

School District of Palm Beach County FL



Solicitation No.

22C-5C

Electrical Contractors: Service, Repair and Installation

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RESPONSES ARE DUE PRIOR TO:

2:00 PM, EST., Wednesday August 25, 2021

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RESPONSES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO:

www.BidSync.com

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The School District of Palm Beach County is an
Equal Education Opportunity Provider and Employer.

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=6165437>

22C- 5C - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

(Upon receipt, all submittals become Public Records and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. See paragraph 54 in General Conditions for details.)

A. SCOPE:

The purpose and intent of this Invitation to Bid is to secure prices and establish a Term Contract for Electrical Contractors – Service, Repair and Installation, as specified herein. All bidders, which meet or exceed the criteria established in the Invitation to Bid, shall be placed in the pool of pre-qualified vendors that may be accessed by The School District of Palm Beach County Departments in order to obtain price quotations from the prequalified contractors to provide Electrical Contractor Services, as specified herein.

B. DELIVERY:

Items in the Invitation to Bid are for **various schools and departments** located throughout Palm Beach County and are not for delivery to any central location. Deliveries are to be FOB destination as per purchase order. All deliveries made to schools and departments shall require inside delivery unless otherwise specified.

C. PERISCOPE S2G:

1. All offers must be submitted electronically to PeriscopeS2G at BidSync.com. Including all required documents listed in the solicitation. No other responses will be accepted, including hard copy or emailed responses.
2. PeriscopeS2G supports online document tracking and completion. All documents must be viewed/accepted before the bid packet can be viewed and an offer can be placed.
3. The District will only consider offers that have been uploaded and submitted through PeriscopeS2G PRIOR to the bid closing date and time. As with any document upload, larger documents and/or heavy user activity may result in longer upload times. **Please allow sufficient time to complete your offer.**
4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: For help filling out your offer, please visit:

<https://support.bidsync.com/hc/en-us/articles/222437508-How-do-I-respond-to-a-bid->

All responses entered into PeriscopeS2G must be typed in. DO NOT cut and paste from any other program. Doing so may corrupt or invalidate your response and not allow you to respond.

In order to complete this response process, you must first select “Review response,” verify the information is correct then enter your password and select “Confirm & submit response.”

After clicking “Confirm & submit response,” a confirmation page loads with “Offer Received” at the top of the page. If you do not see this confirmation, your offer was not submitted successfully.

If you select to receive a confirmation e-mail indicating a successful response you will receive a confirming email within five minutes.

If you do not receive confirmation that your offer has been received, please call Periscope S2G at 800-990-9339 Option 1 (Customer Care) and then Option 1 (Vendor Assistance).

In the event an addendum(s) to a solicitation is created, the addendum(s) will be distributed by PeriscopeS2G to all who are known by the Purchasing Department to have received a complete set of proposal documents.

Be advised that registering with PeriscopeS2G is a FREE service.

D. BENEFICIAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP AFFIDAVIT:

The School District is requesting this affidavit to include a list of every "person" (as defined in Section 1.01 (3), Florida Statutes to include individuals, children, firms, associates, joint adventures, partnerships, estates, trusts, business trusts, syndicates, fiduciaries, corporations and all other groups and combinations) holding 5% or more of the beneficial interest in the disclosing entity. **The Beneficial Interest and Disclosure of Ownership Affidavit (PBSD Form 1997) must be downloaded, signed, notarized and uploaded with your bid response. The Proposer must submit all supporting documentation in the name of the Proposer's entity only. Parent and/or subsidiary entities will not be acceptable.**

E. FLORIDA PREFERENCE:

Pursuant to §287.084 Florida Statute, award recommendations shall make appropriate adjustments to pricing when considering solicitations from Proposers having a principal place of business outside the State of Florida. **All Proposers must complete and electronically submit the Proposer's Statement of Principal Place of Business with the response to this solicitation.** Failure to comply may be considered non-responsive to the terms of this solicitation. Refer to <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm> for additional information regarding this Statute.

F. SBE PREFERENCE:

Award recommendations shall make appropriate adjustments to pricing when considering solicitations from a District certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) if the bid price does not exceed the lowest bidder's price by an amount greater than \$50,000 or 5%, whichever is less. In instances where the certified SBE's price difference is greater than \$50,000 or 5%, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder will be awarded the contract and the goals shall be deemed waived. The requirements to qualify for the SBE are to be certified by the School District of Palm Beach County, **subject to the criteria indicated in paragraph P.** The District does not recognize any other certifications. Graduation from the District SBE Certification Program shall void certification if a vendor has exceeded the revenue/sales size standards for their industry specific classification for the previous three year period. **See Paragraph N, SBE GOAL, and Paragraph P, SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION, for complete detail.** For District certification go to <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/diversityinbusiness> website and complete the SBE certification application.

G. AWARD:

Contract will be awarded to ALL responsive, responsible bidders meeting specifications, terms, and conditions of this bid. Whenever work is needed, awarded vendors will be notified to provide a proposal for that project based on their prices submitted on the Bid Summary contained in this bid. The project will be awarded to the vendor with the best price for that project after adjustments have been made for all preferences that may be applicable.

All quotes must include the cost for labor, materials and installation/repair and the pricing shall be broken out for verification of pricing against pricing submitted on attached Bid Summary Sheet. Contractors shall use the Bid 22C-5C Quote/Estimate Sheet when responding to quotes. Quotes that do not follow this requirement, may be rejected. There will be no additional charge for consultation or troubleshooting on any particular project.

