

Request for Proposal

DESCRIPTION: Technology Surplus Disposal Services

TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS: FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2233 DEERFIELD DRIVE FORT MILL, SC 29715

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2233 DEERFIELD DRIVE FORT MILL, SC 29715

SUBMIT OFFER BY: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:00 am

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 10:00am

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: ONE (1) original, FOUR (4) additional copies and ONE (1) electronic copy on USB drive.

CONFERENCE TYPE:	DATE & TIME:	LOCATION:
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AWARD & Award will be posted on or around **May 22, 2024** The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: <u>http://www.fortmillschools.org/departments/procurement/</u>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date. (See "Signing Your Offer" and "Electronic Signature" provisions.)

NAME OF OFFEROR		Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal
(full legal name of business submitting the offer)		entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE		TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.
(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to cont	ract on behalf of Offeror.)	(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)
TITLE		
(business title of person signing above)		
PRINTED NAME	DATE SIGNED	STATE OF INCORPORATION
(printed name of person signing above)		(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)
OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Che Sole Proprietorship	ck one) Partnership	(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)
Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)	Corporation (tax-	-exempt) Government entity (federal, state, or local)

Minority Participation:				
Are you a SC Certified Minority Vendor	□Yes	□No	If yes, SC Certification #_	
Are you a Non SC Certified Minority Ven	dor	□Yes	□No	

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KEY DATES FOR RFP (Subject to Change)

Issue RFP	April 12, 2024
Deadline for Questions	April 24, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Questions Response Posted	April 26, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Proposal Due	May 15, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Award Posted	May 22, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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I. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION

The Fort Mill School District is soliciting sealed proposals for the sale of surplus technology equipment. Proposals must include providing District with estimated potential return, compensation solutions, organization of inventory, data deletion & security as well as pick up of equipment as to comply with the enclosed description and /or specifications and conditions for this solicitation.

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD -- ESTIMATED (JAN 2006): Start date: June 1, 2024 End date: May 30, 2025 with the option to renew for up to four (4) additional years. Dates provided are estimates only. The District will review the performance and terms of the contract prior to renewing. Any resulting contract will begin on the date specified in the notice of award. See clause entitled "Term of Contract - Effective Date/Initial Contract Period".

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS - A. General Instructions

DEFINITIONS, CAPITALIZATION, AND HEADINGS (MODIFIED - DEC 2015) CLAUSE HEADINGS USED IN THIS SOLICITATION ARE FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND SHALL NOT BE USED TO CONSTRUE MEANING OR INTENT. EVEN IF NOT CAPITALIZED, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION, UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE.

AMENDMENT means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document. **BOARD** means Fort Mill School District Board of Trustees.

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

BUYER means the Procurement Specialist or his/her designee.

CHANGE ORDER means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract.

CONTRACT See clause entitled Contract Documents & Order of Precedence.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION means a written order signed by the Procurement Specialist, directing the contractor to make changes which the clause of the contract titled "Changes," if included herein, authorizes the Procurement Specialist to order without the consent of the contractor.

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

COVER PAGE means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Offerors are cautioned that Amendments may modify information provided on the Cover Page.

DISTRICT means Fort Mill School District (FMSD)

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

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

PAGE TWO means the second page of the original solicitation, which is labeled Page Two.

PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST means the person, or his successor, identified as such on the Cover Page, an amendment, or an award notice.

YOU and YOUR means Offeror.

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

SUBCONTRACTOR means any person you contract with to perform or provide any part of the work. **US or WE** means the District.

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

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (MODIFIED - JAN 2004): (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should check for the issuance of Amendments (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two or (2) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

AUTHORIZED AGENT (MODIFIED – FEB 2015): All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Specialist. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Specialist is the only District official authorized to bind the District with regard to this procurement or the resulting contract.

AWARD NOTIFICATION (FEB 2015): Notice regarding any award, cancellation of award, or extension of award will be posted at the location and on the date specified on the Cover Page or, if applicable, any notice of extension of award. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the eleventh day after such notice is given.

BID/PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT (MODIFIED – JAN 2004): By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with the District. Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with the District. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; "joint bids" are not allowed.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD (MODIFIED – JAN 2004): In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Specialist in writing.

BID IN ENGLISH and DOLLARS (JAN 2004): Offers submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation.

AUTHORITY AS PROCUREMENT AGENT (MODIFIED – DEC 2015): The Procurement Specialist is an employee of the District acting on behalf of the District pursuant to Fort Mill School District Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the District. The Board of Trustees is not a party to such contracts, unless and to the

extent that the Board is a using District department, and bears no liability for any party's losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (MAY 2008): GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

- (a) By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that
 - (1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to
 - (i) Those prices;
 - (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
 - (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.
 - (2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
 - (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory-
 - (1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of the certification; or
 - (2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the offeror's principals in certifying that Those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];

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

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

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

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JAN 2004):

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

(i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals-

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

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE (JAN 2006): The South Carolina Code of Laws, including the

Consolidated Procurement Code, is available at: http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.php The South Carolina Regulations are available at: http://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/statmast.php

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

(FEB 2015): You warrant and represent that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award. The two underlying principles are (a) preventing the existence of conflicting roles that might bias a contractor's judgment, and (b) preventing an unfair competitive advantage. If you have an unfair competitive advantage or a conflict of interest, the District may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, an offeror will be notified of the concerns and provided a reasonable opportunity to respond. Efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities, may be considered. Without limiting the foregoing, you represent that your offer identifies any services that relate to either this solicitation or the work that has already been performed by you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business of either.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER (MODIFIED – JAN 2004): Any offer received after the Procurement Specialist or his/her designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or the District's mail room which services the purchasing office prior to the bid opening

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION (JAN 2004): By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-

free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

DUTY TO INQUIRE (MODIFIED – FEB 2015): Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. All ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the solicitation shall be interpreted to require the better quality or greater quantity of work and/or materials, unless otherwise directed by amendment. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the District's attention. See clause entitled "Questions from Offerors."

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ETHICS CERTIFICATE (MAY 2008): By submitting an Offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statute requires special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public officials; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-755, prohibiting public official with economic interest from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The District may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed.

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE (MODIFIED – JAN 2004): Do not include any sales or use taxes in your price that the District may be required to pay.

OPEN TRADE REPRESENTATION (JUN 2015): By submitting an Offer, Offeror represents that Offeror is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

PROTESTS (MAY 2019): If you are aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest a solicitation, you must submit a protest within fifteen days of the date the applicable solicitation document is issued. To protest an award, you must (i) submit notice of your intent to protest within seven business days of the date the award notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date the award notice is posted. Days are calculated as provided in Section 11-35-310(13). Both protests and notices of intent to protest must be in writing and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. See clause entitled "Protest- CPO". The grounds of the protest and the relief requested must be set forth with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided.

PROTEST – ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT ADDRESS (MODIFIED - JUN 2006): Any

protest must be addressed to the Associate Superintendent, Fort Mill School District, and submitted in writing

(a) by email to lordol@fortmillschools.org ,

(b) by post or delivery to Leanne Lordo, Associate Superintendent, 2233 Deerfield Drive, Fort Mill, SC 29715.

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS AND DONATIONS (MODIFIED - FEB 2015): Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of law.

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

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

PUBLIC OPENING (JAN 2004): Offers will be publicly opened at the date/time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Amendment, whichever is applicable.

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS (MODIFIED – FEB 2015): (a) Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions regarding the original solicitation or any amendment must be received by the Procurement Specialist no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless an earlier date is stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the Procurement Specialist, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective offerors. See clause entitled "Duty to Inquire." We will not identify you in our answer to your question. (b) The District seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Specialist -- as soon as possible -- regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition.

All questions shall be in writing and submitted to Laurie Martinez via Email or Mail. Please send questions to:

Mailing Address: Fort Mill School District Laurie Martinez 2233 Deerfield Drive Fort Mill, SC 29715

Email: martinezl@fortmillschools.org

REJECTION/CANCELLATION (MODIFIED – JAN 2004): The District may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The District may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. (Article 5-1710 of Fort Mill School District Procurement Code)

RESPONSIVENESS/IMPROPER OFFERS (MODIFIED – JUN 2015): (a) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

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

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

(d) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Specialist determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price.

(e) Unbalanced Bidding. The District may reject an Offer as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated

in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the District even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

(f) **Do not submit bid samples or descriptive literature unless expressly requested.** Unsolicited bid samples or descriptive literature will not be examined or tested, will not be used to determine responsiveness, and will not be deemed to vary any of the provisions of the solicitation. S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445.2077(D). [02-2A105-2]

SIGNING YOUR OFFER (JAN 2004): Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words by its Partner, and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that is has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSINGS (MODIFIED – JAN 2004): If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal District processes so that offers cannot be received at the District office designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal District processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If District offices are closed at the time a prebid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference.

DISCLOSURE OF YOUR BID / PROPOSAL & SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL DATA (FEB 2021):

(a) According to Section 11-35-410, any person submitting a document in response or with regard to any solicitation or other request must "comply with instructions provided in the solicitation for marking information exempt from public disclosure. Information not marked as required by the applicable instructions may be disclosed to the public." IF YOU IDENTIFY YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE AS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, OR IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A REDACTED COPY AS REQUIRED, THE STATE MAY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DETERMINE YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL NONRESPONSIVE AND INELIGIBLE FOR AWARD.
(b) By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror agrees to the public disclosure of every page, or portion thereof, of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page, or portion thereof, was redacted and conspicuously marked "Trade Secret" or "Confidential" or "Protected", (2) agrees that any information not redacted and marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices,

commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure.

(c) If your offer includes any information that you claim is exempt from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original offer.

(d) Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not redact the entire page. The redacted copy must reflect the same pagination as the original and show the empty space from which information was redacted. The Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive.

(e) On the redacted copy, you must identify the basis of your claim by marking each redaction as follows: You must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure because it is either (1) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, or (2) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. You must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure as a trade secret pursuant to Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. You must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 11-35- 1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. (f) In determining whether to release documents, the State will detrimentally rely on your redaction and marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". By submitting a response, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Carolina, its agencies, officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from withholding information by the State of South Carolina or any of its agencies, that you have redacted or marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

SUBMITTING A PAPER OFFER OR MODIFICATION (MAR 2015): Unless specifically instructed otherwise in the solicitation, you should submit your offer or modification in accordance with the clause titled "ON-LINE BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS." Paper offers are discouraged. If you must submit a paper offer or modification the following instructions apply. (a) All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including bid schedule). (b) (1) All copies of the offer or modification, and any other documents required to be submitted with the offer shall be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope or package. (2) Submit your offer or modification to the address on the Cover Page. (3) The envelope or package must show the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. If the offer or modification is sent by mail or special delivery service (UPS, Federal Express, etc.), the outermost envelope or wrapper must be labeled "OFFER ENCLOSED" on the face thereof. (c) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, submit each offer in a separate envelope or package. (d) Submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES

(JAN 2008): Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this State who subcontracts with a socially and economically disadvantaged small business is eligible for an income

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

VENDOR REGISTRATION (MODIFIED – JAN 2006): We encourage you to register with Fort Mill School District when you retrieve our Bid Documents. Our registration system is powered by Vendor Registry. To register, visit our website at http://www.fortmillschools.org/, select "Departments," select "Procurement," and select "Vendor Registration." There is no cost for you to register with Fort Mill Schools. Please note that if you would like to receive notifications of solicitations, awards, or amendments for our solicitations, you will need to register your business with Vendor Registry. If you do not register, it will be your responsibility to check our website for updates, amendments, and awards of our solicitations.

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER (MODIFIED – JAN 2004): Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by Article 5-1520 of Fort Mill School District Procurement Code.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- B. Special Instructions

CLARIFICATION (MODIFIED – NOV 2007): Pursuant to Article 5-1520.8, the Procurement Specialist may elect to communicate with you after opening for the purpose of clarifying either your offer or the requirements of the solicitation. Such communications may be conducted only with offerors who have submitted an offer which obviously conforms in all material aspects to the solicitation. Clarification of an offer must be documented in writing and included with the offer. Clarifications may not be used to revise an offer or the solicitation.

DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE – LABELLING (JAN 2006): Include offeror's name on the cover of any specifications or descriptive literature submitted with your offer.

DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE – REQUIRED (JAN 2006): Your offer must include manufacturer's latest literature showing complete product specifications.

OPENING PROPOSALS -- INFORMATION NOT DIVULGED (FEB 2015)

In competitive sealed proposals, neither the number or identity of offerors nor prices will be divulged at opening.

III. SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS

The purpose of this solicitation is to acquire all services, materials and equipment from qualified contractors to provide Technology Surplus Disposal Services, complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions for the Fort Mill School District.

3.1 PERFORMANCE LOCATION:

After award, all services shall be provided to the locations as required specified by this Solicitation. The District reserves the right to add locations and/or services during the term of this contract. See Appendix A for locations listing.

3.2 SCOPE OF WORK:

• Product Evaluation

- Provide district IT staff with an estimated potential return ahead of any collection, transportation, or processing.
- District Technology staff will be advised what compensation solutions would best serve the district for each pickup.
- o Specifics will be agreed on before work initiates to ensure services are in-line with district requirements.

Organization & Pickup

- Trained professionals who are employees of the provider will quickly and safely palletize, box, and count devices meant for collection and shipment to an off-site location for processing.
- Provider must offer multi-site pickup or centralized location collection, which can be scheduled at regular intervals or on-demand.
- Upon arrival at provider's sorting center, they shall create an initial "Receiving Report" that contains the weights and categories of all devices received.

• Required Inventory Reports

- o Provider shall utilize trained technicians to complete a full audit process
 - Inspect each device in-depth for signs of damage, missing parts, cracked hinges, missing keys, screen white spots, screen scratches, screen cracks, damaged ports, etc.
 - Each item will be function tested for audio, video, touch pad, and screen quality
- Reports to be provided to FMSD:
 - Receiving Report Gross weight of material received by pallet and class
 - Inventory Detail Report Complete listing of received item with status/disposition.
 Details to be provided include serial, make, model, processor type, HD type, grade, notes, etc.
 - Standard Audit Report Lot summaries of inventory received
 - HD Audit w/ Certificate of Destruction (COD) Hard Drive audit detail with Certificate of Sanitization/Destruction
- Monthly Trailer/Lot Summary Report Net weight by Lot

Payout Summary: Purchase order per lot received

• Data Deletion & Security

- o Follow destruction protocols approved by the US National Institute of Standards and Technology
- o Devices that fail data deletion attempts or require removal will be physically destroyed and appropriately recycled
- o Certificates of erasure by serial number must be created for each device sent through data deletion process to verify all data has been overwritten or erased.
- o Erasure/Data Destruction reports will be made available to your district upon request

Public Re-Sale & Bid Transparency

o Inventory list will be made publicly available on multiple public electronic reseller platforms such as Broker Bin, Trade loop, etc.

o Share competitive bids with FMSD Technology to ensure a transparent remarket process is being followed.

