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RE: RFP Number: 4-25-45

RFP Title: Construction Management Services - Colonial School District

Date/Time of RFP Opening: May 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM

The Central Bidding Department of the Colonial and Red Clay Consolidated School Districts will receive sealed proposals for the above referenced bid (via email only to bids@dataservice.org) until the time and date stated above when they will be publicly opened online (meeting information available upon request by contacting bids@dataservice.org).

Enclosed are General Instructions to Bidders and Specifications, which I strongly encourage you to be fully aware of when submitting a proposal. **The enclosed Proposal Form must be used in submitting a proposal.** The General Instructions to Bidders, Special and/or Specifications are to be returned only if you wish to take exception to anything contained therein. You should retain these documents (or copies) for information in the event you are a successful bidder.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily L. Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emily L. Ryan
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DATA SERVICE CENTER

CENTRAL BIDDING DEPARTMENT

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

THE GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS WHICH FOLLOW APPLY TO ALL PURCHASES AND BECOME A PART OF EACH CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER. BEFORE SUBMITTING ITS BID, THE BIDDER MUST REVIEW ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS. A BIDDER'S MISINTERPRETATION OR IGNORANCE OF SUCH INSTRUCTIONS OR SPECIFICATIONS WILL NOT EXCUSE THE BIDDER FROM COMPLYING WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS. THE BIDDER MUST ALSO REVIEW APPLICABLE STATE LAWS. IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR THE BID SPECIFICATIONS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW, STATE LAW SHALL CONTROL.

NOTE: "District(s)" refers to the Colonial and Red Clay Consolidated School Districts, individually or collectively as indicated in the Special Instructions or Specifications.

1. BID PROPOSALS

Use the enclosed Proposal Form in submitting a Bid Proposal. The Bid Proposal must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. A Request for Bids for Red Clay Consolidated, and/or Colonial School Districts received from any source other than the Central Bidding Department may not be complete or current. When you are made aware of an existing Request for Bid, you should contact this office for the bid documents.

All Bids must, prior to the time set for the public opening, be returned to the Data Service Center, Central Bidding Department, bids@dataservice.org with the bid number & name in the subject line.

2. "RFP" - REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

When the use of competitive sealed bidding is either not practicable or not advantageous to the District, a procurement may be effected after receipt of a response to a "Request For Proposal" ("RFP"). The "RFP" differs from a "Bid" in that offerors submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity to discuss and revise proposals. Revisions may be permitted after submissions of proposals and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. Negotiations may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals reasonably likely to be selected for award.

The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed so as to be available to competing offerors during the negotiation process. The award shall be made to the offeror(s) whose proposal is most advantageous to the District(s), taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The award may be made upon criteria which do not include price.

3. PRE-BID MEETINGS

In the case of any public works contract for the construction, re-construction, alteration or repair of any public building or other public improvement of any District, there shall be a meeting of all prospective bidders and of the District called by the District upon reasonable notice and at a place and time stated in such notice which meeting shall be at least 15 days before the date for the submission of bids (29 § 6962(d)(10)a Delaware Code).

Pre-bid meetings for non-public works contracts and for public works contracts that do not exceed \$50,000 in value, and attendance requirements for such meetings, shall be at the discretion of the District(s).

4. DELIVERY OF BID PROPOSALS

Sealed Bid Proposal must be received to bids@dataservice.org , prior to the time set for the Bid Opening. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to make certain that the Bid Proposal is in the Central Bidding Department prior to the time set for the Bid Opening. The District(s) accepts no responsibility for any late bids due to internet errors, etc.. Bid Proposals not received in the Central Bidding Department by the time set for the Bid Opening will not be considered.

5. BID OPENING

Bids will be publicly opened at the designated location at the time designated on the Proposal Form, and in the Advertisement for Bids. The purpose of the opening is to reveal the names of those bidders submitting proposals. The opening is not to serve as a forum for determining the responsiveness of each bid, or the apparent low bidder. Additional information shall be disclosed at the discretion of the Districts.

The contents of any "Request For Proposal" will not be disclosed at an opening so as not to interfere with the negotiation process. Only the names of those submitting proposals shall be revealed.

6. POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Title 29 § 10003 Delaware Code Freedom of Information Act

- (a) All public records shall be open to inspection and copying by any citizen of the State during regular business hours by the custodian of the records for the appropriate public body. Reasonable access to and reasonable facilities for copying of these records shall not be denied to any citizen. If the record is in active use or in storage and, therefore, not available at the time a citizen requests access, the custodian shall so inform the citizen and make an appointment for said citizen to examine such records as expediently as they may be made available. Any reasonable expense involved in the copying of such records shall be levied as a charge on the citizen requesting such copy.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the public body to establish rules and regulations regarding access to public records as well as fees charged for copying of such records. (60 Del. Laws, c. 641 § 1.)

A. Examination of Contract File

Any citizen of the State or bidder may review the contract file only after making an appointment to do so with the Central Bidding Office. Requests to review the records during an unannounced office visit may be denied if department personnel are busy, or if the file is in active use. Trade secrets and commercial or financial information of a privileged or confidential nature shall not be deemed public.

B. Requests for Bid Tabulations

Copies of a bid tabulation may be obtained from the Data Service Center either by mail after receipt of a written request and a self-addressed and stamped envelope, or by making an appointment to pick up copies that will be left at the Receptionist's desk. Bid tabulation and/or contract information other than the name of the successful bidder will not be given out over the telephone. Requests for bid tabulations during an unannounced office visit may be denied if work flow of department personnel will be disrupted.

C. Copying Fees

The Data Service Center reserves the right to charge a reasonable fee for the copying of any public record. Such charges must be paid to the Data Service Center prior to receiving the copies.

7. STATUS OF PROPOSALS

- A. Unless otherwise stated in the Special Instructions or on the Proposal Form, the Proposal submitted by bidders shall be binding for a period of 60 days from the date the bids are opened. Requests for Proposals shall be binding for a period of 90 days.
- B. Bids may be withdrawn up to the time of the bid opening upon request of the bidder. Such a request must be in writing and received by the Manager of Central Bidding prior to the time stated for the bid opening. Timely requests submitted by facsimile or telegram will be honored.
- C. Waiver - The District(s) reserves the right to waive any failure to conform to the instructions or specifications if the waiver: (1) does not involve a mandatory statutory requirement; (2) does not provide a competitive advantage to one or more bidders; and (3) is in the best interest of the District(s).
- D. Bidders may take exception to the terms and conditions of the instructions and/or specifications. Exceptions must be submitted prior to the opening of bids. Exceptions that do not conform to State bid law and/or create inequality in the treatment of bidders will be rejected. The bid of a bidder taking exception may be rejected if the District(s) rejects the exception.

8. AWARDING OF BIDS

- A. The District(s) reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications by item, in total, or any other method, whichever is deemed by the District(s) to be in its best interest.
- B. The District(s) reserves the right to award the bid to 2 or more firms if the advertisement for bids notifies bidders of the right of the District(s) to make such an award and the criteria for such an award.
- C. The District(s) reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, to make partial awards, to waive any irregularity, to reasonably increase or decrease quantities where estimated quantities are shown or where definite quantities are shown, and may reject any bid which indicates any omission, contains alteration of form or additions not requested or imposes conditions, or where the individual bidder should receive a total award of less than \$500.00, or offers alternate items, and make any award which is deemed to be in the best interest of the District(s).
- D. In the event of tie bids, the District(s) will decide which bidder is to be awarded the contract by any criteria of its choice.
- E. The contract shall be awarded by the District(s) and its Board(s) within 60 days after the opening of bids. Failure to do so shall be cause for rejection of all bids. Responses to Requests for Proposals shall be awarded within 90 days after the opening of Proposals. Failure to do so shall be cause for rejection of all proposals.

9. BID DEPOSIT

All bid deposits are waived for contracts valued at less than \$45,000.00. Deposits are required for contracts for materials or services in excess of \$45,000.00 unless the bid specifications state that bid deposits are waived. All public works contracts in excess of \$50,000.00 require a deposit. All bids shall be accompanied with a deposit of either a good and sufficient bond to the State of Delaware for the benefit of the District involved, with corporate surety authorized to do business in this State, for a sum equal to 10% of the bid, or in lieu of the bid bond a security of the bidder assigned to and approved by the District. Bidders are advised that they may obtain written confirmation from the Data Service Center for the acceptance of a security deposit other than a bond, prior to the submission of the bid. The bid bond need not be for a specific sum but may be stated to be for a sum equal to 10% of the bid to which it relates and not to exceed a certain stated sum, if said sum is equal to at least 10% of the bid. All bidders shall submit a separate bid deposit for each proposal. Where all four (4) Districts are named in a proposal, a single bid deposit drawn to the order of the Brandywine School District, will be acceptable. Upon the execution of a formal contract and necessary bonds, the bid deposit will be returned to the successful bidder. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them immediately upon the awarding of the contract, or the rejection of all bids.

10. FORMAL CONTRACT AND/OR PURCHASE ORDER

- A. The successful bidder shall execute the formal contract, and also the required bonds, within twenty (20) days after the award of the contract. In the event any successful bidder refuses or neglects to execute a formal contract or required bond within (20) days of the awarding of the contract, the bid deposit of the successful bidder may be taken and become the absolute property of the State for the benefit of the named District(s), as liquidated damages, and not as a forfeiture or as a penalty, and shall be deposited with the State Treasurer, and the District(s) will award Contract to the next lowest bidder or re-advertise for new bids. The District(s) will proceed to collect on the bid deposit. The District(s) waives all formal contracts on contract awards of less than \$5,000.00; the obligations of the bidder shall be set forth in the bid specifications, these General Instructions, and any special instructions. No bidder or Vendor is to begin any work until it receives a State of Delaware Purchase Order signed by two authorized representatives of the District(s), properly processed through the State of Delaware Accounting Office. The Purchase Order shall serve as the authorization to proceed with work in accordance with the bid specifications and the special instructions.
- B. The formal contract or purchase order shall incorporate by reference these General Instructions, as well as the Special Instructions and Specifications and the bidder's Proposal.
- C. If a bid is submitted to more than one District, each such District awarding the bid shall enter into a separate contract with the low, qualified bidder.

11. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

- A. Performance and payment bonds are required for materials or non-professional service contracts, unless reduced or waived as stated in the bid specifications. Contracts for less than \$25,000 may contain a waiver of the bond requirement provided the successful vendor posts with the State an irrevocable letter of credit or other suitable or readily collectible financial security for the project. Such letter of credit or other security shall be issued for a term commencing simultaneously with the execution of the formal contract and terminating no later than 3 years, subsequent to the date of delivery of such material or non-professional service or to the extent of the warranty period, whichever is greater. In no event shall such security expire without the express written approval of the State. When required, the successful bidder shall simultaneously with the execution of the formal contract, execute a good and sufficient Performance and Labor and Materials bond to the State of Delaware for the benefit of the District(s), with corporate surety authorized to do business in this State, in a sum equal to 100 percent of the contract price.
- B. Performance and payment bonds are required for public works contracts. The successful bidder shall simultaneously with the execution the formal contract, execute a good and sufficient Performance and Labor and Materials Bond to the State of Delaware for the benefit of the District(s) with corporate surety authorized to do business in this State, in a sum equal to 100 percent of the contract price. Contracts may contain a waiver of the bond requirement, provided, however, that the successful bidder post with the contracting Agency an irrevocable letter of credit or other suitable or readily collectible financial security for the project. Such security shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the contracting District.
- C. The bond when required shall be conditioned upon the faithful compliance and performance by the successful bidder of each and every term and condition of the contract and the proposal and specifications at the time, and in the manner prescribed by the contract and specifications including the payment in full to every person furnishing materials or performing labor in the performance of the contract, of all sums of money due him for such labor or materials. The bond shall also contain the successful bidder's guarantee to indemnify and save harmless the State and the District(s) from all cost, damages, and expenses, including attorneys fees, growing out of or by reason of the successful bidder's failure to comply and perform the work and complete the contract in accordance with the contract.
- D. The District(s) will, when it considers that the interest of the State so require, cause judgment to be confessed upon the bond. All sums received through confession of judgment shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the credit of the District(s).

- E. Every person furnishing materials or performing labor under the contract for which the successful bidder is liable may maintain an action on the bond for the subcontractor's or supplier's own use in the name of the State, in any court of competent jurisdiction, for the recovery of such sum or sums as may be due such person from the successful bidder, but if the bond so provides, no suit shall be commenced after the expiration of one (1) year following the date on which the successful bidder ceased work on the contract. Otherwise, suits may be commenced at any time within three (3) years following the date the last work is done on the contract.
- F. The performance and payment bond shall include a provision that the Surety shall have the right to participate in any arbitration proceeding which may involve liability under the bond, and that the arbitration award in any such arbitration proceeding shall be binding on the Surety.
- G. No person or surety, in any action brought under this section, or on the bond required by this section, shall assert as a defense to such action, the claim that the bond given pursuant to this section contained a limitation or restriction not provided for by this section.

12. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTRACT: NEW AWARD: SUPERVISION

If any person entering into a contract under the authority of this chapter neglects or refuses to perform it or fails to comply with the terms thereof, the District(s) will terminate the contract and proceed to award a new contract in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 69, Title 29 of the Delaware Code, or may require the surety on the performance bond to complete the contract in accordance with the terms of the performance bond.

Should a contractor/supplier fail to perform under the conditions of this contract, the District(s) reserves the right to purchase the item or items on the open market and charge to the contractor/supplier or deduct from any monies owed the contractor/supplier, the difference between the bid price and the purchase price. However, no such action will be taken without first notifying the contractor/supplier by certified letter and giving him reasonable time to reply, but in no event longer than 10 days from the mailing of the certified letter. Failure to supply items as bid may be cause for removal of a bidder from our vendor bid list.

13. CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS: LISTING SUBCONTRACTORS: BIDDER AS SUBCONTRACTOR: SUBSTITUTION OF SUBCONTRACTORS: PENALTIES: SUBCONTRACTING LIMITATION

Any public works contract, the probable cost of which exceeds \$100,000, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or repair of any public building of the State or any agency or governmental unit within the State, shall, in addition to the other requirements of this chapter be subject to the following provisions.

- A. Such contract shall be awarded only to a bidder whose bid is accompanied by a statement containing for each subcontractor category set forth in the "listing" as provided in §6962(d)(10) of this Chapter, the name and address (City or Town and State only - Street Number and P.O. Box addresses not required) of the subcontractor whose services he intends to use in performing the work or in performing the work and providing the material, for such subcontractor category. No bidder for such a contract shall list himself in any accompanying statement as the subcontractor of any part of the public building unless the bidder, in addition to being licensed as a contractor of the State, shall also be recognized in the industry not only as a prime contractor but also as a subcontractor or contractor in and for any such part of parts of such work so listed in such accompanying statement.
- B. Neither the State nor agency nor governmental unit shall accept any bid for such a contract or award any such contract to any bidder, as the prime contractor, if the bidder has listed himself as the subcontractor for any subcontractor category set forth on the "listing" as provided in §6962(d)(10) of this Chapter, unless it has been established to the satisfaction of the awarding agency that the bidder has customarily performed the specialty work of such subcontractor category by artisans regularly employed by the bidder in his organization, that the bidder is duly licensed by the State to engage in such specialty work, if the State required such licenses and that the bidder is recognized in the industry as a bona fide subcontractor or contractor in such specialty work and subcontractor category. Illustrative only (and not intended to be exhaustive) of typical subcontractor categories involving their own respective types of specialty work, are plumbing, electrical wiring, heating, roofing, insulating, weather-stripping, masonry, bricklaying, and plastering. The decision of the awarding agency as to whether a bidder who lists himself as the subcontractor for a subcontractor category set forth in the "listing" as provided in §6962(d)(10) for such subcontractor category, shall be final and binding upon

all bidders, and no action of any nature shall lie against any awarding agency because of its decision in this regard.

- C. After such a contract has been awarded, the successful bidder shall not substitute another subcontractor for any subcontractor whose name was set forth in the statement which accompanied his bid without the written consent of the agency awarding the contract. No agency shall consent to such substitution unless the agency is satisfied that the subcontractor in question whose name is listed in the successful bidder's accompanying statement (1) is unqualified to perform the work required, or (2) has failed to execute a timely reasonable subcontract, or (3) has defaulted in the performance of the part of the work covered by the subcontract, or (4) is no longer engaged in such business.
- D. Such a contract shall contain a provision for withholding from or requiring the payment by, the successful bidder of a penalty, the amount to be determined by the agency, for the failure to utilize any or all the subcontractors set forth in the successful bidder's accompanying statement in the performance of the work on the public building contemplated by the contract. Any sum so withheld from or paid by the contractor for any such failure may be remitted or refunded, in whole or in part, by the agency awarding the contract, but only in the event it is established to the satisfaction of the agency, that the subcontractor in question has defaulted or is no longer engaged in such business. No claim for the remission or refund of any penalty shall be granted under this section unless application therefore is filed within one year after the liability of the successful bidder accrues. If any such application for refund of any sum paid as a penalty is denied, or if no application for refund is filed within the period provided herein for filing an application, such sum shall revert to the State.
- E. Any contract for a public works project may include a provision that the successful bidder on a specialty contract perform, at a minimum, a fixed percentage of the work up to 50% of the total contract bid. Factors to be considered by the awarding agency in setting the required percentage of amount of work the successful bidder must perform may include the degree of difficulty involved in the agency's administration of the work covered under the terms of the contract; the degree of specialty work contemplated in the contract and the time period required in which to complete the public works project. The terms of the contract shall so specify reasons for the stated percentage in its general terms and conditions.

14. WAGE PROVISIONS IN PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FAILURE TO PAY PREVAILING WAGE RATES: PENALTY

- A. The specifications for every contract or aggregate of contracts relating to a public works project in excess of \$500,000 for new construction (including painting and decorating) or \$45,000 for alteration, repair, renovation, rehabilitation, demolition or reconstruction (including painting and decorating of buildings or works) to which this State or any subdivision thereof is a party and for which the State appropriated any part of the funds and which requires or involves the employment of mechanics and/or laborers shall contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics which shall be based upon the wages that will be determined by the Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Affairs, to be prevailing in the county in which the work is to be performed. The prevailing wage shall be the wage paid to a majority of employees performing similar work as reported in the Department's annual prevailing wage survey or in the absence of a majority, the average wage paid to all employees reported.
- B. Every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that the employer shall pay all mechanics and laborers employed directly upon the site of the work, unconditionally and not less often than once a week and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account, the full amounts accrued at time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated in the specifications, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the employer and such laborers and mechanics. The specifications shall further stipulate that the scale of wages to be paid shall be posted by the employer in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of the work, and that there may be withheld from the employer so much of accrued payments as may be considered necessary by the Department of Labor to pay to laborers and mechanics employed by the employer the difference between the rates of wages required by the contract to be paid laborers and mechanics on the work and rates of wages received by such laborers and mechanics to be remitted to the Department of Labor for distribution upon resolution of any claims.

- C. Every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that sworn payroll information, as required by the Department of Labor, be furnished weekly. Every employer performing work on a public project shall furnish weekly payroll reports to the Department of Labor on forms provided (upon request) by the Department. Payroll reports shall be mailed or delivered by the employer to the Department within one week from the last work day covered by the report. Failure to complete each and every section of the report (including the requirement that the form be notarized) will constitute a failure to submit sworn payroll information as required by the Department. Payroll reports shall be mailed to: Delaware Department of Labor, Prevailing Wage 4425 North Market Street 3rd Floor, Wilmington, DE 19802.
- D. The Department of Labor shall investigate all claims that the prevailing wage rates as provided for under this section are not being or have not been paid. Upon finding that an employer has not paid or is not paying the prevailing wage rates, the Department of Labor shall notify the employer of the violations by certified mail and make an effort to obtain compliance. Upon failure to obtain compliance within 15 days of receipt of said certified mail, the Secretary may terminate all rights of the employer to proceed with the work under the public construction contract, and the employer shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.
- E. Any employer who knowingly fails or refuses to pay the prevailing wage rates provided for under this Section, or who fails to submit payroll reports or post notice of the wage rates which apply to the project shall, for each such violation, be subject to a Civil Penalty of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation. No public construction contract in this State shall be bid on, awarded to, or received by any contractor or subcontractor, or to any person, firm, partnership, or corporation in which such employer has an interest who, within two years after entry of a judgment pursuant to this chapter, is adjudicated in violation of this chapter in subsequent proceeding, until three years have elapsed from the date of the subsequent penalty judgment. A Civil Penalty claim may be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- F. Any laborer or mechanic employed by any employer, or the Department of Labor on behalf of any laborer or mechanic employed by any employer, who is paid in a sum less than the prevailing wage rates provided for under this section shall have a right of action against the employer in any court of competent jurisdiction to recover up to treble the difference between the amount so paid and the prevailing wage rate. Such action may be brought by the Department of Labor in the name and for the benefit of the laborer or mechanic with or without an assignment of the claim from the employee, the Department of Labor shall have the power to settle and adjust any such claim to the same extent as would the aggrieved employee. It shall not be a defense to such action that the underpayment was received by the laborer or mechanic without protest. Upon the filing of an action under this section, the employer shall post suitable bond approved by the court for the damages which may be recoverable thereunder. Any judgment entered for plaintiff shall include an award for reasonable attorney's fees and costs of prosecution. The Department of Labor shall not be required to pay the filing fee or other costs of the action or fees of any nature to file bond or other security of any nature in connection with such action or with proceedings supplementary thereto or as a condition precedent to the availability to the Department of any process in aid of such action or proceedings. The Department shall have the authority to join various claimants in 1 preferred claim lien and, in case of suit, to join them in 1 cause of action.
- G. Any wages collected under this chapter, but not claimed by the employee within 1 year from the date of collection, shall be retained by the Department of Labor for enforcement purposes.
- H. No action to recover wages and damages under this section shall be brought after the expiration of 2 years from the accruing of the cause of action.
- I. Whenever any person shall contract with another for the performance of any work which the contracting person has undertaken to perform, he or she shall become civilly liable to employees engaged in the performance of work under such contract for the payment of wages, exclusive of treble damages, as required under this section, whenever and to the extent that the employer of such employees fails to pay such wages, and the employer of such employees shall be liable to such person for any wages paid by him under this Section. If pursuant to this Subsection (I) a person becomes civilly liable to employees of another, such liability shall not constitute a violation of this

Section for purposes of the termination, civil penalty and debarment provisions of Subsections (D) and (E) of this Section.