Emergency repairs: Emergency repairs are defined as situations where immediate repairs are required to prevent the loss of service to alleviate the possibility of a situation which would adversely and unduly affect the safety, health or comfort of building, occupants, or otherwise cause loss to the School District. In the event of an emergency, the District may select at their discretion, a vendor from the pool of awarded vendors to provide emergency repair services.

In cases of an emergency, the District may contact an awarded vendor and authorize emergency services. The contacted vendor shall respond within 24 hours. If repairs are done immediately, vendor shall notify Facility Management Coordinator for the job of completion and an itemized invoice shall be submitted within 24 hours. In situations where there are extended lead times, fabrication time, or the work will not take place immediately, a written quote-estimate shall be submitted to the Facility Management Coordinator. This quote should include estimated time of completion, lead times, and other pertinent information. Emergency services may require work be performed after regular hours, weekends, and holidays.

Repairs estimated by District staff to be no more than \$5,000 will be assigned to a contractor from the awarded pool of vendors in a manner that benefits the District in relation to cost and schedule. The contractor that is asked to quote the minor repair shall respond to the request within one working day and within three working days of request provide the requester with an itemized quote for the repairs. Awarded vendors who are unavailable for a particular project shall be required to provide written notification that they will be unavailable to respond. Vendors shall not refuse any project based solely upon its location and dollar amount.

The Board reserves the right to undertake inquiries into proposer's financial and/or litigation history, and by submitting a proposal, the proposer expressly consents to these inquiries.

The Board, through its designee(s), reserves the right to further negotiate any proposal, including price and warranty, with all responsible and responsive bidders to meet the needs of the District. If a mutually beneficial agreement with the bidder offering the lowest cost and who is deemed responsible and responsive cannot be resolved, The Board, through its designee(s), reserves the right to enter into negotiations with the next bidder offering the lowest cost and who is deemed responsible and responsive until an agreement is reached to meet the needs of the District. Upon award of a particular item to the successful bidder, the vendor cannot substitute an item without prior approval by the Purchasing Department. Vendor must supply the item that was specified according to their bid response unless instructed otherwise by the Purchasing Department.

The Purchasing Department or their designee reserves the right to use the next bidder offering the lowest cost and who is deemed responsible and responsive in the event the original awardee of the bid cannot fulfill their contract, subject to the terms and conditions of Preference awards as provided herein. The next bidder offering the lowest cost and who is deemed responsible and responsive prices must remain the same as originally bid and must remain firm for the duration of the contract.

H. TERM OF CONTRACT:

The term of this contract shall be for three (3) years from the date of award and may, by mutual agreement between the School District and the awardee(s), be renewable for one (1) additional two-year period. If considering renewing the Contract, the Board, through the Purchasing Department, will provide a letter of intent to renew the Contract to the awardee(s) 120 days prior to the end of the initial term of the Contract period or any subsequent renewal term. If needed, the Contract may be extended 120 days beyond the Contract expiration date or any subsequent renewal periods. The awardee(s) will be notified when the Board has acted

upon the recommendation. All prices shall be firm for the entire length of the Contract and all subsequent renewal periods however, nothing prohibits the District from accepting lower pricing during the term of this contract.

I. REFERENCES:

Electronically Complete the Reference Document and include at least five (5) references from customers that you have contracted with to provide electrical contractor services. This should include at least one reference from a customer who has been with you for a year or less, three references from veteran customers with long term or repeat contracts and at least one reference from a past customer who is currently not under contract with you. Please do not include the School District of Palm Beach County as a reference.

NOTE: The information requested must include a current contact name, phone number and email address for each reference.

J. QUALIFICATIONS:

Provide photocopies of the following (**valid and current**) licenses and/or certificates: **Failure to provide this documentation may result in rejection of bid.**

If you are a business located within Palm Beach County please provide:

1. Palm Beach County Local Business Tax Receipt, formerly Occupational License.

AND

2. Proof of an active Certificate of Authority issued by the Florida Department of State which authorizes the Bidder to transact business in the State of Florida. This proof may be provided by either submitting a copy of the Letter of Authority issued by the Office of the Secretary of State or by submitting a copy of the Certificate of Status Verification which may be obtained via Sunbiz.org-Department of State.

AND

3. Copy of industry/skills certifications and /or licenses required for the performance of electrical contractor (EC or ER).

Per Florida Statutes 607.1501, A foreign corporation may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State. For information on how to register to do business in the State of Florida go to: <https://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/forms/>

If you are an out of the county business please provide:

1. a current Business Tax Receipt within that county you are registered

AND

2. Proof of an active Certificate of Authority issued by the Florida Department of State which authorizes the Bidder to transact business in the State of Florida. This proof may be provided by either submitting a copy of the Letter of Authority issued by the Office of the Secretary of State or by submitting a copy of the Certificate of Status Verification which may be obtained via Sunbiz.org-Department of State.

AND

3. Copy of industry/skills certifications and /or licenses required for the performance of electrical contractor (EC or ER).

The bidder(s) must have an adequate organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to insure prompt and efficient service. The District reserves the right, before recommending any award, to inspect the facilities to determine ability to perform. The District reserves the right to reject bids where evidence submitted, investigation and/or evaluation, is determined to indicate inability of the bidder to perform.