• Packing & Shipping will be at no cost to the District

• Payouts to Fort Mill School District

• Payout options (whichever is greater)

- o Option A Revenue Share
- A "service" fee of no more than \$5 / device may be subtracted from total sale price to cover pickup, packing, auditing, data deletion, and resale as well as all packaging materials requested
- The school district's payout will be no less than 60% sale of equipment, minus the \$5/device service fee listed
- Option B Payout
- Offer competitive pricing + 10% for payout of all items.
- Units sent for resale will have the potential to have at least a \$10 resell price. This ensures that the expense in processing those units will generate a higher payout than price per lb.
- Provider will attempt to recover value from all non-resalable units. This includes an internal repair process to fix below spec units as well as creating value from the recycle and/or resale of precious metals and components.
- Due to disposal charges and fees, if the amount of payout is less than \$0, FMSD shall not be charged.

3.3 OTHER SERVICES OFFERED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE DISTRICT.

IV. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: ONE (1) original, FOUR (4) additional hardcopies, and ONE (1) electronic copy on a USB drive must be submitted in a sealed envelope containing the Solicitation Number, Proposer's Name, and Opening Date on the exterior of the package to the District.

Proposals may be mailed or hand-delivered to: FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTN: Laurie Martinez, Procurement Specialist 2233 Deerfield Drive Fort Mill, SC 29715

You must submit a signed copy of the Bid Schedule with your offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, you agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. In addition, you agree to hold your offer open for a minimum of ninety (90) calendar days after the opening date. Proposal must be made in the official name of the firm or individual under which business is conducted (showing official business address) and must be signed in ink by a person duly authorized to legally bind the person, partnership, company or corporation submitting the proposal.

By submission of a proposal, the offeror agrees that their proposal is based on the written specifications, terms and conditions and any written amendments issued. The offeror agrees that during the period following issuance of a proposal and prior to notification of intent and/or award of contract, offeror shall not discuss this procurement with any party at the District. The offeror will not discuss or attempt to negotiate with District any aspects of the procurement without prior approval of the District's Chief Procurement Officer. Any attempt to circumvent this requirement may result in disqualification of

INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT – GENERAL (MODIFIED - MAR 2015): You

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

- Signed Cover Page and Page Two of the Solicitation
- Bid Schedule, page 27
- Certificate of Insurance (COI)
- Questionnaire
- Drug-Free Workplace Certification
- FMSD Substitute W-9

• Qualification required information

V. QUALIFICATIONS

QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR (MODIFIED MAR 2015): To be eligible for award of a contract, a prospective contractor must be responsible. In evaluating an offeror's responsibility, the District Standards of Responsibility, and information from any other source may be considered. An Offeror must, upon request of the District, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to meet all contractual requirements. Unreasonable failure to supply information promptly in connection with a responsibility inquiry may be grounds for determining that you are ineligible to receive an award.

Prospective contractor must have knowledge of and comply with all currently applicable, and as they become enacted during the contract term, federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations. All laws of the State of South Carolina, whether substantive or procedural, shall apply to the contract, and all statutory, charter, and ordinance provisions that are applicable to public contracts in the District shall be followed with respect to the contract.

5.1. QUALIFICATIONS – REQUIRED INFORMATION (MAR 2015):

Submit the following information or documentation for you and for any subcontractor (at any tier level) that you identify pursuant to the clause titled Subcontractor – Identification. Err on the side of inclusion. You represent that the information provided is complete. Proposers must meet or exceed these qualifications to be considered for award. Any exceptions to the requirements listed should be on a separate sheet marked "Exceptions" and clearly detailed in proposer's response.

- a) The general history and experience of the business in providing work of similar size and scope. Five (5) year minimum.
- b) Information reflecting the current financial position. Include the most current audited financial statements for the last three (3) fiscal years.
- c) A detailed, narrative statement listing the three (3) most recent, comparable contracts (including contact information) which have been performed.
- d) A list of similar projects for which Offeror has performed, at any time during the past three (3) years, services substantially similar to those sought with this solicitation. Err on the side of inclusion; by submitting an Offer, Offeror represents that the list is complete. School District experience is desired.
- e) List of at least three (3) references of similar projects for these services.
- f) Offeror shall provide with their proposal copies of all appropriate certifications, licenses and permits, as well as evidence to support the documentation.
- g) List of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation.

