to be the owner of District information, as defined herein, and Contractor agrees that the District is not a licensee.

(c) The South Carolina Family Privacy Protection Act of 2002, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-2-10, et seq.

(d) Personal Identifying Information Privacy Protection, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-2-310 et seq.

(e) Data Breach Notification, 2014 Act No. 286, § 117.117, as revised in any future annual appropriations act.

OFFSHORE CONTRACTING PROHIBITED: No part of the resulting contract from this solicitation may be performed offshore of the United States by persons located offshore of the United State or by means, methods, or communications that, in whole or in part, take place offshore of the United States.

OWNERSHIP OF DATA & MATERIALS: All data, material and documentation either prepared for GCSD pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to GCSD.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS: (1) Method of Adjustment. Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to a clause in this contract shall be consistent with this Contract and shall be arrived at through whichever one of the following ways is the most valid approximation of the actual cost to the Contractor (including profit, if otherwise allowed):

- (a) By agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;
- (b) By unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
- (c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the relevant clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as specified in the Contract; or subsequently agreed upon;
- (d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or,
- (e) in the absence of agreement by the parties, through a unilateral initial written determination by the Procurement Officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as computed by the Procurement Officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, subject to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the S.C. Code of Laws.

(2) Submission of Price or Cost Data. Upon request of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall provide reasonably available factual information to substantiate that the price or cost offered, for any price adjustments is reasonable, consistent with the provisions of Section 11-35-1830.

PRICE ADJUSTMENT - LIMITED - AFTER INITIAL TERM ONLY: Upon approval of the Procurement Officer, prices may be adjusted for any renewal term. Prices shall not be increased during the initial term. Any request for a price increase must be received by the Procurement Officer at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the applicable term and must be accompanied by sufficient documentation to justify the increase. If approved, a price increase becomes effective starting with the term beginning after approval. A price increase must be executed as a change order. Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the then current term if a price increase request is denied. Notice of termination pursuant to this paragraph must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than fifteen (15) days after the Procurement Officer sends Contractor notice rejecting the requested price increase.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY CPI “All Items”: Upon request and adequate justification, the Procurement Officer may grant a price increase up to, but not to exceed, the unadjusted percent change for the most recent 12 months for which data is available, that is not subject to revision, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers (CPI-U), “all items” for services, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at www.bls.gov.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY CPI “Other Goods & Services”: Upon request and adequate justification, the Procurement Officer may grant a price increase up to, but not to exceed, the unadjusted percent change for the most recent 12 months for which data is available, that is not subject to revision, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers (CPI-U), “Other Goods & Services” for services, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at www.bls.gov.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY PPI: Upon request and adequate justification, the Procurement Officer may grant a price increase up to, but not to exceed, the unadjusted percent change for the most recent 12 months for which data is available, that is not subject to revision, in the Producer Price Indexes (PPI) for the applicable commodity, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at www.bls.gov.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES: Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venture of the other. Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party.

RESTRICTIONS ON PRESENTING TERMS OF USE OR OFFERING ADDITIONAL SERVICES: (a) Citizens, as well as public employees (acting in their individual capacity), should not be unnecessarily required to agree to or provide consent to policies or contractual terms in order to access services acquired by the District pursuant to this contract (hereinafter

“applicable services”) or, in the case of public employees, to perform their job duties; accordingly, in performing the work, Contractor shall not require or invite any citizen or public employee to agree to or provide consent to any end user contract, privacy policy, or other terms of use (hereinafter “terms of use”) not previously approved in writing by the Procurement Officer. Contractor agrees that any terms of use regarding applicable services are void and of no effect.

(b) Unless expressly provided in the solicitation, public contracts are not intended to provide Contractors an opportunity to market additional products and services; accordingly, in performing the work, Contractor shall not – for itself or on behalf of any third party – offer citizens or public employees (other than the Procurement Officer) any additional products or services not required by the contract.

(c) Any reference to Contractor in items (a) or (b) also includes any subcontractor at any tier. Contractor is responsible for compliance with these obligations by any person or entity that Contractor authorizes to take any action related to the work.