J. A contract manager shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with this Section, but shall not become civilly liable to the same extent as the contracting person. For purposes of this Section, "contract manager" means any person who performs the function of the contracting person without becoming a party to the contract of performance, but rather contracts with the recipient of the goods or services to act as his/her agent. A contract manager who knowingly fails or refuses to monitor compliance with this Section shall, for each such failure or refusal, be subject to a Civil Penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. A Civil Penalty claim under this subsection may be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction. A contract manager's liability for a Civil Penalty pursuant to this Subsection (j) shall not constitute a violation of this section for purposes of the termination, civil penalty and debarment provisions of Subsection (D) and (E) of this Section.

K. Any employer who discharges or in any manner discriminates against an employee because that employee has made a complaint or has given information to the Department pursuant to this chapter, or because that employee has caused to be instituted or is about to cause to be instituted any proceedings under this chapter, or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceedings, shall be deemed in violation of this chapter and shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation.

15. PREFERENCE FOR DELAWARE LABOR: STIPULATION IN CONTRACT

In the construction of all public works for the State or any political subdivision thereof, or by persons contracting with the State or any political subdivision thereof, preference in employment of laborers, workmen or mechanics, shall be given to bona fide legal citizens of the State, who have established citizenship by residence of at least ninety days in the State. Any person, company or corporation who violates the provisions of this section shall pay a penalty to the Secretary of Finance equal to the amount of compensation paid to any person in violation of this section.

16. NON-DISCRIMINATION

In performing this work the successful bidder agrees to the following:

A. The successful bidder will not discriminate against any employee or application for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age or disability. The vendor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

B. The successful bidder will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees place by or on behalf of himself, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age or disability.

17. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The named School District(s) is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate or deny services on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

18. INSURANCE - LIABILITY

The successful bidder shall maintain, at its expense, the following insurance:

A. Public Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance

1. The policy is to be provided for both the owner and the contractor.

2. Minimum coverage for bodily injury shall be \$500,000 for any one individual and \$1,000,000

for any one accident.

3. Minimum coverage for property damage shall be \$500,000 for any one accident.
4. Policies shall include completed operations, owners and contractors Protective Liability and Contractual Liability coverage, including protection against claims arising out of the activities of subcontractors in the same minimum amounts stated above.
5. If the project involves excavations, deep trenching, or blasting, endorsements to the policy should be obtained to cover these hazards.
6. Certificates of insurance must be filed with the owner guaranteeing fifteen (15) days notice prior to cancellation.

B. Builders Risk Policy

1. The builders risk policy shall be an all risk coverage policy.
2. The policy shall be in the name of the owner and prime contractor, jointly, "as their interests may appear."
3. On new construction or complete additions, the policy will be carried on a completed value basis.
4. On renovation projects, the policy will be covered by either an installation floater or a separate policy of sufficient dollar amount to fully cover the cost of the materials stored.
5. If it is your policy to pay for material not stored on the site, either a separate certificate of insurance must be issued or a rider must be added to the existing builders risk policy. The amount of coverage must be sufficient to cover all materials stored off the site.
6. Certificates of insurance must be filed with the owner guaranteeing fifteen (15) days notice prior to cancellation.

C. Worker's Compensation Including Employee's Liability

1. Minimum limit on Employee's Liability to be \$100,000 minimum limit for all employees working at one site.
2. Certificates of insurance must be filed with the owner guaranteeing fifteen (15) days notice prior to cancellation.

D. Boiler Insurance

1. If a new boiler is started prior to acceptance of the installation by the owner, the contractor must carry boiler insurance until acceptance by the owner.
2. Minimum coverage for boiler insurance of bodily injury will be \$1,000,000. For property damage the minimum coverage will also be \$1,000,000.
3. Certificates of insurance must be filed with the owner guaranteeing fifteen (15) days notice prior to cancellation.

Contractor recognizes that it is operating as an independent Contractor and that it is liable for any and all losses, penalties, damages, expenses, attorney's fees, judgments, and/or settlements incurred by reason of injury to or death of any and all persons, or injury to any and all property, of any nature, arising out of the Contractor's negligent performance under this Contract, and particularly without limiting the foregoing, caused by, resulting from, or arising out of any act of omission on the part of the Contractor in their negligent performance under this Contract.

The Contractor shall maintain such insurance as will protect against claims under Worker's Compensation Act and from

any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this Contract. The Contractor is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the State.

During the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall, at its own expense, carry insurance with minimum coverage limits as follows:

a) Comprehensive General Liability	\$1,000,000
and b) Medical/Professional Liability	\$1,000,000/ \$3,000,000
or c) Misc. Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
or d) Product Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000

All contractors must carry (a) and at least one of (b), (c), or (d), depending on the type of service or product being delivered.

If the contractual service requires the transportation of Departmental clients or staff, the contractor shall, in addition to the above coverage, secure at its own expense the following coverage:

e) Automotive Liability (Bodily Injury)	\$100,000/\$300,000
f) Automotive Property Damage (to others)	\$ 25,000

Notwithstanding the information contained above, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Delaware, the Department and the Division from contingent liability to others for damages because of bodily injury, including death, that may result from the Contractor's negligent performance under this Contract, and any other liability for damages for which the Contractor is required to indemnify the State, the Department and the Division under any provision of this Contract.

The policies required under Paragraph B3 must be written to include Comprehensive General Liability coverage, including Bodily Injury and Property damage insurance to protect against claims arising from the performance of the Contractor and the contractor's subcontractors under this Contract and Medical/Professional Liability coverage when applicable.

The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as proof that the Contractor has the required insurance. The certificate shall identify the Department and the Division as the "Certificate Holder" and shall be valid for the contract's period of performance as detailed in the scope of work to be performed.

The Contractor acknowledges and accepts full responsibility for securing and maintaining all licenses and permits, including the Delaware business license, as applicable and required by law, to engage in business and provide the goods and/or services to be acquired under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and is aware that Delaware law provides for significant penalties associated with the conduct of business without the appropriate license.

19. LICENSES, FEES, PERMITS, TAXES, AND STATE LAWS

In the performance of this Contract the successful Bidder is required to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. The cost of permits, insurance, taxes, and other relevant costs required in the performance of the Contract shall be borne by the successful Bidder. All Delaware Laws in reference to construction shall be as binding as though quoted in full herein and their application shall be fully adhered to by all parties affected hereby. The vendor shall furnish upon request any or all of the referenced items.

All bidders shall be properly licensed and authorized to transact business in the State of Delaware as provided for in Delaware Code Title 30, §2502 and in any and all Delaware Municipalities having jurisdiction to require such licensing within the geographic boundaries of the site(s) where the work is to be performed prior to the execution of any contract resulting from this bid. In the case of contracts in excess of \$50,000.00 which are competitively bid, such person shall have initiated the license application procedure required by this subsection with the Division of Revenue prior to, or in conjunction with, the submission of a bid on a contract, or in the case of a subcontractor, prior to the submission of a bid by the general contractor. Proof of such license

compliance shall be as determined by the School District(s) or their designee.

All bidders for public works projects shall insure that they have met all general contractor and/or subcontractor licensing requirements in accord with the requirement of Title 29 §6962 prior to submitting a bid.

NOTE: Contractors and subcontractors bonding and licensing requirements were amended by HB585 and as of January 1, 1987, require the following:

- A. Bidders shall obtain and comply with the Delaware Department of Revenue's Technical Information Memorandum 88-10 dated December 29, 1986. This Technical Information Memorandum constitutes the Division of Revenue's Regulations with regard to contractor licensing and bonding requirements under the amended statutes. These Regulations are promulgated pursuant to 30 Del. C. §2103(b).
- B. 30 Del. C. §375 Requirements:
 - 1. Surety bonds in the amount of 6% of the contract or subcontract price are required for all non-resident contractors for contracts within the State of Delaware in which either:
 - (a) The single contract or subcontract totals \$20,000 or more; or
 - (b) The contract or subcontract is a "cost-plus" contract whose estimated cost-and-profit totals \$20,000 or more; or
 - (c) The aggregate of two or more contracts or subcontracts in a calendar year totals \$20,000 or more.
 - 2. The Division of Revenue will accept cash bonds, which may be paid by check, on contracts not exceeding \$100,000.
 - 3. The contractor's bond shall be filed before construction commences on any contract upon which a bond is required pursuant to 30 Del. C. §375, as outlined in Paragraph (a-c) above.
- C. For licensing requirements, penalties, definitions, information filing, and other requirements, bidders shall refer to Technical Information memorandum 86-10 and to the referenced sections of the Delaware Code. For additional information call 1-800-292-7826.

20. WAGE SCALE - PREVAILING

When the schedule of prevailing wages is not attached, it is the responsibility of vendors to obtain it from the Delaware Department of Labor, 4425 North Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, DE 19802

21. PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, AND COPYRIGHTS

The supplier shall hold free of any liability, the School District(s) and the officers and employees, of any costs or expenses arising from patent, trademark or copyright infringement incurred by use of any item supplied or process used in performance of this Contract.

22. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The bidder warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the Contract upon an agreement of understanding for a commission or percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the bidder for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warrantee the School District(s) shall have the right to annul the Contract without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fees.