SUBCONTRACTOR – **IDENTIFICATION** (**MODIFIED** - **FEB** 2015): If you intend to subcontract, at any tier level, with another business for any portion of the work and that portion either (1) exceeds 10% of your cost, (2) involves access to any "government information," as defined in the Solicitation #23-011 Technology Surplus Disposal Service 18

clause entitled "Information Security - Definitions," if included, or (3) otherwise involves services critical to your performance of the work (err on the side of inclusion), your offer must identify that business and the work which they are to perform. Identify potential subcontractors by providing the business name, address, phone, taxpayer identification number, and point of contact. In determining your responsibility, the District may contact and evaluate your proposed subcontractors. **NO PORTION OF THE WORK SHALL BE SUBCONTRACTED WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE DISTRICT. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL, HOWEVER, REMAIN FULLY LIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK TO BE DONE BY ITS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) AND SHALL ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REQUIRMENTS OF THE CONTRACT.**

VI. AWARD CRITERIA

AWARD CRITERIA – **BIDS (JAN 2006):** Award will be made to the highest ranked responsive and responsible Offeror whose offer is determined to be the most advantageous for the District.

AWARD TO ONE OFFEROR (JAN 2006): Award will be made to one Offeror.

DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS (FEB 2015): Submit your best terms from both a price and a technical standpoint. Your proposal may be evaluated and your offer accepted without any discussion, negotiations, or prior notice. Ordinarily, nonresponsive proposals will be rejected outright without prior notice. Nevertheless, the District may elect to conduct discussions, including the possibility of limited proposal revisions, but only for those proposals reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. [11-35-1530(6); R. 19-445.2095(1)] If improper revisions are submitted during discussions, the District may elect to consider only your unrevised initial proposal, provided your initial offer is responsive. The District may also elect to conduct negotiations, beginning with the highest ranked offeror, or seek best and final offers, as provided in Section 11-35-1530(8). Negotiations may involve both price and matters affecting the scope of the contract, so long as changes are within the general scope of the request for proposals. If negotiations are conducted, the District may elect to disregard the negotiations and accept your original proposal. [06-6058-1]

EVALUATION FACTORS – PROPOSALS:

Proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Committee based on the evaluation criteria listed in the Section below. Each proposal will be evaluated both objectively and as compared to the other responses. All proposals will be reviewed for purposes of determining responsiveness and responsibility. Any proposal that does not meet the essential requirements of the RFP and the District will be deemed non-responsive. The Selection Committee may consist of representatives of the Project Team and any other persons appointed by the District. **Proposer should not attempt to contact members of the evaluation committee during the period of the solicitation. Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of the State Ethics Act.**

To determine responsibility, all information given by the proposer concerning its availability to perform fully the contract requirements, including the integrity and reliability of the proposer, will be reviewed. The submission of a proposal for review does not necessarily qualify the proposer or proposal as being responsive or responsible. Failure to provide specific information as requested, for use in the evaluation, may cause a proposal to be disregarded.

Mandatory Elements (Required to determine a proposer Responsive and Responsible before evaluating the Technical Quality):

- 1. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the Fort Mill School District.
- 2. The firm adheres to the instructions in this request for proposal on preparing and submitting this proposal complete.

Technical Quality:

Evaluation of proposals for the **Technical Process** (100 possible points) will be based on the following:

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- The firm's past experience and performance with School Districts including references. 25 points
- The firm's ability to meet anticipated schedules. (Geographic location to the District). 25 points
- Proposal is clear and complete. 25 points
- Proposed Payout Scale: Within market range. 25 points

PROPOSAL WARRANTY

Offeror shall represent and warrant that the requirements are fully understood in all matters affecting the performance of the Services, furnishing the labor, supplies, material, and equipment required of these Services; that the proposal has been checked for errors and omissions; that the prices stated are correct and as intended; and that they are a complete and correct statement of prices for performing the work or furnishing the labor, supplies, materials, and equipment in accordance with the contract documents.

UNIT PRICE GOVERNS (JAN 2006):

In determining award, unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – A. General

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ASSIGNMENT, NOVATION, AND CHANGE OF NAME, IDENTITY, OR STRUCTURE (MODIFIED FEB 2015): (a) Contractor shall not assign this contract, or its rights, obligations, or any other interest arising from this contract, or delegate any of its performance obligations, without the express written consent of the responsible procurement officer. The foregoing restriction does not apply to a transfer that occurs by operation of law (e.g., bankruptcy; corporate reorganizations and consolidations, but not including partial asset sales). Notwithstanding the foregoing, contractor may assign monies receivable under the contract provided that the District shall have no obligation to make payment to an assignee until thirty days after contractor (not the assignee) has provided the responsible procurement officer with (i) proof of the assignment, (ii) the identify (by contract number) of the

specific contract to which the assignment applies, and (iii) the name of the assignee and he exact

address or account information to which assigned payments should be made. (b) if contractor amends, modifies, or otherwise changes its name, its identify (including its trade name), or its corporate, partnership or other structure, or its FEIN, contractor shall provide the procurement officer prompt written notice of such change. (c) Any name change, transfer, assignment, or novation is subject to the conditions and required approvals.

BANKRUPTCY (**MODIFIED JAN 2006**): (a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the District. This notification shall be furnished within two (2) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all District contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the District upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

CHOICE-OF-LAW (JAN 2006): The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and ORDER OF PRECEDENCE (MODIFIED FEB 2015): (a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Specialist, (2) documentation regarding the clarification of an offer, if applicable, (3) the solicitation, as amended, (4) modifications, if any, to your offer, if accepted by the Procurement Specialist, (5) your offer, (6) any statement reflecting the District's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (7) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (6) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in either (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the District or (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by the District. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Specialist shall be void and of no effect.

DISPUTES (MODIFIED JAN 2006): (1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the Procurement Specialist in accordance with the District's Procurement Code, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in the State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by the government regarding the Agreement is not a waiver of either the government's sovereign immunity or the government's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided as the Notice Address on Page Two or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside

South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (JAN 2006): Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

FALSE CLAIMS (JAN 2006): According to the S.C. Code of Laws Section 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED (JAN 2006): Any pricing provided by contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Except as otherwise provided in this solicitation, contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms. This clause does not prohibit contractor from offering lower pricing after award.

NO INDEMNITY OR DEFENSE (MODIFIED FEB 2015): Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the District to indemnify, defend, or pay attorney's fees to anyone for any reason.

NOTICE (MODIFIED JAN 2006): (A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (B) Notice to contractor shall be to the address identified as the Notice Address on Page Two. Notice to the District shall be to the Procurement Specialist's address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph.

OPEN TRADE (JUNE 2015): During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

PUBLICITY (**MODIFIED JAN 2006**): Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by District employees, or include the District in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Specialist.

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS (JAN 2006): The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

TAXES (MODIFIED - JAN 2006): Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the District, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the District. It shall be solely the District's obligation, after payment to contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the District to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the District for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY (JAN 2006): This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

WAIVER (MODIFIED JAN 2006): The District does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Specialist has actual authority to waive any of the District's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- Special

CISG (JAN 2006): The parties expressly agree that the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to this agreement.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS (JAN 2006): During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

CONTRACT LIMITATIONS (JAN 2006): No sales may be made pursuant to this contract for any item or service that is not expressly listed. No sales may be made pursuant to this contract after expiration of this contract. Violation of this provision may result in termination of this contract and may subject contractor to suspension or debarment.

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE – GENERAL (MODIFIED FEB 2015):

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

(b) Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

(1) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. This contract shall be considered to be an "insured contract" as defined in the policy.

(2) Auto Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) Worker's Compensation: As required by the State of South Carolina, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

(c) The District, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of the District, must be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used. Please list the additional insured as Fort Mill School District, 2233 Deerfield Drive, Fort Mill, SC 29715. (d) For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the District and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of the District. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District or the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of the District, shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. (e) Prior to commencement of the work, the Contractor shall furnish the District with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this section. All certificates are to be received and approved by the District before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The District reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by this section, at any time.

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

(g) Contractor hereby grants to the District a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the District by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the District received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

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

(i) The District reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2006): The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION – GENERAL (JAN 2006): The contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and non-professional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The contractor must act as the prime contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. The contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements.

DEFAULT – SHORT FORM (MODIFIED - FEB 2015)

The District may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the contractor, or if the contractor fails to comply with any material contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the District, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the District shall not be liable to the contractor for any amount for supplies or

services not accepted, and the contractor shall be liable to the District for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the District improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

DISPOSAL OF PACKAGING (JAN 2006): Contractor shall dispose of all wrappings, crating, and other disposable materials pertaining to this contract at the end of each working day and upon completion of installation.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (MODIFIED NOV. 2008): (An overview is available at <u>www.procurement.sc.gov</u>): By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the District upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractor's language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractor's language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

INDEMNIFICATION – THIRD PARTY CLAIMS – (MODIFIED NOV 2011): Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, contractor shall defend and indemnify Fort Mill School District, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees against all suits or claims of any nature (and all damages, settlement payments, attorney's fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities attributable thereto) by any third party which arise out of, or result in any way from any defect in the goods or services acquired hereunder or from any act or omission of contractor, it's subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants or agents. Contractor shall be given written notice of any suit or claim. District shall allow contractor to defend such claim so long as such defense is diligently and capably prosecuted through legal counsel. District shall allow contractor to settle such suit or claim so long as:

- a. all settlement payments are made by (and any deferred settlement payments are the sole liability of) contractor; and
- b. the settlement imposes no non-monetary obligation upon the District.

The District shall not admit liability or agree to a settlement or other disposition of the suit or claim, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of contractor. District shall reasonably cooperate with the contractor's defense of such suit or claim. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination of the parties' agreement.