(d) Any violation of this clause is a material breach of contract. The parties acknowledge the difficulties inherent in determining the damage from any breach of these restrictions. Contractor shall pay the District liquidated damages of \$1,000 for each contact with a citizen or end user that violates this restriction.

SERVICE PROVIDER SECURITY REPRESENTATION: The following obligations are subordinate to any other contract clause to the extent the other clause specifically provides for enhanced safeguarding of District information, applicable information systems, or applicable organizations. Offeror (i) warrants that the work will be performed, and any applicable information system (as defined in the clause titled “Information Security - Definitions”) will be established and maintained in substantial conformity with the information provided in Offeror’s Response to SPSAQ; (ii) agrees to provide the District with prompt notice of any material variation in operations from that reflected in the Response to SPSAQ; and (iii) agrees to comply with all other obligations involving either information security or information use and disclosure imposed by the contract, notwithstanding any inconsistent statement in Offeror’s Response to SPSAQ. To the extent Offeror’s Response to SPSAQ does not conform to any other contractual requirements, the District’s lack of objection does not constitute a waiver.

TERM OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE DATE / INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD: The effective date of this contract is the first day of the Maximum Contract Period as specified on the final statement of award. The initial term of this agreement is one (1) year from the effective date. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

TERM OF CONTRACT – OPTION TO RENEW: (a) At the end of the initial term, and at the end of each renewal term, this contract shall automatically renew for a period of one (1) year, unless Contractor receives notice that the District elects not to renew the contract at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of renewal. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award. (b) Contractor acknowledges that, unless excused by Section 11-57-320, if the Contractor is on the then-current Iran Divestment Act List as of the date of any contract renewal, the renewal will be void ab initio.

TERM OF CONTRACT – TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR: Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the initial term, or any renewal term, by providing the Procurement Officer notice of its election to terminate under this clause at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then current term.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: (1) Termination. The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the District. The Procurement Officer shall give written notice of the termination to the Contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.

(2) Contractor’s Obligations. The Contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination the Contractor will stop work to the extent specified. The Contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The Contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Procurement Officer may direct the Contractor to assign the Contractor’s right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the District. The Contractor must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so.

(3) Right to Supplies. The Procurement Officer may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the District in the

manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the Contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this contract. The Contractor shall, upon direction of the Procurement Officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the Contractor in which the District has an interest. If the Procurement Officer does not exercise this right, the Contractor shall use best efforts to sell such supplies and manufacturing materials in accordance with the standards of Uniform Commercial Code Section 2-706. Utilization of this Section in no way implies that the District has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause.

(4) Compensation. (a) The Contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data required by Section 11-35-1830 bearing on such claim. If the Contractor fails to file a termination claim within one year from the effective date of termination, the Procurement Officer may pay the Contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.

(b) The Procurement Officer and the Contractor may agree to a settlement and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the District, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Paragraph (3) of this clause, and the contract price of the work not terminated;

(c) Absent complete agreement under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the Procurement Officer shall pay the Contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under Subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this Subparagraph:

(i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract;

(ii) costs reasonably incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted supplies or services;

(iii) reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this clause. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with Subparagraph (c)(ii) of this paragraph;

(iv) any other reasonable costs that have resulted from the termination. The total sum to be paid the Contractor under this Subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the Contractor reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, and the contract price of work not terminated.

(d) Contractor must demonstrate any costs claimed, agreed to, or established under Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph using its standard record keeping system, provided such system is consistent with any applicable Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

(5) Contractor's failure to include an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not (i) affect the District's right to require the termination of a subcontract, or (ii) increase the obligation of the District beyond what it would have been if the subcontract had contained an appropriate clause.