23. TAXES - EXEMPT

Since the School District(s) is exempt, prices quoted shall not include Federal taxes or State of Local taxes. Tax Exemption number is 51-6000279.

24. TRADE DISCOUNTS

All prices offered must be lowest net price after trade discounts have been considered. Bids offering a percentage off list prices will not be accepted unless; (1) Specifically requested in that manner; (2) A copy of the referenced price list accompanies the bid.

25. COMMERCIAL WARRANTEE AND GUARANTEE CERTIFICATE

The supplier agrees that the supplies or services furnished under the Contract shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the supplier gives to any customer for such supplies or services and that the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the District(s) by any other clauses of the Contract. A final payment for performance shall not relieve the successful bidder of responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship.

26. INTERPRETATION OF SPECIFICATIONS

Should any bidder be in doubt as to the intention and meaning of the specifications, he may make inquiry to the Office of the Supervisor of Central Bidding of the District(s). Questions received less than three working days before the opening of bids may not be considered. All questions in order to be considered must be submitted in writing.

27. EXAMINATION OF SITE AND OTHER CONDITIONS BEARING ON THIS WORK

Before submitting proposal, bidders shall fully inform themselves of the nature of the work by personal examination of the site, and by such means as they consider necessary, as to matters, conditions, or considerations bearing on or in any way affecting the preparation of their proposal. A bidder shall not at any time after the submission of his proposal claim that there is any misunderstanding in regard to the location, extent, or nature of the work to be performed. No claims for any extra will be allowed because of alleged impossibilities in the production of the results specified, or because of inadequate or improper plans or specifications, and whenever a result is required, the successful bidder shall furnish any and all extras and make any changes needed to produce, to the satisfaction of the District(s), the required results at no expense to the District(s).

Failure of the bidder to thoroughly understand all aspects of the solicitation before submitting their bid shall not be sufficient cause to permit withdrawal of its bid nor secure relief on pleas of error after the contract is awarded.

28. BRAND NAMES AND APPROVED EQUAL

A. Where a particular manufacturer or several manufacturers, brands or models are referenced, it is to be interpreted as indicating the type or quality of material, and shall be interpreted to include an "approved equal". Bids may be considered on models or brands or products of manufacturers other than those specified if the items being substituted were approved by the designee of the District(s).

B. Where a manufacturer, brand, or model is referenced in the bid specifications, the absence of a reference to a different manufacturer, brand, or model in the bidder's proposal shall be interpreted as a bid on the manufacturer, brand, or model specified. Where several manufacturers or models are referenced as being equally acceptable and the bidder does not indicate what particular model or brand they are offering, the Designee of the District(s) shall have the right to select any brand or model referenced.

Only one bid per item will be considered. If a vendor submits more than one bid on an item, none of the vendor's bids on that item will be considered.

C. The Board of Education of the District(s) shall be the sole judge as to whether or not items submitted meet specifications or whether or not items being bid are equal. Any attempt to "resell" or disqualify other supplies while the proposals are being analyzed may be reason for your bid to be disqualified. If additional information is required, contact the Central Bidding Department.

- D. All items furnished under the Contract must be new and unused, latest models (unless otherwise specified) and free from all defects. The foregoing excepts exchange, normal "rebuilt" items, where specified.

29. SAMPLES AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE

- A. When requesting approval to bid models, brands or products of manufacturers other than those specified, such a request must be accompanied by catalog cuts and/or detailed specifications. The District(s) may also request bidders to submit samples for examination and appraisal.
- B. Requested samples shall be submitted at no cost to the District(s) and may be required by the District(s) either prior to, at the time of the bid opening, or within ten calendar days following the request. Time of submission of samples shall be specified in the specifications. Samples shall be specified in the specifications. Samples not provided as requested, will be reason to reject the bid for that item. All such samples shall be identified as to the supplier, model number, bid item number and other information that may be required; these samples will be returned after evaluation. Suppliers shall have the responsibility of picking up their samples within two weeks after notification. Samples not removed after two weeks will automatically become the property of the District(s) at no charge.

30. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE AND CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Supplier in the performance of this Contract will be held financially responsible for any damage to the grounds, buildings, or equipment caused by him, his subcontractors or employees, or other persons engaged in the performance of the Contract.

Every reasonable effort shall be made by workmen to proceed with the work as described in these specifications in a manner accepted in trade circles as the highest level of workmanship. The successful bidder for this work shall be responsible for all damage to other work caused by his workmen or through the neglect of his workmen on the site.

Workmanlike care shall be expected at all times in performing the work. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to repair or replace all damaged property, the damage for which he, or anyone working under his direction is responsible.

31. SUPPLIER CLEAN-UP

All debris resulting from the supplier's delivery and installation shall be disposed of entirely by the supplier in an efficient and expeditious manner as required and directed by the District(s) Designee. The successful bidder shall at all times keep the premises free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by his employees or work. District(s)-owned trash receptacles are not to be used by the vendor without prior approval.

32. STORAGE OF MATERIALS

Every effort shall be made by the successful bidder to schedule delivery of materials so that a minimum of storage space is required. The successful bidder shall not encumber the premises with his materials and shall store all materials in a place designated by the Board of Education or its representative. The District(s) will not be responsible for any damage to or theft of tools or materials used in this work.

33. UNPACKING AND ASSEMBLING

All work described in the specifications regarding unpacking, assembling, and placement of all movable furniture and/or equipment must be completed within five (5) days after furniture and/or equipment is received on the site unless prior approval is received.

Any bidder failing to unpack and assemble knockdown equipment and furniture will be charged (deduction will be made from billing) a fee to cover the District's cost of unpacking and assembling.

34. SERVICE

Each bidder may be required to submit a signed statement to the effect he can furnish service by factory trained personnel Monday to Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

35. SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE OF WORK

All work described in these specifications must be completed with reasonable promptness. The District(s) shall be the sole judge of what is "reasonably prompt" under the circumstances. If the successful bidder does not begin the work in a reasonable amount of time, it will be notified that if it fails to initiate the work promptly, the contract may be terminated and the District(s) will forthwith proceed to collect for nonperformance of the work.

36. ORDERING

All items or services to be furnished under the Contract will be ordered by the issuance of a Purchase Order signed by two authorized representatives of the District(s). This document must be in the hands of the successful bidder prior to any work commencing on the Contract.

37. DELIVERY, INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE, AND PACKAGING

- A. All supplies, materials, equipment, goods, and services are to be delivered postpaid to the location or locations indicated on the Proposal Form, Specifications, or Purchase Order. No labor will be provided to help unload any product under Contract.
- B. The delivery of goods or items furnished under the terms of the Contract shall not be considered as acceptance thereof until the goods are inspected. The District(s) shall have a reasonable opportunity to inspect. If, for example, goods are delivered on August 1, the District(s) may not have a reasonable opportunity to inspect such goods until September or October. In all events, shipping invoices or other documents sent with goods shall not be controlling with respect to the timing of inspection. The inspection and test by the District(s) of any supplies or lots thereof does not relieve the supplier from any responsibility regarding defects or other failure to meet the Contract requirements which may be discovered subsequent to delivery. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, acceptance shall be conclusive except as regards to Patent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud.
- C. Any item to be supplied as a result of this Contract shall be subject to inspection and test by the Ordering Office, to the extent practicable, at all times and places including the period of manufacture and in any event prior to acceptance.
- D. In case any item or lots of items are found to be defective in material or workmanship or otherwise not in conformity with the requirements of the Contract, the Ordering Office shall have the right to either reject them (with or without instructions as to their disposition) or to require their correction. Items or lots of items which have been rejected or required to be corrected shall be removed or, if required by the Ordering Office as they may deem appropriate, corrected in place by and at the expense of the supplier promptly after notice, and shall not thereafter be tendered for acceptance unless the former rejection or requirement of correction is disclosed. If the supplier fails to promptly remove such items or lots of items which are required to be removed, or promptly to replace or correct such items or lots of items, the District(s) either (1) may re-contract or otherwise, replace or correct such items and charge the supplier the cost occasioned the District(s) thereby, or (2) may terminate the Contract for default as provided in the clause of the Contract entitled "Failure to comply with Contract".
- E. Acceptance or rejection of any items shall be made as promptly as practicable after delivery, except as otherwise provided in the Contract; but failure to inspect and accept or reject items shall neither relieve the supplier from responsibility for such items as are not in accordance with the Contract requirements nor impose liability on the District(s) therefore.
- F. Neither the School District(s) nor other Ordering Office will assume responsibility for damage to any rejected delivery caused by weather, improper warehousing, or mishandling.
- G. All outer packs of items delivered under the Contract (except subsistence items delivered to cafeterias) must be marked with the Purchase Order/Contract number and item identification.

Failure to provide adequate identifying markings may result in refusal of the delivery.

- H. Unless otherwise stated, all prices include delivery and placement within the ship-to-address in that area specified in the Contract or Purchase Order.
- I. Collect shipments will not be accepted.
- J. All shipments shall be F.O.B. point of destination as indicated in the Proposal or on the Purchase Order.

38. INVOICES

Invoices must be completely identifiable, supported by delivery receipts where specified, and contain the following minimum information:

1. Purchase Order/Contract number.
2. Delivery destination as it appears on the Purchase Order.
3. Contract item number, quantity and description of item billed.
4. Unit price and extended price of each item.
5. Total amount of invoice.
6. Any prompt payment discount offered.

39. INDEMNIFICATION

By submitting a bid, all bidders agree that in the event they are awarded a contract, they will indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the District(s), its agents and employees from any and all liability, suits, actions or claims, together with all costs, expenses or attorneys' fees, arising out of their performance of work or supplying materials and services in connection with the contract. This agreement to indemnify and hold harmless shall cover all suits, actions, claims or liabilities asserted against the District(s), its agents and employees, regardless of whether such suits, actions, claims or liabilities are based upon acts or failures to act attributable to the District(s) or its employees or agents, to the extent that it shall be also determined that the acts, or failure to act are attributable, in whole or in part, to such bidders or its employees or agents.

40. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS

As consideration for the award and execution by the Board(s) of this contract, the successful bidder hereby grants, conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the State of Delaware all of its right, title and interest in and to all known or unknown causes of action it presently has or may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Delaware, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Board(s) pursuant to this contract.

41. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

As required in the Hazardous Chemical Information Act of June, 1984, all vendors supplying any materials that may be defined as hazardous, must provide Material Safety Data Sheets for those products. Any chemical product should be considered hazardous if it is known to be present in the work place, and if employees may be exposed under normal conditions or in any foreseeable emergency situation. Material Safety Data Sheets must be provided directly to each School along with the shipping slips that includes those products.

42. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

These General Instructions and any Special Instructions, Bid Specifications, Requests for Bid, Bid Proposal Form, Purchase Order, and Contract shall be a part of and constitute the contract entered into by the District(s) and any successful bidder. In the event there is any discrepancy between any of the foregoing contract

documents, the following order of documents governs so that the former prevails over the latter: Contract, Purchase Order, Bid Specifications, Special Instructions, General Instructions, Requests for Bid and Bid Proposal Form.

43. THE CONTRACT

This Contract shall be governed by Delaware law, and any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Contract, and any documents incorporated by reference into this Contract, or any materials supplied or work performed under this Contract must be heard in Delaware.

44. TRANSFER OF BIDS

The District named in this bid and the successful bidder may reach an agreement to make available to any agency or school district in the State the bid prices submitted for this contract. Where such an agreement exists, the District(s) named shall have access to purchase under the contract.

45. SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

In accordance with Executive Order 49 – the State of Delaware is committed to supporting its diverse business industry and population. The successful Vendor will be required to accurately report on the participation by Diversity Suppliers which includes: minority (MBE), woman (WBE), veteran owned business (VOBE), or service disabled veteran owned business (SDVOBE) under this awarded contract. The reported data elements shall include but not be limited to; name of state contract/project, the name of the Diversity Supplier, Diversity Supplier contact information (phone, email), type of product or service provided by the Diversity Supplier and any minority, women, veteran, or service disabled veteran certifications for the subcontractor (State OSD certification, Minority Supplier Development Council, Women's Business Enterprise Council, VetBiz.gov). The format used for Subcontracting 2nd Tier reporting is shown as Attachment 9.

Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD)
State of Delaware
Division of Small Business
820 N. French Street, 10th Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801

Telephone: 302-577-8477 Fax: 302-736-7915
Email: OSD@Delaware.gov
Web site: <https://business.delaware.gov/osd/>

Accurate 2nd Tier reports shall be submitted to the contracting Agency's Office of Supplier Diversity at vendorusage@state.de.us on the 15th (or next business day) of the month following each quarterly period. For consistency quarters shall be considered to end the last day of March, June, September and December of each calendar year. Contract spend during the covered periods shall result in a report even if the contract has expired by the report due date.

46. AGENCY USE CONTRACT

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. §6904(e) respectively, if no state contract exists for a certain good or service, covered agencies may procure that certain good or service under another agency's contract so long as the arrangement is agreeable to all parties. Agencies, other than covered agencies, may also procure such goods or services under another agency's contract when the arrangement is agreeable to all parties.

47. Contractors/businesses/agencies/organizations whose employees or agents will have regular, direct contact with children will be required to send copies of Criminal Background Checks to the district(s) prior to working with children/students. In addition, review and sign below contract:

Delaware Title 31 §309 defines requirements for employees AND CONTRACTORS working or volunteering in a child-serving entity. The school district(s) are child-serving entities and therefore, no contractor may work in a building in a capacity where they have "...unsupervised contact with persons receiving care or education during the course of one's assigned duties" without required background checks.

This contract involves an entity providing contractual services by individuals who meet this definition. The contractor must not allow employees, contractors, or volunteers to perform responsibilities outlined in this contract until the employee, contractor, or volunteer has obtained "criminal background and Child Protection Registry checks" which must be provided to the Human Resources office of the hired school district. The only applicable source/type of checks consist of "a fingerprinted Delaware and national background check completed by the State Bureau of Identification (SBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as well as a Child Protection Registry check completed by the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families (DSCYF). Information regarding the process for these checks will be provided to the contact identified in this contract and it is requested that the contractor make this available to anyone who may be fulfilling services as part of this contract. The responsibility of requesting the checks rests with the contractor, employee, or volunteer working under this contract. Upon submission of the checks, the personnel referenced in this contract may provisionally work in our school(s) pending determination of suitability.

If the school district(s) determines after review of background check and child protective registry, in its sole discretion, that personnel referenced in this contract are not suitable, contracting agency agrees to immediately remove employee, contractor, or volunteer from their assignment within the schools. The school district will not be responsible for any incurred costs after notification that said employee, contractor, or volunteer is not suitable for this work.

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS
ISSUED BY Colonial School District**

RFP NUMBER #4-25-45

I. Overview

The Colonial School District is seeking Construction Management teams for multiple projects over the next 3-5 years. This request for proposals (“RFP”) is issued pursuant to 29 Del. C. §§ 6981 and 6982.

The proposed schedule of events subject to the RFP is outlined below:

Public Notice	Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Deadline for Receipt of Proposals	Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Notification of Award	By: Within 90 days of deadline

Each proposal must be accompanied by a transmittal letter which briefly summarizes the proposing firm’s interest in providing the required professional services.

II. Scope of Services

The Colonial School District was issued Certificates of Necessity for building a new special needs K-12 school and other district wide renovation projects to be funded over the next 5 years. Projects include Construction of a Special Needs K-12 School, Construction of an Athletic complex including stadiums and fields, and renovations/improvements of playgrounds, parking facilities, roofing, and security enhancements. We are soliciting interested professional construction management firms to submit proposals to provide professional services for all phases of project work, including but not limited to basic construction management services during the planning and construction phases of the project(s) to meet all requirements of school construction as required by State and County code and regulations. It is the intent of Colonial to select one firm based on the qualifications of the firms responding. Timing of the Certificate of Necessity projects is contingent on State of Delaware funding. The selected firm must have the ability to provide multiple services accurately and within an accelerated time scheduled, as well as work cooperatively with additional consultants providing services to the owner on projects.

Basic services during the pre-construction phase may include but are not limited to: participation in review of design; making relevant recommendations in the best interest of the District; value engineering; presentation of a detailed estimate of construction cost; development of a construction schedule based on the funding availability; pre-qualification criteria development; preparation of bid packages in collaboration with Date Service Center; conducting pre-bid meetings; ensuring contractors meet the pre-qualifications; administration of construction contract(s); and, interfacing with the architect, engineers and all stakeholders, as necessary.

Basic services during the construction phase include but are not limited to: cooperation with engineer, coordination of the contractors with the various phases of the project,

conducting pre-construction and progress meetings, receiving and reviewing shop drawings and related submittals before forwarding to the engineer, assuring compliance with contract drawings and specifications, maintaining current cost data and reporting to the Owner on a regular basis in order to maintain accountability for project cost, maintaining and updating the current project schedule, coordination of commissioning activities, project completion and closeout, post construction activities will include warranty responsibilities, project training and coordination of move-in activities.

III. Required Information

The following information shall be provided in each proposal in the order listed below. Failure to respond to any request for information within this proposal may result in rejection of the proposal at the sole discretion of the District.

A. Minimum Requirements

1. Project CM for this work must be registered in the State of Delaware.
2. Vendor shall provide responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) scope of work and clearly identify capabilities as presented in the General Evaluation Requirements below.

B. General Evaluation Requirements

1. Letter of Interest to include the following

- a. Name of Firm
- b. Location of principal and branch offices
- c. Length of time in business
- d. Firm ownership structure

2. Experience

- a. List similar school projects current or completed
 1. Project name and owner
 2. Year completed
 3. Type of project (new, renovation, addition, replacement)
 4. Construction cost

3. Expertise & Team Organization

Please identify your company's proposed management staff for the project. Provide an Organizational Chart identifying all of your key staff members and showing how each interacts with the other staff members assigned to this project. For each key staff member, please include a detailed resume, which summarizes:

- a. Education, including name of institution, field of study, degree(s) earned and year(s) received.
- b. Professional registration(s) and/or professional society membership(s)
- c. Relevant Professional Experience

4. Capacity

- a. List total number of the Construction Management Firm/Manager firm's

personnel, other than secretarial/clerical, by professional or skill group (i.e. project manager, construction superintendent)

- b. List all projects currently under contract
 - 1. Project name and owner
 - 2. Status of project i.e. design, under construction and applicable percent complete and including expected completion date
 - 3. Approximate construction cost
 - 4. Construction Type i.e. General Construction, Construction Management, Design/Build

5. Reputation

- a. List a minimum of three (3) references for which your firm has performed similar services within the last five (5) years.

6. Experience with Delaware Public Works Projects

- List State of Delaware public projects current or completed within the last five (5) years
 - 1. Project name and owner
 - 2. Year completed
 - 3. Type of project (new, renovation, addition, replacement)
 - 4. Construction cost

7. Geographical Location of the Firm

8. Demonstrated Ability

- a. Tabulation of five (5) most recently completed projects accompanied by brief description and the following information:
 - 1. Owners' Information
 - 2. Brief Description of the Project
 - 3. Planned vs Actual Project Cost
 - 4. Planned vs Actual Project Completion Date
 - 5. Total Fees received for the project
 - 6. Name, address and telephone number of General Contractor or Construction Manager accompanied by name of appropriate contact individual.
 - 7. Percentage breakdown of change order documents due to architectural, engineering or design errors, architectural, engineering or design omissions, field conditions and owners' request.
- b. Describe your knowledge and experience designing schools from programmatic perspective along with incorporating transitions (student flow) into the design.

9. Work Plan and Design Approach (5 page limit)

Provide your experience working with GC project management. Describe your scope of services for the review of design and cost analysis, pre-construction and construction phases on completed projects. Also provide your methodology for interacting with the Owner, user groups, consultants and other team members during all phases of work to ensure successful completion of the project. It is

understood that this work plan will be preliminary in nature, but it should be illustrative of a realistic work plan for a project of this scope and type.

10. Financial Capability

If you are a joint venture and not submitting combined information, each firm must submit information. Provide a copy of your last audited annual financial statement.

11. Litigation

Record of any litigation brought against the firm or principals of the firm relative to providing similar services in the state of Delaware in the last five [5] years

12. Appendix

Provide any supplemental information in support of your team's qualifications (corporate brochures, articles and awards).

I. IV. Professional Services RFP Administrative Information

A. A. RFP Issuance

1. 1. Obtaining Copies of the RFP

This RFP is available in electronic form only through the Data Service Center by requesting the RFP from Latoya EI, Procurement Specialist lel@dataservice.org or from and the State of Delaware Procurement website at <https://mmp.delaware.gov/Bids/>. Paper copies of this RFP will not be available.

2. 2. Public Notice

Public notice has been provided in accordance with 29 *Del. C.* § 6981.

3. 3. Assistance to Vendors with a Disability

Vendors with a disability may receive accommodation regarding the means of communicating this RFP or participating in the procurement process. For more information, contact the Designated Contact no later than ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

4. 4. RFP Designated Contact

All requests, questions, or other communications about this RFP shall be made in writing to the Data Service Center. Address all communications to the person listed below; communications made to other Colonial School District personnel or attempting to ask questions by phone or in person will not be allowed or recognized as valid and may disqualify the vendor. Vendors should rely only on written statements issued by the RFP designated contact.