K. PLACING AN OFFER:

The Board objects to and shall not consider any additional terms or conditions submitted by a respondent, including any appearing in documents attached as part of a respondent's response. In submitting its response, a respondent agrees that any additional terms or conditions, whether submitted intentionally or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect. Failure to comply with terms and conditions, including those specifying information that must be submitted with a response, shall be grounds for rejecting a response.

All offers must be submitted electronically to PeriscopeS2G at BidSync.com. No offer will be considered if submitted after the closing date and time. Hard copy bids will not be accepted. Allow sufficient time to complete your offer, **and follow all steps outlined in Paragraph C.** If necessary, an addendum will be distributed by PeriscopeS2G to all who are known by the Purchasing Department to have received a complete set of proposal documents.

L. BID QUESTIONS:

From the time this solicitation is posted until the time a Decision or Intended Decision is posted, potential Proposers and employees, representatives, partners, director, officers, or other individuals acting on behalf of the Proposer, shall be prohibited from lobbying any School District employee, Member of the School Board, Member of a School District Advisory Committee that may evaluate the awarded contract, or person selected to evaluate or recommend selection of the awarded Proposer. Violation of the Cone of Silence shall result in rejection/disqualification of the Proposer from award of a contract arising out of this solicitation. Further, in order to protect the integrity of the award process, all questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted via PeriscopeS2G no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, on Thursday August 12, 2021. Questions received via PeriscopeS2G by the time and date specified will be answered in writing and posted on PeriscopeS2G. Lorenzo Valdes is authorized only to direct the attention of prospective proposers to various portions of the Bid so that they may read and interpret such for themselves. Neither Lorenzo Valdes nor any employee of the District is authorized to interpret any portion of this Bid or give information as to the requirements of the Bid in addition to that contained in the written documents. All questions submitted (along with their source) are subject to Public Records Laws and as such will be available for inspection upon receipt of a Public Records Request.

M. POSTING OF BID RECOMMENDATION / TABULATIONS:

Bid recommendations and tabulations will be posted electronically with PeriscopeS2G for review by interested parties, on Friday August 27, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., EST, and will remain posted for a period of 72 hours. If the bid tabulation with recommended awards is not posted by said date and time, A "Notice of Delay of Posting" will be posted to inform all bidders of the new posting date and time.

Any person adversely affected by the decision or intended decision, as defined in School Board Policy 6.14 (4) (a), must file a notice of protest, in writing, within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision. Saturdays, Sundays and State Holidays shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour time period. The formal written protest must be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Failure to file a notice of protest or to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57 (3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

N. SBE GOAL:

The Board strongly encourages the use of Small Business Enterprises for participation as partners: joint venture partners, subcontractors, sub-consultants and prime contractors, in the District's contracting opportunities. A listings of Certified Small Business Enterprises can be found on the District's Office of Diversity in Business Practices web site at <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/diversityinbusiness>.

O. SUB-CONTRACTING:

If a vendor intends to sub-contract any portion of this bid for any reason, no sub-contracting will take place prior to bid-awarded vendor furnishing this information and receiving written approval from the District. Subcontractors will be required to conform to the Jessica Lunsford Act as noted in the General Conditions document of this bid.

The Purchasing Department reserves the right to reject a subcontractor who previously failed in the proper performance of an award or failed to deliver on-time contracts of a similar nature, or who is not in the position to perform this award. The School District Representative reserves the right to inspect all facilities of any subcontractor in order to make determination as to the foregoing. The subcontractor will be equally responsible for meeting all requirements specified in this Invitation to Bid. Vendors are encouraged to seek SBE business enterprises for participation in sub-contracting opportunities. The sub-contractor shall be equally responsible for meeting all requirements specified in this Invitation to Bid.

P. SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PARTICIPATION:

An SBE business must meet The School District of Palm Beach County's (SDPBC) eligibility standards incorporated in the definition of Small Business Enterprise (SBE) as outlined in School Board Policy 6.143, Diversity and Equitable Utilization in Business, which requires that the business be certified by SDPBC.

SDPBC defines a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) as having average annual gross sales that are less than fifty (50%) of the small business size standard as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for a firm's relevant industry. The average number of full-time employees over the last three years that is less than fifty percent (50%) of small business size standard as defined by SBA for the business firm's relevant industry. See SBE guidelines at: www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-guide/size-standards.

The principal place of business of the SBE must be in Palm Beach County, Broward County, and /or Miami Dade County. The firm's headquarters must be located in Palm Beach County, Broward County, and/or Miami Dade County with either, a majority of the firm's gross revenues or sales derived there, or a majority of firm's employees domiciled in one of these counties.

An SBE business must have received less than fifteen million dollars (\$15 million) in contract payments from the School District of Palm Beach County projects or contracts in the fiscal year preceding the bid.

An SBE business shall be independent (a free-standing business) and recognized as a separate entity for tax purposes. Businesses that share common ownership, space, employees, or other facilities, may be considered as a single business for this program without reference to tax status.

The business must have been established and operational for a period of at least one (1) full year prior to the certification application. The business's address must include street number, name of the street, suite number, if any, and correct zip code. A post office box is unacceptable without the physical street address.