VII. BIDDING SCHEDULE: IFB #2324010

BIDDING SCHEDULE (IFB): Submit the following price information on the follow document:

Name of Offeror as identified on the cover page: _____
(Full legal name of business submitting the offer)

Authorized Signature: _____
(Person signing **must** be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)

Item Description: Provide School-to-Home Communication Platform	
Year 1	\$
Year 2	\$
Year 3	\$
Year 4	\$
Year 5	\$
TOTAL \$	

IX. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION – LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

The following documents are attached to this solicitation:

EDGAR CERTIFICATION FORM

GCSD VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

"SEALED BID" LABELS

VENDOR PROFILE & QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions for Non-Resident Taxpayer Registration
NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING
IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE - NONRESIDENTS ONLY

Withholding Requirements for Payments to Nonresidents: Section 12-8-550 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires persons hiring or contracting with a nonresident conducting a business or performing personal services of a temporary nature within South Carolina to withhold 2% of each payment made to the nonresident. The withholding requirement does not apply to (1) payments on purchase orders for tangible personal property when the payments are not accompanied by services to be performed in South Carolina, (2) nonresidents who are not conducting business in South Carolina, (3) nonresidents for contracts that do not exceed \$10,000 in a calendar year, or (4) payments to a nonresident who (a) registers with either the S.C. Department of Revenue or the S.C. Secretary of State and (b) submits a Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to the person letting the contract.

The withholding requirement applies to every governmental entity that uses a contract ("Using Entity"). Nonresidents should submit a separate copy of the Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to every Using Entity that makes payment to the nonresident pursuant to this solicitation. Once submitted, an affidavit is valid for all contracts between the nonresident and the Using Entity, unless the Using Entity receives notice from the Department of Revenue that the exemption from withholding has been revoked.

Section 12-8-540 requires persons making payment to a nonresident taxpayer of rentals or royalties at a rate of \$1,200.00 or more a year for the use of or for the privilege of using property in South Carolina to withhold 7% of the total of each payment made to a nonresident taxpayer who is not a corporation and 5% if the payment is made to a corporation. Contact the Department of Revenue for any applicable exceptions.

For information about other withholding requirements (e.g., employee withholding), contact the Withholding Section at the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 803-898-5383 or visit the Department's website at: <https://dor.sc.gov>

This notice is for informational purposes only. This agency does not administer and has no authority over tax issues. All registration questions should be directed to the License and Registration Section at 803-898-5872 or to the South Carolina Department of Revenue, Registration Unit, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0140. All withholding questions should be directed to the Withholding Section at 803-896-1420.

https://dor.sc.gov/forms-site/Forms/I312_05182015.pdf

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS for Solicitation # 2324010

Offerors are advised that, notwithstanding any instructions or inferences elsewhere in this solicitation, the instructions provided and the documents shown on this sheet need to be submitted with and made part of their proposal. Other documents may be required after the submittal deadline, but prior to award. Offerors are advised that failure to follow these instructions or submit the documents shown on this sheet and return the forms in the condition indicated MAY RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE and eliminate it from further consideration.

NOTE: Only those instructions or items marked with an (X) are applicable to this procurement.

☒	Pages 1 & 2 (COVER SHEET)
☐	SUBMITTALS REQUIRED as per II. Instructions to Offerors – B. Special Instructions:
☐	SUBMITTALS REQUIRED as per III. Scope of Work / Specifications:
☒	SUBMITTALS REQUIRED as per IV. Information for Offerors to Submit: 1. Clarification of approach to fulfill the project objectives outlined above. 2. Cost breakdown, including all fees associated with the provision of services. 3. Company profile highlighting relevant experience and expertise in providing communication solutions for educational institutions. 4. References from at least three (3) current or former clients, preferably school districts. 5. Any additional information deemed relevant by the vendor.
☐	SUBMITTALS REQUIRED as per V. Qualifications:
☒	Page 33 - BIDDING SCHEDULE
☒	SUBMITTALS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE: EDGAR Certification Form GCSD Vendor Application Form Vendor Profile & Questionnaire

ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION – “SEALED BID” LABELS

Cut along the outer border and affix this label to your envelope to identify it as a “Sealed Bid/Proposal”. Be sure to include the name of the business submitting the offer.