NAME: Latoya EI or, EMAIL ADDRESS: lel@dataservice.org

To ensure that written requests are received and answered in a timely manner, electronic mail (e-mail) correspondence is requested.

5. 5. Consultants and Legal Counsel

The Colonial School District may retain consultants or legal counsel to assist in the review and evaluation of this RFP and the vendors' proposals. Respondents shall not contact consultant or legal counsel on any matter related to the RFP.

6. 6. Contact with District Employees

Direct contact with Colonial School District employees other than the Colonial School District Designated Contact regarding this RFP is expressly prohibited without prior consent. Vendors directly contacting Colonial School District employees risk elimination of their proposal from further consideration. Exceptions exist only for organizations currently doing business in the District who require contact in the normal course of doing that business.

7. 7. Organizations Ineligible to Respond

Any individual, business, organization, corporation, consortium, partnership, joint venture, or any other entity including subcontractors currently debarred or suspended is ineligible to bid. Any entity ineligible to conduct business in the State of Delaware for any reason is ineligible to respond to the RFP.

8. 8. Exclusions

The Evaluation Team reserves the right to refuse to consider any response from a vendor who:

- a) Has been convicted for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of the contract or subcontract;
- b) Has been convicted under State or Federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that currently and seriously affects responsibility as a State contractor;
- c) Has been convicted or has had a civil judgment entered for a violation under State or Federal antitrust statutes;
- d) Has violated contract provisions such as:
 - 1) Knowing failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract;
or

2) Failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with terms of one or more contracts;

e) Has violated ethical standards set out in law or regulation

B. RFP Submissions

1. Acknowledgement of Understanding of Terms

By submitting a response, each vendor shall be deemed to acknowledge that it has carefully read all sections of this RFP, including all forms, schedules and exhibits hereto, and has fully informed itself as to all existing conditions and limitations.

2. Submissions

Vendors are asked to submit one complete electronic copy of your proposal to bids@dataservice.org by **Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM**. You may use the format of your choice while it is recommended that it mirror the evaluation criteria to facilitate the ease of reading and scoring.

3. Proposal Modifications

Any changes, amendments or modifications to a response must be made in writing, submitted in the same manner as the original response and conspicuously labeled as a change, amendment or modification to a previously submitted proposal. Changes, amendments or modifications to proposals shall not be accepted or considered after the hour and date specified as the deadline for submission of proposals.

4. Response Costs and Expenses

The Colonial School District will not pay any costs incurred by any Vendor associated with any aspect of responding to this solicitation, including proposal preparation, printing or delivery, attendance at vendor's conference, system demonstrations or negotiation process.

5. Late Proposals

Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be accepted or considered. To guard against premature opening, sealed proposals shall be submitted, plainly marked with the response title, vendor name, and time and date of the response opening. Evaluation of the proposals is expected to begin shortly after the response due date. To document compliance with the deadline, the proposals will be date and time stamped upon receipt.

6. Response Opening

The Data Service Center will receive proposals until the date and time shown in this RFP. Proposals will be opened only in the presence of the Colonial School District and Data Service Center personnel. Any unopened proposals will be returned to Vendor.

There will be no public opening of proposals, but a public log will be kept of the names of all vendor organizations that submitted proposals. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed to competing vendors prior to contract award.

8. 7. Non-Conforming Proposals

Non-conforming proposals will not be considered. Non-conforming proposals are defined as those that do not meet the requirements of this RFP. The determination of whether an RFP requirement is substantive, or a mere formality shall reside solely within the Colonial School District.

9. 9. Concise Proposals

The Colonial School District discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals. It is the desire that proposals be prepared in a straightforward and concise manner. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other promotional materials beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired. The Colonial School District's interest is in the quality and responsiveness of the proposal.

10. 10. Realistic Proposals

It is the expectation of the Colonial School District that vendors can fully satisfy the scope of the proposal in the manner and time frame defined within the proposal. Proposals must be realistic and must represent the vendor's capabilities.

11. 11. Confidentiality of Documents

All documents submitted as part of the vendor's proposal will be deemed confidential during the evaluation process. Vendor proposals will not be available for review by anyone other than the Colonial School District/Proposal Evaluation Team or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract.

The Colonial School District is a public agency as defined by state law, and as such, it is subject to the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 *Del. C. Ch. 100*. Under the law, all the Colonial School District's records are public records (unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential) and are subject to inspection and copying by any person. Vendor(s) are advised that once a proposal is received by the Colonial School District and a decision on contract award is made, its contents will become public record and nothing contained in the proposal will be deemed to be confidential except proprietary information.

Vendor(s) shall not include any information in their proposal that is proprietary in nature or that they would not want to be released to the public. Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated and a contract written without reference to any proprietary information. If a vendor feels that they cannot submit their proposal without including proprietary information, they must adhere to the following procedure, or their proposal may be deemed unresponsive and will not be

recommended for selection. Vendor(s) must submit such information in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Proprietary Information" with the RFP number. The envelope must contain a letter from the Vendor's legal counsel describing the documents in the envelope, representing in good faith that the information in each document is not "public record" as defined by 29 *Del. C.* § 10002(d), and briefly stating the reasons that each document meets the said definitions.

Upon receipt of a proposal accompanied by such a separate, sealed envelope, the Colonial School District will open the envelope to determine whether the procedure described above has been followed.

12. 12. Multi-Vendor Solutions (Joint-Ventures)

Multi-vendor solutions (joint ventures) will be allowed only if one of the venture partners is designated as the "**prime designer**". The "**prime designer**" must be the joint venture's contact point for the Colonial School District and be responsible for the joint venture's performance under the contract, including all project management, legal and financial responsibility for the implementation of all vendor's systems. If a joint venture is proposed, a copy of the joint venture agreement clearly describing the responsibilities of the partners must be submitted with the proposal. Services specified in the proposal shall not be subcontracted without prior written approval by the Colonial School District, and approval of a request to subcontract shall not in any way relieve Vendor of responsibility for the professional and technical accuracy and adequacy of the work. Further, vendor shall be and remain liable for all damages to the Colonial School District caused by negligent performance or non-performance of work by its subcontractor or its sub-subcontractor.

Where necessary, RFP response pages are to be duplicated for each vendor.

a) a. Primary Vendor

The Colonial School District expects to negotiate and contract with only one "prime vendor". The Colonial School District will not accept any proposals that reflect an equal teaming arrangement or from vendors who are co-responding on this RFP. The prime vendor will be responsible for the management of all subcontractors.

Any contract that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime vendor is solely responsible for fulfillment of any contract with the State as a result of this procurement. The State will make contract payments only to the awarded vendor. Payments to any-subcontractors are the sole responsibility of the prime vendor (awarded vendor).

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Colonial School District from the full exercise of its options under Section IV.B.16 regarding multiple source contracting.

b) b. Sub-Contracting

The vendor selected shall be solely responsible for contractual performance and management of all subcontract relationships. This contract allows subcontracting assignments; however, vendors assume all responsibility for work quality, delivery, installation, maintenance, and any supporting services required by a subcontractor.

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal, and major subcontractors must be identified by name. **The prime vendor shall be wholly responsible for the entire contract performance whether or not subcontractors are used.** Any subcontractors must be approved by Colonial School District.

c) c. Multiple Proposals

A primary vendor may not participate in more than one proposal in any form. Subcontracting vendors may participate in multiple joint venture proposals.

d) 13. Sub-Contracting

The vendor selected shall be solely responsible for contractual performance and management of all subcontract relationships. This contract allows subcontracting assignments; however, vendors assume all responsibility for work quality, delivery, installation, maintenance, and any supporting services required by a subcontractor.

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal, and subcontractors must be identified by name. Any subcontractors must be approved by Colonial School District.

13. 14. Discrepancies and Omissions

Vendor is fully responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their proposal, and for examining this RFP and all addenda. Failure to do so will be at the sole risk of vendor. Should vendor find discrepancies, omissions, unclear or ambiguous intent or meaning, or should any questions arise concerning this RFP, vendor shall notify the Colonial School District's Designated Contact, in writing, of such findings at least ten (10) days before the proposal opening. This will allow issuance of any necessary addenda. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective proposal and exposure of vendor's proposal upon which award could not be made. All unresolved issues should be addressed in the proposal.

Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the Designated Contact, in writing, no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the time set for opening of the proposals.

14. 15. Colonial's Right to Reject Proposals

The Colonial School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any part of any proposal, to waive defects, technicalities or any specifications (whether they be in the Colonial School District's specifications or vendor's proposal), to sit and act as sole judge of the merit and qualifications of each product offered, or to solicit new proposals on the same project or on a modified project which may include portions of the originally proposed project as the Colonial School District may deem necessary in the best interest of the Colonial School District.

15. 16. Colonial's Right to Cancel Solicitation

The Colonial School District reserves the right to cancel this solicitation at any time during the procurement process, for any reason or for no reason. The Colonial School District makes no commitments expressed or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction with any vendor.

This RFP does not constitute an offer by the Colonial School District. Vendor's participation in this process may result in the Colonial School District selecting your organization to engage in further discussions and negotiations toward execution of a contract. The commencement of such negotiations does not, however, signify a commitment by the Colonial School District to execute a contract nor to continue negotiations. The Colonial School District may terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason, or for no reason.

16. 17. Colonial's Right to Award Multiple Source Contracting

Pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 6986, the Colonial School District may award a contract for a particular professional service to two or more vendors if the agency head (superintendent) makes a determination that such an award is in the best interest of the Colonial School District.

17. 18. Notification of Withdrawal of Proposal

Vendor may modify or withdraw its proposal by written request, provided that both proposal and request is received by the Colonial School District prior to the proposal due date. Proposals may be re-submitted in accordance with the proposal due date in order to be considered further.

Proposals become the property of the Colonial School District at the proposal submission deadline.

18. 19. Revisions to the RFP

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFP, an addendum will be posted on the state's website at <https://mmp.delaware.gov/Bids/>. The Colonial School District is not bound by any statement related to this RFP made by any Colonial School District employee, contractor or its agents.

19. 20. Exceptions to the RFP

Any exceptions to the RFP, or the Colonial School District's terms and conditions, must be recorded on attachment 2. Acceptance of exceptions is within the sole discretion of the evaluation committee.

20. 21. Award of Contract

The final award of a contract is subject to approval by the Colonial School District. The Colonial School District has the sole right to select the successful vendor(s) for award, to reject any proposal as unsatisfactory or non-responsive, to award a contract to other than the lowest priced proposal, to award multiple contracts, or not to award a contract, as a result of this RFP.

