

Bid File 21-08 Questions and Answers

Please Clarify contractor will have access to all areas in the buildings including classrooms during the day to disinfect 3x/daily per the RFP? **Yes, school leadership will ensure there is adequate time for disinfecting classrooms.**

If classrooms are required to be disinfected 3x/daily; will classrooms be vacant to accommodate the necessary time to utilize electrostatic equipment available? **Yes, school leadership will ensure there is adequate time for disinfecting classrooms.**

Will all vendor questions and answers be shared? **Yes all vendor questions will be shared with the group.**

Will the county allow us to bid our technology? **If you want to offer, some other alternatives then you may do so, but please bid the services as defined and then propose some alternate solutions and pricing.**

Do we need a General Contractors license for Tennessee? **No.**

Will crews clean 3x per day, before school; after lunch; and after school? **Disinfecting needs to be three times per day while students are in the school. I imagine all schools will be on a different schedule in terms of when the disinfecting occurs. The vendor will need to work with the school to ensure the timing works with the school schedule.**

Will all schools be opened starting in the fall? **We are planning to open all schools, but this is a fluid situation.**

How many schools need to be cleaned on a daily basis, minus the ones noted by asterisk? **All the schools listed.**

How long is the contract award schedule? **It is a 180 day contract for the rest of the 20-21 school year.**

Who are the bidders for this RFP? **We don't know at this time who will be submitting bids. This Bid is open to the public.**

Does this RFP require a bid bond or performance bond? **No**

Are we required to have crews at each school in the district from August through December? **Yes, except for the schools that will not open until January (EBES and the new Harrison). 180 days is essentially every day students are in session.**

Please specify what the service expectation is for the other buildings listed? Will there be a time line in the future provided? **Not sure what is being asked.**

What is the definition of "rapid response" disinfection? **Basically means that the vendor will work with school leadership to address issues that arise. This will take a lot of coordination between the vendor and the leadership of the schools.**

Will this request be awarded to multiple bidders? **Possibly if it is in the best interest of the district.**

Per CDC guidelines the disinfectant we will be applying must be left on surfaces for 10 minutes and then wiped down.

Is there time allowed for this process in the expected time of sanitization? **We will work with schools to ensure that adequate time is available, but there are other methods that would not require 10 minutes of sit time. Vendors need to understand that doing this work quickly in classrooms will be necessary.**

Can our company provide training to the janitorial staff rather than provide the service. From a cost perspective, training your staff to and allowing them to do this work during school hours in an approved way may work better for you. Is the school county interested in this? **If we (HCS) are interested in this, we would need them to provide a proposal for the bid as written and then provide alternate bids.**

Has the school district considered contractor cleaning on the weekends or at night when the school is empty and not in session? **We have a current vendor that will be doing night cleanings. The intent of the RFP is to add a layer during the school day to disinfect high touch areas.**

Has the school taken into consideration that a provider may be in the building in level C protective suits with a respirator while conducting requested sanitization? **I am assuming this would be used if electrostatic fogging is used. Yes, but fogging is not required but is listed as an option.**

It is important that parents, students and all school personnel understand this. What steps have been taken to ensure this is addressed to avoid elevated dispositions? **We are currently working on a process.**

What is an IICRC Certified COVID 19 Pathogen Compliant Technician? Is this a county definition or is there a specific protocol that need be followed for certification? **See Addendum 1.**

Please identify if all three levels of sanitization will be expected at any building 3 times a day? Or will it vary based on certain classrooms and surfaces? Will fogging be expected to be conducted in the building when the students are in the building? **No, the three were listed as options. If spraying and wiping down surfaces is most effective then that method can be used for all three times.**

Level 3 Total Clean: Specific reference to floor cleaning. Standard janitorial services and mopping should address the floors, is there specific concern that would require sanitization in the eyes of the school county? For someone to contract the virus from the floor would imply they are in direct contact with it via hands or other conductive touching. Please explain why floors are a consideration? **See Addendum 1.**

Are you asking a general cleaning be done and then the disinfectant process be done? This would generate more waste (wipes). If there is a concern for contamination wouldn't the Disinfect process (using CDC method and EPA registered chemicals) suffice? **When areas are already clean then yes the disinfectant process would suffice, but there will be times when a surface will need to be cleaned prior to disinfecting. Just want to make sure it is understood that when appropriate cleaning a surface first may be necessary.**

You indicate use of electrostatic sprayers is encouraged – will an award be made to a provider that doesn't have that type of sprayer? **The electrostatic sprayers are not required.**