SEALED BID/PROPOSAL – DO NOT OPEN
SOLICITATION NO: 2324010



DELIVER TO: GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
2018 CHURCH STREET
GEORGETOWN, SC 29440

SUBMITTED BY:

NAME OF OFFEROR (FULL LEGAL NAME OF BUSINESS SUBMITTING THE OFFER)



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EDGAR CERTIFICATIONS

Education Department General Administrative Regulations

All purchases involving the expenditure of federal funds must be compliant with the Education Department General Administrative Guidelines (“EDGAR”). The following certifications and provisions are required and apply when the Georgetown County School District (“District”) expends federal funds for any purchase resulting from this procurement process. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.326, all contracts, including small purchases, awarded by the District shall contain the procurement provisions of Appendix II to Part 200, as applicable.

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS APPENDIX II C.F.R. PART 200

- (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 District expends federal funds, 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) **All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.**

Pursuant to Federal Rule (B) above, for all contracts involving Federal funds in excess of \$10,000, District reserves the right to terminate the contract (i) for convenience, and/or (ii) for cause by issuing a certified notice to the vendor.

- (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 District expends federal funds 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 District expends federal funds during the term of an award for all contracts and subgrants for construction or repair, 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 nonfederal 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 Page 11 EDGAR CERTIFICATIONS (continued) 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 District, Vendor certifies that Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act during the term of an award resulting from this procurement process.

- (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 District, Vendor certifies that Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of Federal Rule (F) during the term of an award resulting from this procurement process.

- (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 nonfederal 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 District, Vendor certifies that Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of Federal Rule (G) during the term of an award resulting from this procurement process.

- (H) Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).** Vendor agrees to comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (H) above, when federal funds are expended by District, Vendor certifies that Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of Federal Rule (H) during the term of an award resulting from this procurement process.

- (I) 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 government wide 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 (I) above, when federal funds are expended by District, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award resulting from this procurement process, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

- (J) 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. Page 12 EDGAR CERTIFICATIONS (continued) Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with nonfederal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier-to-tier up to the nonfederal award.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (J) above, Vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Byrd AntiLobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). The Vendor further certifies that: (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an 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 any Federal

contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, 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 subawards in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(K) Domestic preferences for procurements.

(a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

(c) Federal agencies providing Federal financial assistance for infrastructure projects must implement the Buy America preferences set forth in [2 CFR part 184](#).

RECORDS RETENTION

Records Retention (2 C.F.R. § 200.333): Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and all other nonfederal entity records pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of three (3) years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for Federal awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively, as reported to the Federal awarding agency or passthrough entity in the case of a subrecipient.

RECOVERED MATERIALS

Recovered Materials (2 CFR §200.322): Contractor must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

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.

Firm's Name: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Print Name of Authorized Representative: _____

VENDOR PROFILE & QUESTIONNAIRE

The Offeror must complete this profile & questionnaire which may be used in the evaluation process to help determine if an Offeror is responsible.

Vendor Name			
Years in business under this name			
Current licenses:			

REFERENCES

The references provided below should reflect services of similar scope and size within the last 3 years.

Reference #1

Company Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Contact Name		Title	
Contact Phone		E-Mail	
Description & Date of Services			

Reference #2

Company Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Contact Name		Title	
Contact Phone		E-Mail	
Description & Date of Services			

Reference #3

Company Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Contact Name		Title	
Contact Phone		E-Mail	
Description & Date of Services			

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INITIALS

DATE

GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

BUSINESS FULL LEGAL NAME & ADDRESS:

REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Attach a blank copy of your invoice.):

 PHONE: _____ FAX: _____
 TOLL: _____ CELL: _____

 PHONE: _____ FAX: _____
 TOLL: _____ CELL: _____

→ WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____

→ **EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ELECTRONIC PURCHASE ORDER TRANSMITTALS TO BE EMAILED:** _____

NAMES OF OWNERS, OFFICERS, PARTNERS AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY:

OWNER/PRESIDENT: _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

→ EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OWNER / PRESIDENT: _____

PARTNER: _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

SALES REPRESENTATIVE: _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

→ EMAIL ADDRESS FOR MAIN SALES CONTACT: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT TYPE OF BUSINESS:

 TYPE: ☐ Attorney ☐ Partnership (LLP)
 (Check all that apply) ☐ Construction (Inc.) ☐ Partnership (not Inc.)
☐ Construction (not Inc.) ☐ Research & Dev
☐ Corporation (Inc.) ☐ Sales & Service
☐ Distributor / Dealer ☐ Sales (only)
☐ Governmental ☐ Service Provider
☐ Individual ☐ Small Business
☐ Manufacturer ☐ Wholesaler / Retailer
☐ Medical Services ☐ Other _____

Are you subject to IRS 1099 reporting for income tax purposes?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know
STATUS: ☐ Minority Owned * ☐ Woman Owned *
 *Must be at least 51% owned/controlled by minorities (non-whites)
 or women. Check all that apply even if not State certified.