Notice in writing to a vendor of the acceptance of its proposal by the Colonial School District and the subsequent full execution of a written contract will constitute a contract, and no vendor will acquire any legal or equitable rights or privileges until the occurrence of both such events.

a) a. RFP Award Notifications

After reviews of the submitted proposals have been completed and once the contract terms and conditions have been finalized, the Board of Education of the Colonial School District will award the contract.

The contract shall be awarded to the vendor whose proposal is most advantageous, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. It should be explicitly noted that the Colonial School District is not obligated to award the contract to the vendor who receives the highest total point score, rather the contract will be awarded to the vendor whose proposal is the most advantageous to the Colonial School District. The award is subject to the appropriate Colonial School District approvals.

After a final selection is made, the winning vendor will be invited to negotiate a contract with the Colonial School District; remaining vendors will be notified in writing of their selection status.

C. C. RFP Evaluation Process

An evaluation team composed of representatives of the Colonial School District will evaluate proposals on a variety of quantitative criteria. Neither the lowest price nor highest scoring proposal will necessarily be selected.

The Colonial School District reserves full discretion to determine the competence and responsibility, professionally and/or financially, of vendors. Vendors are to provide in a timely manner any and all information that the Colonial School District may deem necessary to make a decision.

1. 1. Proposal Evaluation Team

The Proposal Evaluation Team shall be comprised of representatives of the Colonial School District and community members. The Team shall determine which vendors meet the minimum requirements pursuant to selection criteria of the RFP and procedures established in 29 Del. C. §§ 6981 and 6982 **The Team will negotiate with the qualified firm designated 1st on the preference list.** The Team shall make a recommendation regarding the award to the Colonial School District Board of Education, who shall have final authority, subject to the provisions of this RFP and 29 Del. C. § 6982, to award a contract to the successful vendor in the best interests of the Colonial School District.

2. 2. Proposal Selection Criteria

The Colonial School District shall assign up to the maximum number of points for each Evaluation Item to each of the proposing vendor's proposals. All assignments of points shall be at the sole discretion of the Colonial School District.

The proposals all contain the essential information on which the award decision shall be made. The information required to be submitted in response to this RFP has been determined by the Colonial School District to be essential for use by the District in the bid evaluation and award process. Therefore, all instructions contained in this RFP shall be met in order to qualify as a responsive and responsible contractor and participate in the District's consideration for award. Proposals which do not meet or comply with the instructions of this RFP may be considered non-conforming and deemed non-responsive and subject to disqualification at the sole discretion of the Team.

The Colonial School District reserves the right to:

- Select for contract or for negotiations a proposal other than that with lowest costs.
- Reject any and all proposals or portions of proposals received in response to this RFP or to make no award or issue a new RFP.
- Waive or modify any information, irregularity, or inconsistency in proposals received.
- Request modification to proposals from any or all vendors during the contract review and negotiation.
- Negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any vendor and negotiate with more than one vendor at the same time.

a) a. Criteria Weight

All proposals shall be evaluated using the same criteria and scoring process. The following criteria shall be used by the Evaluation Team to evaluate proposals:

Criteria	Weight
Experience & Reputation	25
Expertise & Team Organization	20

Criteria	Weight
Demonstrated Ability	20
Capacity to meet requirements (size, financial condition, etc.)	20
Familiarity with Delaware public works and requirements	10
Geographical Location of the Firm	5
Total	100%

3. 3. Proposal Clarification

The Colonial School District may contact any vendor in order to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the contents of a proposal. Proposals may not be modified as a result of any such clarification request.

4. 4. References

The Colonial School District may contact any customer of the vendor, whether or not included in the vendor's reference list, and use such information in the evaluation process. Additionally, the Colonial School District may choose to visit existing sites where the vendor is working, or has completed work, which may or may not include vendor personnel. If the vendor is involved in such site visits, the Colonial School District will pay travel costs only for Colonial School District personnel for these visits.

5. 5. Oral Presentations

Selected vendors may be invited to make oral presentations to the Colonial School District. The vendor representative(s) attending the oral presentation shall be technically qualified to respond to questions related to the proposed system and its components.

All of the vendor's costs associated with participation in oral discussions and system demonstrations conducted for the Colonial School District are the vendor's responsibility.

D. Contract Terms and Conditions

1. General Information

- a. The term of the contract between the successful bidder(S) and the District shall be for 5 years or until the projects are completed.
6. b. The selected vendor will be required to enter into a written agreement with the Colonial School District. The Colonial School District reserves the right to incorporate standard State contractual provisions into any contract negotiated as a result of a proposal submitted in response to this RFP. Any proposed modifications to the terms and conditions of the standard contract are subject to review and approval by the Colonial School District. Vendors

will be required to sign the contract for all services and may be required to sign additional agreements.

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 - c. The selected vendor or vendors will be expected to enter negotiations with the Colonial School District, which will result in a formal contract between parties. Procurement will be in accordance with subsequent contracted agreement. This RFP and the selected vendor's response to this RFP will be incorporated as part of any formal contract.
 - d. The Colonial School District's standard contract will most likely be supplemented with additional applicable agreements including local and state required forms, as well as AIA documents. The terms and conditions of these agreements will be negotiated with the finalist during actual contract negotiations.
 - e. The successful vendor shall promptly execute a contract incorporating the terms of this RFP within twenty (20) days after award of the contract. No vendor is to begin any service prior to receipt of a Colonial School District purchase order signed by two authorized representatives of the agency requesting service, properly processed through the Colonial School District Accounting Office and the Department of Finance. The purchase order shall serve as the authorization to proceed in accordance with the proposal, contract, and the special instructions, once it is received by the successful vendor.
- a) f. If the vendor to whom the award is made fails to enter into the agreement as herein provided, the award will be annulled, and an award may be made to another vendor. Such vendor shall fulfill every stipulation embraced herein as if they were the party to whom the first award was made.

8. 2. Collusion or Fraud

Any evidence of agreement or collusion among vendor(s) and prospective vendor(s) acting to illegally restrain freedom from competition by agreement to offer a fixed price, or otherwise, will render the offers of such vendor(s) void.

By responding, the vendor shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that its proposal is not made in connection with any competing vendor submitting a separate response to this RFP, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that the vendor did not participate in the RFP development process and had no knowledge of the specific contents of the RFP prior to its issuance; and that no employee or official of the Colonial School District participated directly or indirectly in the vendor's proposal preparation.

Advance knowledge of information which gives any particular vendor advantages over any other interested vendor(s), in advance of the opening of proposals, whether in response to advertising or an employee or representative thereof, will potentially void that particular proposal.

9. 3. Lobbying and Gratuities

Lobbying or providing gratuities shall be strictly prohibited. Vendors found to be lobbying, providing gratuities to, or in any way attempting to influence a Colonial School District employee or agent of the Colonial School District concerning this RFP or the award of a contract resulting from this RFP shall have their proposal immediately rejected and shall be barred from further participation in this RFP.

The selected vendor will warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure a contract resulting from this RFP upon agreement or understanding for a commission, or a percentage, brokerage or contingent fee. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Colonial School District shall have the right to annul any contract resulting from this RFP without liability or at its discretion deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

All contact with Colonial School District employees, contractors or agents of the Colonial School District concerning this RFP shall be conducted in strict accordance with the manner, forum and conditions set forth in this RFP.

10. 4. Solicitation of Colonial Employees

Until contract award, vendors shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit any employee of the Colonial School District to leave the Colonial School District's employ in order to accept employment with the vendor, its affiliates, actual or prospective contractors, or any person acting in concert with vendor, without prior written approval of the Colonial School District's contracting officer. Solicitation of Colonial School District employees by a vendor may result in rejection of the vendor's proposal.

This paragraph does not prevent the employment by a vendor of a Colonial School District employee who has initiated contact with the vendor. However, Colonial School District employees may be legally prohibited from accepting employment with the contractor or subcontractor under certain circumstances. Vendors may not knowingly employ a person who cannot legally accept employment under state or federal law. If a vendor discovers that they have done so, they must terminate that employment immediately.

5. General Contract Terms

a. Independent contractors

The parties to the contract shall be independent contractors to one another, and nothing herein shall be deemed to cause this agreement to create an agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between parties. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable workers compensation, unemployment, disability insurance, social security withholding and all other similar matters. Neither party shall be liable for any debts, accounts, obligations or other liability whatsoever of the other party, or any other obligation of the other party to pay on the behalf of its employees or to withhold from any compensation paid to such employees any social benefits, workers compensation insurance premiums or any income or other similar taxes.

It may be at the Colonial School District's discretion as to the location of work for the contractual support personnel during the project period.

11. b. Non-Appropriation

In the event the Colonial School District Board, or the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the District requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds.

12. c. Licenses and Permits and Other Relevant Costs

In performance of the contract, the vendor will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. Any relevant costs required in the performance of the contract shall be borne by the successful vendor. The vendor shall be properly licensed and authorized to transact business in the State of Delaware as provided in 30 *Del. C.* § 2502.

Prior to receiving an award, the successful vendor shall either furnish the Colonial School District with proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required. An application may be requested in writing to: Division of Revenue, Carvel State Building, P.O. Box 8750, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19899 or by telephone to one of the following numbers: (302) 577-8200—Public Service, (302) 577-8205—Licensing Department.

Information regarding the award of the contract will be given to the Division of Revenue. Failure to comply with the State of Delaware licensing requirements may subject vendor to applicable fines and/or interest penalties.

13. d. Notice

Any notice to the Colonial School District required under the contract shall be sent by registered mail to:

NAME: Steve Johnson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Facilities/Maintenance

ADDRESS: 318 E Basin Road, New Castle, DE 19720

14. e. Indemnification

1. General Indemnification.

By submitting a proposal, the proposing vendor agrees that in the event it is awarded a contract, it will indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the Colonial School District, its agents and employees from any and all liability, suits, actions, or claims, together with all costs, expenses for attorney's fees, arising out of the vendor's its

agents and employees' performance work or services in connection with the contract, regardless of whether such suits, actions, claims or liabilities are based upon acts or failures to act attributable, whole or part, to the State, its employees or agents.

2. Proprietary Rights Indemnification

Vendor shall warrant that all elements of its solution, including all equipment, software, documentation, services and deliverables, do not and will not infringe upon or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights of any third party. In the event of any claim, suit or action by any third party against the Colonial School District, the Colonial School District shall promptly notify the vendor in writing and vendor shall defend such claim, suit or action at vendor's expense, and vendor shall indemnify the Colonial School District against any loss, cost, damage, expense or liability arising out of such claim, suit or action (including, without limitation, litigation costs, lost employee time, and counsel fees) whether or not such claim, suit or action is successful.