LICENSES AND PERMITS (MODIFIED JAN 2006): During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, all licenses (including professional licenses, if any), permits, inspections and related fees for each or any such licenses, permits and /or inspections required by the State, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.

MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP (JAN 2006): Unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract, all equipment, material, and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended.

OWNERSHIP OF DATA and MATERIALS (MODIFIED JAN 2006): All data, material and documentation either prepared for the District pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the District.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES (JAN 2006): Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer of the other. Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party.

TERM OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE DATE / INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD (JAN 2006):

The effective date of this contract is the first day of the Maximum Contract Period as specified on the final statement of award. The initial term of this agreement is one year from the effective date. The District will review the performance and terms of this contract prior to renewal and shall notify vendor within 30 days of the expiration date as to whether the contract will be renewed. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

TERM OF CONTRACT – OPTION TO RENEW (MODIFIED – JUNE - 2018): At the end of the initial term, and at the end of each renewal term, this contract shall be reviewed and notification sent for a new for a period of 1 year, unless contractor receives notice that the District elects not to renew the contract at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of renewal. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

TERM OF CONTRACT – TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR (JAN 2006): Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the initial term, or any renewal term, by providing the Procurement Officer notice of its election to terminate under this clause at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the then current term.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES: (1) The contractor and the District waive any and all claims, know or unknown, against each other for consequential damages arising out of or relating to this contract. This mutual waiver includes: (a) damages incurred by the District for loss of income, profit, financing, business and reputation, management or employee productivity or of the services of such persons; and (b) damages incurred by the contractor for principal office expenses including the compensation of personnel stationed there, for losses of financing, business and reputation, and for loss of profit except anticipated profit arising directly from the work. (2) This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination pursuant to a termination provision of this contract. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be deemed to preclude an award of liquidated damages, when applicable, in accordance with the terms of this contract. This paragraph does not apply to any claim for equitable or contractual indemnification.

WARRANTY – **STANDARD** (JAN 2006): Contractor must provide the manufacturer's standard written warranty upon delivery of product. Contractor warrants that manufacturer will honor the standard written warranty provided.

VIII. Bidding Schedule/Cost Proposal

Bidder	

Equipment	Bid Price	Bid Price Per LB
Lenovo 10e Chromebook Tablet – Serial No. P20888BR		
Dell Chromebook Model 3100 – Serial No. 11HJLF3		
Dell OptiPlex 3070 – Serial No. 6YP7F33		
Dell OptiPlex Ultra – Serial No. GB09F33		
Dell OptiPlex 3280 AIO		
Dell OptiPlex 3090 – Serial No. HVTL2N3		
All non-resalable whole units; Parts		

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

IX. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION

Appendix A				
Loca	ations			
Banks Trail Middle School	Pleasant Knoll Middle			
861 Fort Mill Parkway	2320 Pleasant Road			
Fort Mill, SC 29715	Fort Mill, SC 29708			
Catawba Ridge High School	River Trail Elementary			
1180 Fort Mill Parkway	1016 Fort Mill Parkway			
Fort Mill, SC 29715	Fort Mill, SC 29715			
Dobys Bridge Elementary	Riverview Elementary			
1000 Dragon Way	1300 Spratt Street			
Fort Mill, SC 29715	Fort Mill, SC 29715			
Forest Creek Middle	Springfield Elementary			
2212 Whites Road	1691 Springfield Parkway			
Fort Mill, SC 29715	Fort Mill, SC 29715			
Fort Mill Elementary	Springfield Middle			
192 Springfield Parkway	1711 Springfield Parkway			
Fort Mill, SC 29715	Fort Mill, SC 29715			
Fort Mill High School	Sugar Creek Elementary			
215 N. Hwy 21 Bypass	1599 Farmhouse Drive			
Fort Mill, SC 29715	Fort Mill, SC 29715			
Fort Mill Middle	Tega Cay Elementary			
200 Springfield Parkway	2185 Gold Hill Road			
Fort Mill, SC 29715	Tega Cay, SC 29708			
Gold Hill Elementary	Oak Grove Academy			
1000 Dave Gibson Blvd.	1346 A.O. Jones Blvd			
Tega Cay, SC 29708	Fort Mill, SC 29715			
Gold Hill Middle	Operations			
1025 Dave Gibson Blvd.	351 Gillig Dr.			
Tega Cay, SC 29708	Fort Mill, SC 29715			
Kings Town Elementary 1774 Masons Bend Drive	Fort Mill School District Office 2233 Deerfield Drive			
Fort Mill, Sc 29708 Nation Ford High School	Fort Mill, SC 29715			
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1400 A.O. Jones Blvd.				
Fort Mill, SC 29715 Orchard Park Elementary	4			
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474 Third Baxter Street Fort Mill, SC 29708				
Pleasant Knoll Elementary				
2346 Pleasant Road				
Fort Mill, SC 29708				

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The Bidder shall answer the following questionnaire which shall be used in the bid evaluation process in order to determine the responsible bidder.

1. SAFETY:

Have you had any OSHA fines within the last three (3) years? YES $\Box\,$ NO $\,\Box\,$

Have you had jobsite fatalities within the last five (5) years? YES $\Box\,$ NO $\Box\,$

If you have answered **YES** to either of the above questions, you **MUST** submit on a separate sheet the details describing the circumstances surrounding each incident.

2. EXPERIENCE:

Years in business under present name:
Years performing work specialty:
Licenses currently valid in force:
3. LICENSE SANCTIONS:
List any regulatory or license agency sanctions. The District may perform a background check on respondent with all state
and regulatory agencies.
4. LITIGATION: Are you currently involved in any litigation or legal disputes? YES \Box NO \Box
If yes, please explain.
4. REFERENCES - REQUIRED
Provide three references from agencies you have performed similar services for in the past two (2) years.
Reference #1
Work Performed:
Organization:
Address:
Contact Name & Title:
Email Address:
Telephone #:

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Reference #2

Work Performed:	-
Organization:	-
Address:	-
Contact Name & Title:	-
Email Address:	
Telephone #:	-
Reference #3	
Work Performed:	-
Organization:	-
Address:	-
Contact Name & Title:	-
Email Address:	
Telephone #	
Company Name:	
Signature:	
Printed Name:	
Date:	

LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

General contractor shall fill out the list below. All subcontractors shall be listed. The general contractor shall identify work by the general, the subcontractor, or not applicable. Failure to do so may result in bid being declared non-responsive. List all subcontractors.

	COMPANY NAME
TRADE	

Fort Mill School District Four	Solicitation #:	23-011
Administrative Offices 2233 Deerfield Drive, Fort Mill, SC 29715	Date Issued:	4/12/2024
FORT MELL	Procurement Specialist:	Laurie Martinez
SCHOOLS	Phone:	803-548-8430
Children First Every Day	Fax:	
	E-Mail Address:	martinezl@fortmillschools.org

This certification is required by the Drug-free Workplace Act, Section 44-107-10 et seq South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended). The regulations require certification by Contractors/Vendors prior to award, that they will maintain a drug-free workplace as defined below. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when determining the award of a contract. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of contract, or suspension or debarment from the right to submit bids or proposals for Fort Mill Schools.

For purposes of this Certification, "Drug-free Workplace" is defined as set forth in Section 44-107019 (1), South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended). The aforesaid Section defines workplace to include any site where work is performed to carry out the Contractor's/ Vendor's duties under the contract. Contractor's/Vendor's employees shall be prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance in accordance with the requirements of the Drug-free Workplace Act.

By signing this document, the Contractor/Vendor hereby certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (1) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor's/Vendor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of the prohibition;
- (2) Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The Contractor's/Vendor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations;
- (3) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the contract be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (1) above
- (4) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (1) that, as a condition of employment under the contract, the employee will:
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement: and
 - (b) Notify the employer of any criminal drug statue conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than Five (5) Days after the conviction;

- Notifying the using agency within Ten (10) Days after receiving notice under subparagraph
 (4) (b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of the conviction;
- (6) Taking one of the following actions, within Thirty (30) Days of receiving notice under subparagraph (4) (b) with respect to any employee who is convicted:
 - (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to and including termination; and
 - (b) Requiring the employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (7) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) above.

Solicitation Number: 23-011

Project Name: Technology Surplus Disposal Services

Contractor/Vendor Name:

Address:

Authorized Representative Name/Title:

Signature:_____

Date:

Witness:

OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST – Avoid Common Mistakes

Review this checklist prior to submitting your bid/proposal. If you fail to follow this checklist, you risk having your bid/proposal rejected.

- Do not include any of your standard contract forms!

- Unless expressly required, do not include any additional boilerplate contract clauses.

- Reread your entire bid/proposal to make sure your bid/proposal does not take exception to any of the District's mandatory requirements.

- Make sure you have properly marked all protected, confidential, or trade secret information in accordance with the instructions entitled: SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. <u>DO NOT</u> mark your entire bid/proposal as confidential, trade secret, or protected! <u>Do not</u> include a legend on the cover stating that your entire response is not to be released!

- Have you properly acknowledged all amendments? Instructions regarding how to acknowledge an amendment should appear in all amendments issued.

- Make sure your bid/proposal includes a copy of the solicitation cover page. Make sure the cover page is signed by a person that is authorized to contractually bind your business.
 - Make sure your bid/proposal includes the number of copies requested.
 - Check to ensure your bid/proposal includes everything requested!

- If you have concerns about the solicitation, do not raise those concerns in your response! After opening, it is too late! If this solicitation includes a pre-bid/proposal conference or a question & answer period, raise your questions as a part of that process! Please see instructions under the heading "submission of questions" and any provisions regarding pre-bid/proposal conferences.

This checklist is included only as a reminder to help offerors avoid common mistakes. Responsiveness will be evaluated against the solicitation, not against this checklist. You do not need to return this checklist with your response.