SC Certification #: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT PRODUCTS / SERVICES:

(Find "best fit" category(ies). Check all that apply.)

☐ Books & Similar Materials ☐ Furniture
☐ Computer Hdw / Software ☐ Landscaping / Lawn Maint.
☐ Construction (Specify Below) ☐ Printing
☐ Electrical ☐ Rentals (specify)
☐ Masonry ☐ Repairs(specify)
☐ Mechanical / HVAC ☐ Services (specify)
☐ Painting ☐ Supplies (specify)
☐ Plumbing
☐ Roofing
☐ Other (specify) _____
☐ Equipment ☐ Telecommunications
☐ Food Products ☐ Vehicles / Trucks
☐ Other (specify) _____

IDENTIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION:

In compliance with Internal Revenue Service and State of South Carolina regulations, please provide us with the following taxpayer identification information. We are required by law to obtain this information when making a reportable payment to you. Failure to provide the information may subject future payments to a 31% backup withholding and \$50 penalty. ** This serves as a substitute Federal W-9**

→ For individuals, enter social security number (SSN): _____

→ For sole proprietors, enter owner's SSN or Federal Employer's Identification Number (FEIN): _____

→ For partnerships, corporations or others, enter FEIN: _____

→ For verification of sales tax collection authority, enter State of SC Sales Tax License Number: _____

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that the numbers provided above are true and correct and I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt, or (b) I have not been notified by the IRS that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding. I further certify that all information supplied herein is correct and the applicant nor anyone in connection with the applicant as a principal or officer, so far as is known, is now debarred, suspended or otherwise declared ineligible to do business with any agency of the State of South Carolina, the Federal government or Georgetown County School District.

Authorized Signatory _____

Print Name & Title _____

Date Completed _____

BIDDER'S CHECKLIST

AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

Review this checklist prior to submitting your bid. Failure to follow this checklist may risk having your bid rejected.

- **Do not** INCLUDE ANY OF YOUR STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS OR ADDITIONAL BOILERPLATE CONTRACT CLAUSES. **GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL NOT RECOGNIZE OR SIGN ALTERNATE OR SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS.** THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED IN THIS SOLICITATION BECOMES THE CONTRACT AFTER AWARD!
- MAKE SURE YOUR BID **DOES NOT** CONTAIN ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CONDITIONS.
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED ALL PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL, OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ENTITLED: **SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** **DO NOT** MARK YOUR ENTIRE BID AS CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, OR PROTECTED!
- ALL CORRECTIONS MADE BY BIDDER MUST BE INITIALED BY THE BIDDER PRIOR TO SUBMITTING.
- HAVE YOU PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED ALL AMENDMENTS?
- HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE VENDOR APPLICATION?
- MAKE SURE YOUR BID INCLUDES A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION COVER PAGE AND IS SIGNED (IN INK) BY A PERSON THAT IS **AUTHORIZED** TO CONTRACTUALLY BIND YOUR BUSINESS.
- MAKE SURE YOUR BID INCLUDES THE CORRECT NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED.
- MAKE SURE YOUR BID INCLUDES EVERYTHING REQUESTED!
- **IF THIS SOLICITATION INCLUDES A PRE-BID/PROPOSAL CONFERENCE OR A QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD, RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS! AFTER OPENING, IT IS TOO LATE!** PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE HEADING "SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS" AND ANY PROVISIONS REGARDING PRE-BID CONFERENCES.

*This checklist is included only as a reminder to help Bidders avoid common mistakes.
Responsiveness will be evaluated against the solicitation, **not** against this checklist.*

You do not need to return this checklist with your response.

END OF SOLICITATION