

**PUBLIC RECOMMENDATION
OF
CONTRACT AWARD**

POST DATE: April 3, 2024

Solicitation Number: 24-38

Solicitation Title: FURNISH HEATING FUEL/ULSD DIESEL

Valley Oil Company, having submitted the lowest, responsive, and responsible bid, is recommended for award.

NOTICE

Final award is subject to execution of a written contract and/or issuance of an HCS Purchase Order and, as a result, this Notice does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between Hamilton County Schools and the recommended Vendor(s). The Vendor(s) shall not acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to the contract services until a Purchase Order containing terms and conditions acceptable to Hamilton County Schools is issued.

If negotiations or equivalent with the Vendor(s) fail to result in a valid Purchase Order with Hamilton County Schools, then Hamilton County Schools may revoke the award and award the contract to the next lowest responsive responsible bidder. Hamilton County Schools further reserves the right to cancel this Recommendation of Contract Award at any time prior to the issuance of a Purchase Order.

Any vendor who has submitted a timely bid or proposal in response to a solicitation, may protest the recommendation of award for a contract by submitting such protest to HCS's Director of Procurement. Any protest must be submitted in writing and be in the possession of the Procurement Department before noon (ET) of the 2nd working day following the Public Recommendation of Contract Award posting.

FAILURE OF A VENDOR TO FOLLOW THE PROTEST REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE TIMEFRAMES PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION CONSTITUTES A WAIVER OF THE PROTEST AND ANY RESULTING CLAIMS.