Revenues or Sales Size Standards:

Procurement Program – Any firm that has had an average cumulative gross sales or revenues of greater than seven million dollars (\$7 million) over the last three (3) years shall not be considered eligible to participate in the School District’s SBE program for procurement.

SDPBC will accept SBE certification on a school district solicitation if the bidder can demonstrate that they meet the guidelines as outlined in the School District’s Small Business Enterprise Program eligibility guidelines. Industry specific classification and income thresholds are consistent with and meets the standards contained in School Board Policy 6.143 and the Office of Diversity in Business Practices Procedures Manual as depicted in the chart below.

INDUSTRY	INCOME THRESHOLD
Construction	Not to exceed \$13,000,000.
Professional Services	Not to exceed \$6,000,000.
General Procurement	Not to exceed \$7,000,000.

SBE Vendor Directory:

The Vendor Directory represents SBE vendors certified only by the School District of Palm Beach County. Vendors certified as an SBE with any entity or agency other than the School District of Palm Beach County will not be accepted. The District does not have **reciprocity** with any other certifying Agency/Entity. The District has an Inter-local Agreement (IA) with The City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools; however, SBE bidders must have met the certification eligibility criteria of the District’s certification program at the time of documentation submittal in order to be deemed a District Certified SBE.

Goal: The Goal established for this industry classification is an SBE Bid Preference of 5% for the participation of Small Business Enterprises.

SBE Bid Preference:

Pursuant to Board Policy 6.143, award recommendations shall make appropriate adjustments to pricing when considering solicitations from School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE) if the bid price does not exceed the lowest bidder’s price by an amount greater than \$50,000 or 5%, whichever is less. In instances where the certified SBEs price difference is greater than \$50,000 or 5%, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder will be awarded the contract and the goals shall be deemed waived.

Qualification requirements for SBE Bid Preference are, the bidder must be certified by the School District of Palm Beach County, at the time the bid is submitted. The District does not recognize any other certifications. **Bidders must submit their School District Certification Certificate with the bid.** For District certification go to <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/diversityinbusiness> website and complete the SBE certification application. The Office of Diversity in Business Practices will review the certification database to ensure that all SBE’s are certified at the time the bid is submitted.

Small Business Enterprise Participation:

Bidders who list SBE subcontractors as participants in their bids must complete and submit the Subcontractor Participation Letter of Intent, Form 1525 and Subcontractor Participation Summary, Form 1526. Form 1526 will be submitted with all requests for payment, and will be submitted as part of the response to the solicitation.

SBE Bid Preference is not the same as Small Business Enterprise Participation.

If SBE Bid Preference is indicated, then the Bid does not have an SBE Participation Goal and Forms 1525 and 1526 are not required.

The industry specific classification for this solicitation is: Electrical Contractor Services

B2GNow Compliance Reporting System

The SCHOOL BOARD maintains an electronic Contract Compliance System known as the B2GNow Compliance Reporting System. This Contract is subject to Compliance Tracking and Contractor shall use the B2GNow secure web-based system to submit Project Specific information including, but not limited to, monthly payments and progress reports on all Subconsultants and Subcontractors.

Contractor understands that all Subconsultants and/or Subcontractors are also required to utilize the B2GNow Reporting System to manage their contact information and Project Specific records, respond to any noted instructions and/or information requests. Contractor agrees to advise all of its Subconsultants and/or Subcontractors in writing of the requirement to submit all Contract Compliance related data electronically to the B2GNow Reporting System. Contractor further agrees and understands it is responsible for ensuring all Subconsultants and/or Subcontractors have uploaded all requested items via the B2GNow Reporting System.

Contractor understands its contact information and that of its Subconsultants and/or Subcontractor must remain accurate and up-to-date in the B2GNow Reporting System and agrees to timely notify SCHOOL BOARD of any changes to its contact information or that of a Subconsultant and/or Subcontractor. From time to time, the SCHOOL BOARD may require additional information from the Contractor and/or its Subconsultants/Subcontractors and Contractor agrees that it will provide such information, within five (5) business days via the B2GNow Reporting System. Contractor understands its obligations hereunder are continuing and shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

Information concerning access of the B2GNow Reporting System will be provided to Contractor by the Office of Diversity in Business Practices. The B2GNow Reporting System is web-based and can be accessed at the following Internet address: <https://palmbeachschools.diversitycompliance.com/>. The Contractor shall contact the Office of Diversity in Business Practices to register for training and support for the B2GNow Reporting System. Contractor agrees to advise all of its Subconsultants and/or Subcontractors in writing of their obligation to contact the Office of Diversity in Business Practices to register for training and support for the B2GNow Reporting System. For information request and questions, contact the Office of Diversity in Business Practices (561-681-2403).

See paragraph O for additional details regarding subcontractors.

Q. ACCESSIBILITY TO AND COOPERATION WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL AND STAFF:

The Awarded Vendor agrees and understands that the School District's Office of Inspector General shall have immediate, complete, and unrestricted access to all financial and performance-related records, papers, books, documents, information, writings, drawings, graphs, photographs, processes, data or data compilations, computer hard drives, emails, instant messages, services, and property or equipment purchased in whole or in part with School Board funds ("Information and Records"). The Awarded Vendor shall furnish the Inspector General with all Information and Records requested for the purpose of conducting an investigation or audit, as well as provide the Inspector General with reasonable assistance in locating assets and obtaining information and records that are in the possession, custody,

or control of the Awarded Vendor or its subcontractor. The Awarded Vendor understands, acknowledges, and agrees to abide by applicable portions of School Board Policy 1.092. Such policy is located at: <https://go.boarddocs.com/fl/palmbeach/Board.nsf/Public#>.

R. PUBLIC RECORDS LAW:

The Responder shall:

- a. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the School Board of Palm Beach County in order to perform the service to the Board under this agreement.
- b. Upon request from the Board's custodian of public records, provide the Board with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Responder does not transfer the records to the Board.
- d. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the Board all public records in possession of the Responder or keep and maintain public records required by the Board to perform the service. If the Responder transfers all public records to the Board upon completion of the Agreement, the Responder shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Responder keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Responder shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Board, upon request from the Board's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Board.

Failure of Responder to abide by the terms of this provision shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement. This provision shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement. In the event of a dispute regarding the enforcement of this provision where the Responder has unlawfully refused to comply with the public records request within a reasonable time, the School Board shall be entitled to recover its reasonable costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney's fees from the vendor as authorized by 119.0701, Fla. Stat.

IF THE RESPONDER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, HE OR SHE MUST CONTACT THE PUBLIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY AT 561-629-8585, PUBLICRECORDS@PALMBEACHSCHOOLS.ORG, OR 3300 FOREST HILL BLVD., SUITE C-110, WEST PALM BEACH, FL, 33406.

Public Records Exemption:

- 1) For purposes of this paragraph, "competitive solicitation" means the process of requesting and receiving sealed bids, proposals, or replies in accordance with the terms of a competitive process, regardless of the method of procurement.

- 2) Sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.
- 3) If an agency rejects all bids, proposals, or replies submitted in response to a competitive solicitation and the agency concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue the competitive solicitation, the rejected bids, proposals, or replies remain exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued competitive solicitation or until the agency withdraws the reissued competitive solicitation. A bid, proposal, or reply is not exempt for longer than 12 months after the initial agency notice rejecting all bids, proposals, or replies.

S. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

In the event of loss, damage or injury to the awarded bidder(s) and/or the awarded bidder's property, the awarded bidder(s) shall look solely to any insurance in its favor without making any claim against the School Board of Palm Beach County. The bidder's insurance coverage shall be primary and noncontributory. Proof of the following insurance will be furnished by the awarded vendor(s) to the School Board of Palm Beach County by Certificate of Insurance. The School Board shall be named as an additional insured.

Original copies of Certificates of Insurance meeting the specific required provision specified within this contract/agreement shall be forwarded to the School District of Palm Beach County, Purchasing Department by email (insurancecertificate@palmbeachschools.org), or fax (561-963-3823), and approved prior to the start of any work or the possession of any school property. Renewal certificates must be forwarded to the same department prior to the policy renewal date.

Thirty days written notice must be provided to the School District of Palm Beach County via certified mail in the event of cancellation. The notice must be sent to the Purchasing Department.

1. WORKERS' COMPENSATION: WORKERS' COMPENSATION:

Bidder must comply with Section 440, Florida Statutes, Workers' Compensation and Employees' Liability Insurance with minimum statutory limits or elective exemptions as defined in Florida Statute 440 will be considered on a case by case basis.

Required Endorsements:

- o Waiver of Subrogation – WC 0003 13 or its equivalent

2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY:

Bidder shall procure and maintain for the life of the contract, Commercial General Liability Insurance. This policy shall provide coverage for death, bodily injury, personal injury, products and completed operations liability and property damage that could arise directly or indirectly from the performance of the contract. It must be an occurrence form policy. **THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY SHALL BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THE CERTIFICATE FOR COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

The minimum limits of coverage shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence, Combined, Single Limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability.

Required Endorsements:

- Additional Insured – CG 20 26 or CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 or their equivalents.

Note: CG 20 10 or CG 2026 must be accompanied by CG 20 37 to include products/completed operations.

- Waiver of Transfer Rights of Recovery – CG 24 04 or its equivalent.
- Primary and noncontributory – CG 2001 or its equivalent.

Note: If blanket endorsements are being submitted, please include the entire endorsement and applicable policy number.

3. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY:

Awarded vendors shall procure and maintain, for the life of the contract/agreement, Business Automobile Liability Insurance. **THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY SHALL BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THE CERTIFICATE FOR BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

The minimum limits of coverage shall be \$500,000 per occurrence. This coverage shall be an “Any Auto” form policy or a form policy that includes “Scheduled Autos, Hired Autos, and Non-Owned Autos” coverage. The insurance must be an occurrence form policy.

In the event the contractor does not own any vehicles, we require an affidavit signed by the contractor indicating the following:

_____ (Company Name) does not own any vehicles. In the event we acquire any vehicles throughout the term of this contract/agreement, _____ (Company Name) agrees to purchase Business Automobile Liability coverage as indicated above on the date of acquisition.

4. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION:

The awarded bidder(s) hereby waives any right of subrogation against the School Board of Palm Beach County, for loss, damage or injury within the scope of the Bidder’s insurance, and on behalf of itself and its insurer, waives all such claims against the School Board of Palm Beach County.

NOTE: The terms and conditions of this agreement shall apply with respect to awarded bidder’s operations for any school or ancillary owned by the School Board of Palm Beach County.

T. E-VERIFY

- A. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. §448.095, Contractor agrees that it shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system, <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp>, to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees during the term of this contract or solicitation
- B. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. §448.095, if Contractor enters into a contract with a subcontractor(s) for the labor, supplies or services provided under this contract or solicitation, Contractor must require that the subcontractor(s) provide Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor understands that Contractor must maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract or solicitation.
- C. If School Board has a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Fla. Stat. §448.09, School Board shall terminate the contract with the Contractor. The Contractor

is liable for any additional costs incurred by the School Board as a result of a termination of this contract or solicitation pursuant to §448.095(2)(f) .

- D. If School Board has a good faith belief that a subcontractor(s) has knowingly violated §448.095, but Contractor has otherwise complied with this subsection, School Board shall promptly notify Contractor and order Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor(s).

U. PAYMENT / PAYMENT TERMS:

Payment will be made after the goods/services from the awarded vendor have been received/completed; inspected and found to comply with award specifications, free of damage or defect; and a properly billed invoice is received and processed in the Accounting Services Department.

The District's payment terms are net 30 days; however, the District will accept terms for early payment. See **Early Payment Terms Document**.

Payment will not be processed until the following occurs:

1. The complete and satisfactory receipt of all items ordered. All pricing in accordance with the bid.
2. The receipt of a properly billed invoice in the Accounting Services Department.

Invoices to the School Board MUST include the following to permit verification of prices and expedite payment to vendors:

1. Name and Address of Vendor
2. A Unique Invoice Number
3. Date of Shipment
4. Line Item Total or Extended Price
5. Purchase Order Number
6. A copy of the first invoice for this contract shall be sent to the Purchasing Agent for review at Lorenzo.E.Valdes@palmbeachschools.org.

Invoice copy and/or packing slip must be presented at time of delivery. Original Invoice must be sent to Accounting Services, 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite A-323, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, or submitted electronically.

To submit an invoice as an email attachment, ensure that the electronic document meets the guidelines below and email the invoice to apinvoice@palmbeachschools.org.

Electronic Invoice Submission Guidelines:

a. Submit industry standard PDF's, created at a 300-dpi bi-tonal equivalent (either image or text only content) or bi-tonal or grey scale TIF's.

b. Each invoice must be its own file attachment. Multiple invoices in a single email is supported, but each invoice must be a separate file attachment

If you are interested in learning more about submitting invoices via email, please contact Bob Rucinski at bob.rucinski@palmbeachschools.org, or call him at (561) 434-8701.

Failure to timely submit invoices(s) to Accounting Services as set forth above may significantly delay processing and payment of the invoice.

The School Board may not process invoices submitted more than 120 Days after the date the goods or services were delivered without prior approval from the Accounting Services Department.

Vendor waives claims for payment of goods and/or services on invoice(s) not received by the Accounting Services Department within 120 Days of the delivery. Prior approval by Accounting Services is required if invoicing will extend past 120 days.

The above terms and conditions are agreed to by submitting an offer on this bid.

V. INCORRECT PRICING/INVOICES:

Any pricing on invoices that is incorrect or freight charges that were not included on the original Purchase Order, must be brought to the attention of the Purchasing Agent and corrected prior to the shipment(s) of goods or initiation of services. Additional costs that were not brought to the District's attention and did not receive written approval via a Change Order issued by the Purchasing Agent may not be honored.

W. CHANGE ORDERS:

Any addition(s) to the Scope of Work or to a Purchase Order as a result of the bid award that adds additional costs must be brought to the School Districts attention and approved by the Purchasing Department prior to commencement of additional work, shipment of goods or the addition of unauthorized freight charges. Once approved, a Change Order will be issued to include the additional costs and work may commence and/or shipment of goods can begin. Additional costs that were not brought to the district's attention and did not result in a Change Order approved by the Purchasing Agent may not be honored.

X. DISTRICT PURCHASING CARD:

The School District has authorized the use of a Purchasing Card with Visa through the Bank of America to expedite small dollar purchases for materials, supplies, and other items needed for daily operations. Vendors may be presented these credit cards by authorized School District personnel for the above mentioned purchases. Each cardholder's authorization limit may not exceed \$1,000 daily per vendor effective July 1, 2006 (with the exception of travel). Purchase orders are strongly discouraged for purchasing materials, and supplies under \$1,000.

Y. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

On vendors own business letterhead, all vendors must disclose the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the District. All vendors must disclose the name of any District employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in the responder's business or any related entity. By submitting this documentation to the District, the vendor represents and warrants that District employee does not have a prohibited conflict of interest as provided in Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and School Board Policy 3.02 Code of Ethics.

Z. CODE OF ETHICS:

Per District Policy 3.02, District Employees shall not accept gifts or gratuities in violation of the State Code of Ethics or which give the appearance that the gift improperly influenced a decision.

AA. ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

Provide the Corporate Name and Parent Company (if applicable) and address of corporate headquarters. Provide the names, titles, addresses, email, and telephone numbers of the persons authorized to answer any questions related to Company's proposal. The Organization Profile should also include information such as number of years in the business, number of locations, location of facilities, company vision statement, and a succinct history of the company. In addition, the Beneficial Interest and Disclosure of Ownership Affidavit (PBSD Form 1997) must be completed, signed, notarized and returned with your bid.

BB. COMPANY FINANCIALS:

Vendors shall provide financial statements giving the District enough information to determine financial stability. Failure to do so may result in your response being rejected.

- a. Balance Sheet or Annual Report for the last three (3) years
- b. Three (3) years of income statements
- c. Federal or State tax liens or judgements for the proposer's entity for the last five years. If no liens or judgements exist, please so state on Company Letterhead and upload with your response.

You may also include (optional):

- a. Statement of Changes in financial position;
- b. Letter from the proposer banking institution
- c. Statement from certified public accounting firm.

CC. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful bidder (contractor) shall furnish, at their expense, all labor (including supervision) equipment, machinery, tools, materials, transportation, and other facilities necessary to fully provide for consultation, troubleshooting, repair and/or installation of electrical switchgear, panel boards, transformers, lighting, control work and related electrical work in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations, National Electrical Code, Florida Administrative Code, District Design Criteria and District Master Specifications (DMS). A copy of the DMS can be found at the following link: <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pageld=12530559>

The School District will provide water and electricity from point of closest hook-up only (no hoses or electrical cables will be provided) at sites specified.

Contractor shall provide shop drawings for all completed work to the District Facility Management Coordinator or designee, where applicable.

The contractor shall be responsible for correction/replacement, according to local codes and School District's satisfaction, of all water lines, sanitary lines, electrical lines, curbs, sidewalks, streets, parking lots, grassed areas, structures, etc., broken or damaged as the result of contractor's operations.

The contractor shall take field measurements and verify field conditions and shall carefully compare such field measurements and conditions and any other information known to the contractor as may be provided by the owner before commencing activities. Errors, inconsistencies or omissions discovered shall be reported to the District at once.

The contractor shall not be relieved of obligations to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents either by activities or duties of the owner or of the contract or by test inspections or approvals required or performed by persons other than the contractor.

Contractor shall be responsible for off-loading, unpacking/uncrating all materials and equipment at the job site as well as removal of dunnage off the school/department site in accordance with specifications herein and all attachments.

The contractor's invoice must be itemized showing parts, labor, freight, etc., to provide a complete accounting of services performed.

The contractor shall be responsible for the protection of all buildings, structures, and utilities that are underground, above ground, or on the surface from their operations that may be hazardous and/or damaging to said facilities.

The contractor shall be responsible for the protection of all personnel against hazards and/or

injuries due to their operations at the work site.

Contractor shall be responsible for safeguarding of all tools and equipment, signs, barricades, etc. while operating on any school site. The district assumes no responsibility for act of theft or vandalism which may occur while contractor's equipment is located on any school district site.

Contractor shall not inhibit access to any School District building during pursuit of work specified herein.

Contractor shall leave work site in a neat and orderly fashion at the end of each workday.

Contractor or a representative, daily while on campus, shall sign in and present District issued clearance badge at the school center's main office prior to commencing any work and shall sign out at school's office prior to leaving campus unless prior written exception has been obtained.

Contractor shall provide due care at all times while performing any task at any District controlled location to cordon off, barricade, and/or post signs to maintain a safe distance to avoid creating hazardous condition for pedestrians, property, and vehicles.

The contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among their employees and shall not employ on the work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the task assigned to them.

The contractor shall supervise and direct the work, using their best skill and attention. The contractor shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, work sequences and procedures and for coordinating all portions of the work under the contract.

The contractor shall be responsible to the District for the acts and omissions of any awarded project by their employees, subcontractors and any other persons performing any of the work under a contract with the contractor.

The contractor shall have a English-speaking, licensed (State of Florida or Palm Beach County) supervisor/representative on the work site at all times, who shall be thoroughly knowledgeable of all plans, specifications, and other contract documents and has the authority to act in the contractor's behalf.

The contractor shall not proceed with any project until a written purchase order has been received.

The contractor must obtain prior written approval on all costs before the additional work is started.

The contractor shall provide a construction work schedule and submit it to the School District designated contract person. The schedule shall include estimated commencement and completion dates.

The contractor shall provide an emergency after-hour phone number and contact person. Contractor shall have a licensed electrician be present at all times on all projects. The contractor shall be responsible to ensure pickup of any and all refuse, rubbish, scrap materials, and debris as a result of their operations so that work site presents a neat and orderly appearance at all times. All rubbish, scrap, etc. shall be transported from the premises. No rubbish shall be deposited as fill on the work site. At completion of work, the contractor shall remove all work materials, tools, construction equipment, machinery, and

surplus materials from the work site and shall leave project in ready-to-use condition.

The contractor shall be responsible for the appearance of all working personnel assigned to the projects (clean and appropriately dressed) at all times, and their compliance with School Board Policies and Rules prohibiting smoking and consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs while on campus. The provision or use of existing sanitary facilities will be discussed and determined at the pre-construction meeting. The contractor shall provide to the owner certification that all personnel on site comply with Level 2 FDLE and FBI screening, with the

report of the results provided by or to the School District's Police Department, which shall be the sole determiner of clearance. All contractor and sub-contractor personnel must have a badge, indicating clearance. The contractor's name and a traceable number must be visible. No contact between students or School staff is allowed with any contractor, sub-contractor, or supplier. If contacted by school personnel or staff, refer them to the School District's Project Coordinator for this project.

DD. SITE INSPECTION(s): When a potential project is defined, a quote request will be requested following the procedures listed below.

Projects with estimated cost:

- \$5,000 or less: Facilities Management Coordinator will send notice to a contractor from the awarded pool of vendors whose cost and schedule best meets the needs of the District. Contractor shall contact the Facilities Management Coordinator within one working day to confirm their ability to quote the job and within three working days of request contractor shall provide the requester with an itemized quote for the repairs based on scope of work provided to the contractor or based on contractor's visit to the site.
- \$5,000 to \$10,000: Facilities Management Coordinator will send notice to the pool of awarded vendors. Included in notice shall be:
 - Site Location, address, and contact person
 - Scope of work
 - Plan drawings (if applicable)
 - Site inspection (if applicable)
 - If required, include date, time, mandatory or non-mandatory, meeting location
 - Question deadline
 - Quote due date
 - Attach Bid Quote-Estimate Sheet
 - Copy Purchasing Agent
- \$10,000 and up: Purchasing will post a Request For Quote (RFQ) on PeriscopeS2G and include scope of work and any associated plans or prints. The RFQ will be open to only those vendors awarded on this contract.

Following the site inspection, quotations shall be submitted as directed and by the deadlines specified. This quotation shall be based on the individual scope of work, bid special conditions, bid specifications and all applicable regulations and codes, and submitted on the Bid Quote-Estimate Sheet.

There will be no additional charge for consultation or troubleshooting on any particular project. This will be included with any project by the awarded contractor for that project.

Due to budgetary restraints and ultimate practicality of some projects, the District by requesting a site visit or proposal does not by implication commit itself to commencement or completion of any project.

EE. HOURLY RATE: The hourly rate quoted shall include full compensation for labor, equipment use, travel time, and any other cost to the bidder. This rate is assumed to be at straight time for all labor, except as otherwise noted. The bidder shall comply with minimum wage standards and any other applicable laws of the State of Florida. If overtime is allowable under this Bid, it will be covered under a separate item in the special clauses.

FF. WORK DAY DEFINED: *The workday shall start at 7:00 A.M. and end at 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.* The hourly rate charge shall commence on the job site; all travel time expenses shall be borne by the bidder and will not be reimbursed by the District.

GG. WARRANTY: Contractor shall guarantee entire installed system to be free of defects in workmanship and materials for a period of at least one year from date installation is accepted. Contractor and/or manufacturer shall repair and/or replace, at no cost to the School District, any defects or malfunctions noted during the warranty periods.

HH. PERMITS: Contractor shall be exempt from application for any and all permits from any state, district, county, or municipal authority in pursuit of performance of this bid. However, the contractor shall liaison with the assigned District staff member to ensure strict compliance with the State Uniform Building Code for Public Education Facilities Construction. All work will be accomplished in strict accordance with specifications set forth herein, and all applicable codes, ordinances and permits.

II. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: Should the contractor fail to complete the work within the time specified on the purchase order, and provided the contractor has not previously obtained an extension of time, the School District reserves the right to collect liquidated damages. Said liquidated damages shall be assessed at the rate of \$250.00 per day for each calendar day that work remains uncompleted after the time allotted.

The date of completion of the work will be the date certified by the District's inspector that project is complete in accordance with the provisions of the purchase order and this Invitation to Bid.

JJ. BALANCE OF LINE: The "balance of line" shall include products and services that are not requested in this. Invitation to Bid, but are within the scope of products and services available from the awardee(s). The School District reserves the right to add these products and services to the awarded items. Additions shall be submitted as they occur. Deletions and discontinued items shall be reported by bid awarded vendor as they occur. Refer to Additional Information Document.

BID PREPARATION CHECKLIST:

The Bid Preparation Checklist is a guide to assist the Bidder in verifying the completeness of their Bid. The Bid Preparation Checklist does not relieve the Bidder of the responsibility of ensuring that all requirements of this solicitation are included with submittal of their response. Items checked "required" must be submitted with your bid response or your bid may be declared non responsive.

Verified by Vendor	Required	Document	See Special Condition
	Yes	Bidder Acknowledgement	N/A
	Yes	Area Representative	N/A
	No	Required Response Form	N/A
	Yes	Bid Summary Document	Paragraph G
	Yes	Certificates/License	Paragraph J
	Yes	Beneficial Interest and Disclosure of Ownership Affidavit	Paragraph D
	Yes	Proposer's Statement of Principal Place of Business	Paragraph E
	Yes	Debarment Certification	N/A
	Yes	Variance Document	N/A
	Yes	Reference Document	Paragraph I
	Yes	Early Payment Terms	Paragraph U
	Yes (if applicable)	Form 1525, Letter of Intent – SBE Subcontractor Participation	Paragraph P
	Yes (if applicable)	Form 1526, SBE Subcontractor Participation Summary	Paragraph P
	Yes	Form 0580, Drug-Free Workplace Certification	Paragraph N/A
	Yes	Organizational Profile	Paragraph AA
	Yes	Company Financials	Paragraph BB
	Yes	Conflict of Interest/Non Conflict of Interest Statement	Paragraph Y
	Yes	E-Verify Form	Paragraph T
	Yes	Complaint Notification/Bid General Conditions	See General Conditions Paragraph 26

***Reminder* The Proposer must submit all supporting documentation in the name of Proposer’s entity only. Parent and/or subsidiary entities will not be acceptable.**

SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications pertinent to this bid, are to be contained in a separate document titled “Specifications”.