If any equipment, software, services (including methods) products or other intellectual property used or furnished by the vendor (collectively "Products") is or in vendor's reasonable judgment is likely to be, held to constitute an infringing product, vendor shall at its expense and option either:

- (a)** Procure the right for the Colonial School District to continue using the Product(s);
- (b)** Replace the product with a non-infringing equivalent that satisfies all the requirements of the contract; or
- (c)** Modify the Product(s) to make it or them non-infringing, provided that the modification does not materially alter the functionality or efficacy of the product or cause the Product(s) or any part of the work to fail to conform to the requirements of the Contract, or only alters the Product(s) to a degree that the Colonial School District agrees to and accepts in writing.

f. Insurance

- a) 1.** Vendor recognizes that it is operating as an independent contractor and that it is liable for any and all losses, penalties, damages, expenses, attorney's fees, judgments, and/or settlements incurred by reason of injury to or death of any and all persons, or injury to any and all property, of any nature, arising out of the vendor's negligent performance under this contract, and particularly without limiting the foregoing, caused by, resulting

from, or arising out of any act of omission on the part of the vendor in their negligent performance under this contract.

- b) **2.** The vendor shall maintain such insurance as will protect against claims under Worker’s Compensation Act and from any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this contract. The vendor is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the Colonial School District.
- c) **3.** During the term of this contract, the vendor shall, at its own expense, carry insurance minimum limits as follows:

a	Comprehensive General Liability	\$1,000,000 per person and \$3,000,000 per occurrence
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And at least one of the following, as outlined below:

b	Medical or Professional Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
C	Misc. Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
D	Product Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000

The successful vendor must carry (a) and at least one of (b), (c), or (d) above, depending on the type of Service or Product being delivered.

If the contractual service requires the transportation of district staff, the vendor shall, in addition to the above coverage’s, secure at its own expense the following coverage:

a.	Automotive Liability (Bodily Injury)	\$100,000/\$300,000
b.	Automotive Property Damage (to others)	\$ 25,000

- d) **4.** The vendor shall provide a certificate of insurance as proof that the vendor has the required insurance.

15. g. Performance Requirements

The selected Vendor will warrant that it possesses, or has arranged through subcontractors, all capital and other equipment, labor, materials, and licenses necessary to carry out and complete the work hereunder in compliance with any and all Federal and State laws, and County and local ordinances, regulations and codes.

16. h. Warranty
NA

17. i. Costs and Payment Schedules

18. All contract costs must be as detailed specifically in the Vendor's cost proposal during negotiations. No charges other than as specified in the proposal shall be allowed without written consent of the Colonial School District. The proposal costs shall include full compensation for all taxes that the selected vendor is required to pay.

19. The Colonial School District will require a payment schedule based on defined and measurable milestones. Payments for services will not be made in advance of work performed. The Colonial School District may require holdback of contract monies until acceptable performance is demonstrated (as much as 25%).

a) j. Penalties

b) The Colonial School District may include in the final contract penalty provisions for non-performance, such as liquidated damages.

k. Termination for Cause

If for any reasons, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations under the contract, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements or stipulations of the contract, the Colonial School District shall thereupon have the right to terminate the contract by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least twenty (20) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor under the contract shall, at the option of the Colonial School District, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is useable to the Colonial School District.

l. Termination for Convenience

The Colonial School District may terminate the contract at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least twenty (20) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor under the contract shall, at the option of the Colonial School District, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is useable to the Colonial School District. If the contract is terminated by the Colonial School District as so provided, the Vendor will be paid an amount which bears the same ratio to the total compensation as the services actually performed bear to the total services of the Vendor as covered by the contract, less payments of compensation previously made. Provided

however, that if less than 60 percent of the services covered by the contract have been performed upon the effective date of termination, the Vendor shall be reimbursed (in addition to the above payment) for that portion of actual out of pocket expenses (not otherwise reimbursed under the contract) incurred by the Vendor during the contract period which are directly attributable to the uncompleted portion of the services covered by the contract.

20. m. Non-discrimination

In performing the services subject to this RFP the vendor will agree that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex or national origin. The successful vendor shall comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and policies pertaining to the prevention of discriminatory employment practice. Failure to perform under this provision constitutes a material breach of contract.

21. n. Covenant against Contingent Fees

The successful vendor will warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement of understanding for a commission or percentage, brokerage or contingent fee excepting bona-fide employees, bona-fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Vendor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty the Colonial School District shall have the right to annul the contract without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

22. o. Vendor Activity

No activity is to be executed in an offshore facility, either by a subcontracted firm or a foreign office or division of the vendor. The vendor must attest to the fact that no activity will take place outside of the United States in its transmittal letter. Failure to adhere to this requirement is cause for elimination from future consideration.

p. Work Product

All materials and products developed under the executed contract by the vendor are the sole and exclusive property of the District. The vendor will seek written permission to use any product created under the contract.

23. p. Contract Documents

The RFP, the purchase order, the executed contract and any supplemental documents between the Colonial School District and the successful vendor shall constitute the contract between the Colonial School District and the vendor. In the event there is any discrepancy between any of these contract documents, the following order of documents governs so that the former prevails over the latter: contract, Colonial School District's RFP, Vendor's response to the RFP and purchase order. No other documents shall be considered. These

documents will constitute the entire agreement between the Colonial School District and the vendor.

24. q. Applicable Law

The laws of the State of Delaware shall apply, except where Federal Law has precedence. The successful vendor consents to jurisdiction and venue in the State of Delaware.

In submitting a proposal, Vendors certify that they comply with all federal, state and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations including:

- (1) the laws of the State of Delaware;
- (2) the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- (3) the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued there under by the federal government;
- (4) a condition that the proposal submitted was independently arrived at, without collusion, under penalty of perjury; and
- (5) that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public under resulting contract conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the regulations issued there under by the federal government.

If any vendor fails to comply with (1) through (5) of this paragraph, the Colonial School District reserves the right to disregard the proposal, terminate the contract, or consider the vendor in default.

The selected vendor shall keep itself fully informed of and shall observe and comply with all applicable existing Federal and State laws, and County and local ordinances, regulations and codes, and those laws, ordinances, regulations, and codes adopted during its performance of the work.

25. r. Scope of Agreement

If the scope of any provision of the contract is determined to be too broad in any respect whatsoever to permit enforcement to its full extent, then such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law, and the parties hereto consent and agree that such scope may be judicially modified accordingly and that the whole of such provisions of the contract shall not thereby fail, but the scope of such provisions shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to conform to the law.

26. s. Other General Conditions

- a) (1) **Volumes and Quantities** – Activity volume estimates and other quantities have been reviewed for accuracy; however, they may be subject to change prior or subsequent to award of the contract.
- b) (2) **Status Reporting** – The selected vendor will be required to lead and/or participate in status meetings and submit status reports covering such items as progress of work being performed,

milestones attained, resources expended, problems encountered, and corrective action taken, until contract completion.

- c) **(3) Changes** – No alterations in any terms, conditions, delivery, price, quality, or specifications of items ordered will be effective without the written consent of the Colonial School District.
- d) **(4) Additional Terms and Conditions** – The Colonial School District reserves the right to add terms and conditions during the contract negotiations.

27. t. Background check of site personnel

Selected vendor will be required to provide recent criminal background checks for all personnel who will be on Colonial sites. Colonial School District will not be responsible for any costs associated with background checks. Results of the background checks must be reviewed with the appropriate Colonial personnel and Colonial reserves the right to preclude any employees or contractors from its sites based on the background check at its sole discretion.

D. E. RFP Miscellaneous Information

1. 1. No Press Releases or Public Disclosure

Vendors may not release any information about this RFP. The Colonial School District reserves the right to pre-approve any news or advertising releases concerning this RFP, the resulting contract, the work performed, or any reference to the Colonial School District with regard to any project or contract performance. Any such news or advertising releases pertaining to this RFP or resulting contract shall require the prior express written permission of the Colonial School District.

2. 2. Definitions of Requirements

To prevent any confusion about identifying requirements in this RFP, the following definition is offered: The words *shall*, *will* and/or *must* are used to designate a mandatory requirement. Vendors must respond to all mandatory requirements presented in the RFP. Failure to respond to a mandatory requirement may cause the disqualification of your proposal.

F. Pre Bid Meeting

- 1. There will not be a pre bid meeting for this Request for Proposal.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Non-Collusion Statement

Attachment 2 – Exceptions

Attachment 3 – Confidentiality and Proprietary Information

Attachment 4 – Business References

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STATE OF DELAWARE
Colonial School District

CONTRACT NO.: 4-25-45

TITLE: Construction Management Services

Attachment 1

OPENING DATE: May 21, 2025

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

This is to certify that the undersigned Vendor has neither directly nor indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this proposal, **and further certifies that it is not a sub-contractor to another Vendor who also submitted a proposal as a primary Vendor in response to this solicitation** submitted this date to the Colonial School District.

It is agreed by the undersigned Vendor that the signed delivery of this bid represents the Vendor's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal including all specifications and special provisions.

NOTE: Signature of the authorized representative **MUST** be of an individual who legally may enter his/her organization into a formal contract with the Colonial School District.

COMPANY NAME _____ (Check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual

NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
(Please type or print) _____

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

COMPANY ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FEDERAL E.I. NUMBER _____ State of Delaware
LICENSE NUMBER _____

	(circle one)		(circle one)		(circle one)	
COMPANY CLASSIFICATIONS: CERT. NO.	<u>Women Business Enterprise (WBE)</u>	Yes No	<u>Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)</u>	Yes No	<u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (WBE)</u>	Yes No

[The above table is for informational and statistical use only.]

PURCHASE ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT TO:
(COMPANY NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

AFFIRMATION: Within the past five years, has your firm, any affiliate, any predecessor company or entity, owner, Director, officer, partner or proprietor been the subject of a Federal, State, Local government suspension or debarment?

YES _____ NO _____ if yes, please explain _____

THIS PAGE SHALL BE SIGNED, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED

STATE OF DELAWARE
Colonial School District

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this _____ day of , 20 _____

Notary Public _____ My commission expires _____

City of _____ County of _____ State of _____

CONTRACT NO. #4-25-45
Construction Management Services – Multiple Projects
Business References

List a minimum of five business references, including the following information:

- Business Name and Mailing address
- Contact Name and phone number
- Number of years doing business with
- Type of work performed

Please do not list any State Employee as a business reference. If you have held a State contract within the last 5 years, please list the contract/agency as Business Name.

1. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

2. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

3. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

4. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

5. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed: