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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER  
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| <b>TITLE:</b> <i>Fire Alarm Systems, Retrofit Design, Installation, Emergency Service and Maintenance</i> | <b>NUMBER:</b><br><b>SDOC 10-P-025 CJ</b> | <b>SUBMITTAL DEADLINE:</b><br><b>October 20, 2009 at 2:00 PM</b> |
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| <b>PRE PROPOSAL CONFERENCE - DATE, TIME AND LOCATION:</b><br><b>October 6, 2009, 9:00 AM in the Purchasing Conference Room</b> | <i>SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER ABOVE DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED</i> |
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| <b>FEDERAL ID NO. OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO.</b> |   |
|  | X _____<br>Authorized Signature _____ Typed Name<br>_____<br>Title Date<br>_____<br>Email Address |

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR RESPONSE**

## GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE READ CAREFULLY \*\*\*\*\*

Individuals covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in need of accommodations to attend public openings or meetings sponsored by the School District of Osceola County Purchasing Department shall contact the Purchasing Department at 407.870.4630, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled opening or meeting.

- SUBMISSION OF OFFERS:** All offers shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or package. The invitation number, title, and opening date shall be clearly displayed on the outside of the sealed envelope or package. The delivery of responses to the School District of Osceola County Purchasing Department prior to the specified date and time is solely and strictly the responsibility of the offeror. Any submittal received in the Purchasing Department after the specified date and time will not be considered.  
  
Responses shall be submitted on forms provided by the School Board. Additional information may be attached to the submittal. Facsimile submissions are NOT acceptable. No offer may be modified after acceptance. No offer may be withdrawn after opening for a period of sixty (60) days unless otherwise specified.
- EXECUTION OF OFFER:** Offer shall contain a manual signature in the space(s) provided of a representative authorized to legally bind the offeror to the provisions therein. All spaces requesting information from the offeror shall be completed. Responses shall be typed or printed in ink. Use of erasable ink or pencil is not permitted. Any correction made by the offeror to any entry must be initialed.
- OPENING:** Opening shall be public in the School District Purchasing Department immediately following the advertised deadline date and time for receipt of submittals. Pursuant to Section 119.07(3) (b) Florida Statutes (1991) no further information regarding offers submitted will be made public until such time of intended award or ten (10) days, whichever is earlier.
- PUBLIC RECORD:** The School District is governed by the Public Record Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Chapter 119 only trade secrets as defined in Section 812.081, Florida Statute shall be exempt from disclosure.
- CLARIFICATION/CORRECTION OF ENTRY:** The School Board reserves the right to allow for the clarification of questionable entries and the correction of OBVIOUS MISTAKES.
- INTERPRETATION/ADDENDA:** Any questions concerning conditions and specifications shall be directed to the designated contact person. Those interpretations which may affect the eventual outcome of the invitation/offer shall be furnished in writing to prospective offerors.  
  
No interpretation shall be considered binding unless provided in writing by the School District Purchasing Department in the form of an addendum. Any addenda issued shall be acknowledged by signature and returned with offeror's response.  
  
Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in the offer not being considered.
- INCURRED EXPENSES:** This invitation does not commit the School Board to make an award nor shall the School Board be responsible for any cost or expense which may be incurred by any respondent in preparing and submitting a reply, or any cost or expense incurred by any respondent prior to the execution of a purchase order or contract agreement.
- PRICING:** Unless otherwise specified prices offered shall remain firm for a period of at least sixty (60) days; all pricing of goods shall include FOB DESTINATION, all packing, handling, shipping charges and delivery to any point(s) within the School District to a secure area or inside delivery; all prices of services shall include all expenses necessary to provide the service at the location specified.

9. **ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:** The School Board reserves the right to reject offers containing terms or conditions contradictory to those requested in the invitation specifications.
10. **TAXES:** The School District of Osceola County is exempt from Federal and State Tax for Tangible Personal Property. Florida State Exemption Certificate No. 85-8012500806C-9. Vendors or Contractors doing business with the School District of Osceola County shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the District, nor shall any Vendor/Contractor be authorized to use the District's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.
11. **DISCOUNTS:** All discounts except those for prompt payment shall be considered in determining the lowest net cost for evaluation purposes.
12. **MEETS SPECIFICATIONS:** The offeror represents that all offers to this invitation shall meet or exceed the minimum requirements specified.
13. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL:** If items requested by this invitation have been identified in the specifications by a Brand Name "OR EQUAL" description, such identification is intended to be descriptive and not restrictive and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that will be acceptable. Offers proposing "equal" products will be considered for award if such products are clearly identified in the offer and are determined by the School Board to meet fully the salient characteristic requirements listed in the specifications.

Unless the offeror clearly indicates in his/her offer that he/she is proposing an "equal" product, the offer shall be considered as offering the same brand name product referenced in the specifications.

If the offeror proposes to furnish an "equal" product, the brand name of the product to be furnished shall be clearly identified. The evaluation of offers and the determination as to equality of the product offered shall be the responsibility of the School Board and will be based on information furnished by the offeror. The Purchasing Department is not responsible for locating or securing any information which is not identified in the response and reasonably available to the Purchasing Department. To insure that sufficient information is available the offeror shall furnish as part of the response all descriptive material necessary for the Purchasing Department to determine whether the product offered meets the salient characteristics required by the specifications and establish exactly what the offeror proposes to furnish and what the School Board would be binding itself to purchase by making an award.

14. **SAMPLES:** When required, samples of products shall be furnished with response to the School Board at no charge. Samples may be tested and will not be returned to the offeror. The result of any and all testing shall be made available upon written request.
15. **SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS:** The apparent silence of these specifications or any supplemental specifications as to details or the omission from same of any detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials of first quality and correct type, size, and design are to be used. All workmanship shall be first quality. All interpretations of specifications shall be made upon the basis of this statement.
16. **GOVERNING LAWS AND VENUE:** All legal proceedings brought in connection with this Contract shall only be brought in a state or federal court located in the State of Florida. Venue in state court shall be in Osceola County, Florida. Venue in federal court shall be in the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division. Each party hereby agrees to submit to the personal jurisdiction of these courts for any lawsuits filed there against such party arising under or in connection with this Contract. In the event that a legal proceeding is brought for the enforcement of any term of the contract, or any right arising there from, the parties expressly waive their respective rights to have such action tried by jury trial and hereby consent to the use of non-jury trial for the adjudication of such suit.  
All questions concerning the validity, operation, interpretation, construction and enforcement of any terms, covenants or conditions of this Contract shall in all respects be governed by and determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without giving effect to the choice of law principles thereof and unless otherwise preempted by federal law.

17. **ASSIGNMENT:** Any agreement to purchase issued pursuant to this invitation and award thereof and the monies which may become due hereunder are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the School Board.
18. **CONTENT OF INVITATION/RESPONSE:** The contents of this invitation, all terms, conditions, specifications, and requirements included herein and the accepted and awarded response thereto may be incorporated into an agreement to purchase and become legally binding. Any terms, conditions, specifications, and/or requirements specific to the item or service requested herein shall supersede the requirements of the "GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS."
19. **INDEMNIFICATION OF SCHOOL BOARD**  
The respondent shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the School Board, its officers, agents, and employees, from or on account of any claims, losses, expenses, injuries, damages, or liability resulting or arising solely from the respondent's performance or nonperformance of services pursuant to this contract, excluding any claims, losses, expenses, injuries, damage, or liability resulting or arising from the actions of School Board, its officers, agents, or employees. The indemnification shall obligate the respondent to defend, at its own expense or to provide for such defense, at School Board's option, any and all claims and suits brought against School Board that may result from the respondent's performance or nonperformance of services pursuant to the contract.
20. **PATENTS, COPYRIGHT, AND ROYALTIES:** The supplier/provider, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the School Board, its officers, agents and employees from liability of any nature of kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, registered, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the provision of goods and/or services, including use by the School Board. If the supplier/provider uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent, copyright, or registration, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the quoted price shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved.
21. **TRAINING:** Unless otherwise specified suppliers/providers may be required at the convenience of and at no expense to the School Board to provide training to School Board personnel in the operation and maintenance of any item purchased as a result of this invitation.
22. **ACCEPTANCE:** Products purchased as a result of this invitation may be tested for compliance with specifications. Items delivered not conforming to specifications may be rejected and returned at respondent's expense. Those items and items not delivered by the delivery date specified in accepted offer and/or purchase order may be purchased on the open market. Any increase in cost may be charged against the respondent.
23. **SAFETY WARRANTY:** Any awarded supplier/provider including dealers, distributors, and/or manufacturers shall be responsible for having complied with all Federal, State, and local standards, regulations, and laws concerning the product or service specified, and the use thereof, applicable and effective on the date of manufacture or use or date in service including safety and environmental standards as apply to both private industry and governmental agencies.
24. **WARRANTY:** The offeror agrees that, unless otherwise specified, the product and/or service furnished as a result of this invitation and award thereto shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty the offeror gives to any customer for comparable quantities of such products and/or services and that the right and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the School Board by any other provision of the invitation/offer.
25. **AWARD:** As the best interest of the School Board may require, the School Board reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof; on a geographical basis and/or on a district wide basis with one or more supplier(s) or provider(s); to reject any and all offers or waive any irregularity or technicality in offers received. Offerors are cautioned to make no assumptions unless their offer has been evaluated as being responsive. Any or all award(s) made as a result of this invitation shall conform to applicable School Board Rules, State Board Rules, and State of Florida Statutes.

26. **VIOLATIONS:** Any violation of any of the stipulations, terms, and/or conditions listed and/or included herein may result in the respondent being removed from the School Board Bid list and the /respondent being disqualified from doing business with the School Board for a period of time to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

27. For purposes of this Invitation and evaluation of responses hereto the following shall apply: unit prices shall prevail over extended prices; written matter shall prevail over typed matter; numbers spelled in word form shall prevail over Arabic numerals (“one” over “1”). When not inconsistent with context words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

28. **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT:** The District and its governing board were created pursuant to Section 4, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida. The District is an independent taxing and reporting entity managed, controlled, operated, administered, and supervised by School District Officials in accordance with Chapters 1000-1013, Florida Statutes. The Board consists of five elected officials responsible for the adoption of policies, which govern the operation of the District public schools. The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the administration and management of the schools and it’s departments within the applicable parameters of state laws, State Board of Education Rules, and School Board policies. The Superintendent is also specifically delegated the responsibility of maintaining a uniform system of records and accounts in the District by Section 1010.01, Florida Statutes as prescribed by the State Board of Education.

The District is coterminous with Osceola County. The annual budget for the District for 2007-2008 school year totals \$999,422,956, including an operating budget of \$461,355,469, and a capital budget of \$401,140,409. The District operates thirty-nine schools, which includes twenty -one (21) elementary schools, seven (7) middle schools, eight (8) high schools, two (2) K thru 8 schools, and one (1) 6th thru 12th grade school. The District is also responsible for twelve alternative education sites, and seven charter schools. The total full-time K-12 projected enrollment of public school students for August 2007 is 53,070. Growth is projected to continue in the future at an average of 2000 students per year.

29. **UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE:** The Uniform Commercial Code (Florida Statutes, Chapter 672) shall prevail as the basis for contractual obligations between the awarded Contractor and the School District of Osceola County for any terms and conditions not specifically stated in this Request For Proposal.

30. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:**

The obligations of the School District of Osceola County under this award are subject to the availability of funds lawfully appropriated for its purpose by the State of Florida and the School Board. All purchases are contingent upon available District funding.

31. **NO CONTACT:** Vendors, contractors, consultants, or their representatives shall not meet with, speak individually with, or otherwise communicate with School Board members, the Superintendent, or School District staff, other than the designated purchasing agent, and School Board members, the Superintendent, or School District staff, other than the designated purchasing agent, shall not meet with, speak individually with, or otherwise communicate with vendors, contractors, consultants, or their representatives, about potential contracts with the School Board once an Request For Proposal, request for quote, request for proposal, invitation to negotiate, or request for qualifications has been issued.

Any such communication shall disqualify the vendor, contractor, or consultant from responding to the subject Request For Proposal, request for quote, request for proposal, invitation to negotiate, or request for qualifications. (*School Board Rule 7.70.I.G*)

32. **DEFINITIONS:**

**RESPONDENT** – The term “respondent” used herein refers to any dealer, manufacturer, representative, distributor, or business organization that will be or has been awarded a contract and/or purchase order pursuant to the terms and conditions of the invitation and accepted offer.

**OFFEROR** – The term “offeror” used herein refers to any dealer, manufacturer, representative, distributor, or business organization submitting an offer to the County in response to this invitation.

**SCHOOL BOARD** – The term “School Board” herein refers to the School Board of Osceola County, Florida, and its duly authorized representatives and any school, department, or unit within the School District.

**USING AGENCY** – The term “using agency” used herein refers to any school, department, committee, authority, or another unit in the School District using supplies or procuring contractual services as provided for in the Purchasing Department of the School District.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL OFFERS, TO WAIVE INFORMALITIES, AND TO ACCEPT ALL OR ANY PART OF ANY OFFER AS MAY BE DEEMED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

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## 1.0 PURPOSE & OVERVIEW

The purpose of this Request For Proposal (RFP) is to solicit competitive sealed proposals for ***Fire Alarm Systems, Retrofit Design, Installation, Emergency Service and Maintenance.***

## 2.0 PRODUCTS OR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED, AND APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS

The purpose of the RFP is to provide the District with qualified Contractor(s) to perform all operations in connection with retrofit design, installation, emergency service and maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems for the School District of Osceola County, Florida. The intent of this RFP is to assure that the Life Safety/Fire Detection and other related systems servicing the District's facilities are properly designed, installed and maintained in compliance with NFPA 72, NEC 70 Florida Administrative Rules, and SREF codes. The District intends to utilize this contract for the performance of: 1) retrofit design, 2) installation of new systems, due to but not limited to; renovations, additions, relocation of portables, and the installation of additional portables throughout the District, 3) emergency service, and 4) maintenance of existing systems. The Successful Respondent must have the ability to upgrade existing systems to ensure they meet current standards; interface new or existing fire alarm systems with other alarm and notification systems (burglar detection, intercom, etc.); and keep existing (older) fire alarm systems operational during a retrofit process.

### 2.01 SERVICING PERSONNEL

The Successful Respondent's key personnel must have a minimum of three (3) years experience retrofit designing, installing, servicing, maintaining, and repairing fire alarm systems for educational facilities within the State of Florida. The Successful Respondent(s) shall have employees that meet the following requirements for the term(s) of this contract:

1. One (1) Professional Engineer certified by the Florida Bureau of Professional Engineers, on staff, on retainer, or sub-contracted. Provide documentation showing the Professional Engineer is on staff, on retainer or sub-contracted.
2. Minimum (1) NICET level 4 (Senior Engineering Technicians) on staff. Two preferred.
3. Two (2) NICET level 3 (Engineering Technicians) on staff.
4. Four (4) NICET level 2 (Associate Engineering Technicians) or higher on staff.
5. Two (2) Technicians certified on Silent Knight Control Panels, Model #IFP-1000 & 2000, preferred.
6. All service and inspection personnel shall be in compliance with Florida Statutes 4898 and certified as Fire Alarm System Agents.
7. Bidder must provide the following information in its bid submittal for each employee assigned to perform services under this contract:
  - A. Photograph of the employee
  - B. Name of the employee
  - C. NICET certificate number and grade
  - D. Alarm Company's Name, address and phone number
  - E. Contractor License holder's signature
  - F. Employee's signature
8. Provide proof of Continuing Education requirements upon request of the Osceola County School Board.
9. Fire Alarm Service Agent (FASA) Card must be available at all times with each employee performing work under this contract.

If the Respondent's personnel status changes after the award of this solicitation, the Successful Respondent(s) is required to notify the District and provide the required information for replacement staff as listed in Section 2.1. If the Successful Respondent(s) is unable to maintain the required staff, the District may terminate the award for failure to continue to meet the minimum requirements of the RFP.

## **2.02 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM “LOGBOOKS”**

Documentation - The Successful Respondent(s) shall update each “Fire Alarm System Logbook” when the system is maintained, repaired, upgraded, altered, etc. This logbook shall contain at minimum the following:

1. Documentation to record all work performed on the fire alarm system. This form shall contain the following information;
  - A. Date and Time of repair/upgraded/altered etc.,
  - B. Name and address of protected property,
  - C. Service entity's name, address and phone number,
  - D. Name of Service Technician/Inspector,
  - E. Description and location of equipment in the building where repair work was performed,
  - F. Type of repair work performed on the system,
  - G. Drawings of the fire alarm system showing the location of each device in the system and the number assigned to each device in the system,
  - H. When work is performed on any device in a fire alarm system, the device number shall be listed in the Fire Alarm System Logbook, and
  - I. System operating instructions.

## **2.03 RETROFIT DESIGN, INSTALLATION, EMERGENCY SERVICE, & MAINTENANCE**

**The following are the minimum requirements for Retrofit Design, Installation, Emergency Service and Maintenance. The services shall include, but not be limited to:**

- Retrofit Design
- New Fire Alarm Installations
- Fire Alarm Installation for Classroom Additions
- Fire Alarm Installation for New Portable & Relocations
- To upgrade existing Fire Alarm Systems to current standards
- Interface Fire Alarm Systems with other Alarm Systems
- Keep older systems operational during the retrofit process
- Training
- Repairs
- 24/7 Emergency Service and
- Maintenance

## **2.04 DESIGN AND INTEGRATION**

The services shall include project management of system development that the District considers important. The services include, but are not limited to the following:

- System Design
- Management of systems integration
- Programming, Orientation and Training
- Modernization of legacy systems
- Development and integration with security systems, and critical infrastructures.

## **2.05 PANELS AND COMPONENTS**

The District prefers the use of Silent Knight (Fahrenheit) Fire Alarm Panel/Control Equipment. The District has employee's that are Silent Knight (Fahrenheit) Certified Technicians, thus able to service, purchase and repair this equipment in-house. All individual devices (smoke detectors, horns, strobes, etc) must be Silent Knight compatible. Respondent(s) must include certifications from the Manufacturers represented and authorized to be a Service provider. In addition, Respondent must indicate if it is an authorized Silent Knight Engineered Systems Distributor (ESD). There are twenty-one (21) sites that currently have Silent Knight Fire Alarm Systems.

## **2.06 CODES AND SCHOOL DISTRICT STANDARDS**

All installations must meet state and local codes including the National Electric Code (NEC), National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA 70), (NFPA 72) along with State Regulations for

Educational Facilities (SREF) and The School District of Osceola County Fire Alarm Standards, which requires that **all fire alarm system wiring shall be installed in conduit**, and any old system to be retrofit or upgraded must be maintained and operational until the new system is ready to be activated (the school/department must have an operational system at all times).

## **2.07 EMERGENCY SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, & SYSTEM UPGRADES**

The District reserves the right to utilize the Successful Respondent to provide any and all necessary labor for the upgrade, repair, and maintenance of all Fire Alarm Systems, including damages which occur due to acts of nature or vandalism. The District shall order services on an as needed basis. As new projects/installations/upgrades are required, the District's Facilities and Maintenance Department will request a proposal. The proposal shall list the deliverables, to include but not be limited to; scope of work, labor and material costs, payment schedules, and start and completion dates for the specific project. This type of project will be considered a Fixed Price Project. Upon receipt and approval of the proposal, the District will issue a Purchase Order and Notice to Proceed for the proposed services.

The pricing for a Fixed Price Project will be based on:

1. Discount % Off the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) Published Price Sheet for all equipment,
2. Cost Plus % markup for all miscellaneous installation materials,
3. Labor installation costs using the hourly rates included in your response to this solicitation and incorporated in the final contract document.

The Successful Respondent shall provide a firm discount % off MSRP published price list for all equipment covered under the scope of this RFP. Discounted Prices must include all shipping & handling charges. The published MSRP may be updated annually. The annually updated MSRP must be provided to the Purchasing Representative and the Maintenance Department.

The cost plus % markup for all miscellaneous material shall include, but not be limited to: conduit, wire, fiber, connectors, fittings, boxes, etc. The cost plus % must include any overhead, administrative fees, shipping & handling. Contractors shall make their invoices to suppliers available to the District when requested.

The Contractor will maintain an adequate inventory of any and all necessary peripheral devices, fire alarm control components, and related materials required to ensure minimal system down time at no additional charge.

Peripheral devices are defined as follows:

1. Smoke Detectors
2. Duct Mounted Smoke Detectors & associated relays
3. Heat Detectors
4. A/V Audio/Visual Fire Alarms
5. Visual Strobe Fire Alarms
6. Manual Pull Stations
7. Magnetic Door Holders
8. Fire Fighters Phone Jacks and Phones
9. Addressable Modules

Fire Alarm System Control Components are defined as follows:

1. Main Control Panel(s) or Central Processing Unit
2. Fire Alarm Annunciator Panels
3. Fire Alarm Transponder Panels
4. Status Command Centers
5. Video Display Terminals
6. Notification Appliance Circuit and Signal Expander Panels

## **2.08 WET AND DRY PORTABLE INSTALLATIONS**

The District reserves the right to utilize the Successful Respondent to provide Fire Alarm System installations for wet and dry portables. Installation for the wet and dry portables must include; devices and wiring in raceways from junction box(s) (which may be located near an adjacent portable) to the new portable. The District shall order services on an "as-needed" basis. To be included in the submittal, the Respondent must provide a total turn-key price for the following types of installations. A detailed proposal for all materials and labor required to complete the project must be provided. This pricing must be held for the term of the contract.

Equipment requirements for wet portable installations:

- 1- Edwards EST 270-SPO Pull Station (or equal),
- 1- Wheelock Horn Strobe #NS-241575W-FR (or equal),
- 1- Wheelock Remote Strobe #RSS-24MCW-FR (or equal),
- 2- Edwards Heat Detector #281B-PL (or equal)

Equipment requirements for dry portable installation:

- 1- Edwards EST 270-SPO Pull Station (or equal),
- 1- Wheelock Horn Strobe #NS-241575W-FR (or equal),
- 2- Edwards Heat Detector #281B-PL (or equal)

Each proposal shall include the above listed material in a proposal format and to include the following minimum detail:

- a. A complete and detailed parts list to include the following:
  - i. Manufacturer name
  - ii. Part number
  - iii. Quantity of each item to be purchased
  - iv. Cost for each item
  - v. Total cost for each item
  - vi. Total cost for materials
- b. A complete and detailed price for labor to include the following:
  - i. Number of staff members required to complete the project.
  - ii. Cost per hour for each staff member assigned to the project.
  - iii. Number of hours to complete
  - iv. Total cost for labor
- c. Total cost for material and labor

## **2.09 TASK ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The following items are REQUIRED to be included in every Task Assignment issued by the District. All parties to a transaction are responsible for ensuring compliance with this section:

1. Every Task Assignment must name the District's Representative, who shall be the main point of contact for all issues related to the Services performed under that Task Assignment. The Department Head and the Superintendent are the only authorized personnel to make or approve any changes in the requirements of a Task Assignment. In the event the Successful Respondent makes any changes at the direction of any person other than the assigned District Representative, the changes will be considered to have been without authority and no adjustment will be made in the work order price to cover any increase in costs occurred as a result thereof. The District Representative is a single point of contact for the Successful Respondent, and has the authority to obtain decisions on behalf of the District. The District's Representative will be responsible for the performance of the following functions, some of which may be delegated to other District staff:
  - A. Provide a liaison between the District and the Successful Respondent,
  - B. Review, verify and approve invoices from the Successful Respondent,
  - C. Resolve any contractual problems,
  - D. Ensure the timely review by the District of all planning documents,



- E. Report on project progress to District management,
  - F. Meet with the Successful Respondent to convey information about schedule, timing and content of upcoming deliverables, as well as raising problems and frustrations,
  - G. Meet with the Successful Respondent and inform District management on the Successful Respondent's difficulties and frustrations,
  - H. Facilitate resolution of problems,
  - I. Functions as the source of all materials sent to the Successful Respondent,
  - J. Receives all deliverables from the Successful Respondent,
  - K. Archives all deliverables received from the Successful Respondent, and
  - L. Review all "Change Orders" looking for communication issues during the problem's lifecycle and follow-up on unresolved issues regarding reproducibility, significance, etc.
2. Completion Dates for Fixed Price Projects, costs to the District for each deliverable and the completion date must be agreed upon in the Task Assignment. The completion date shall be based on the Successful Respondent's project plan and the District's needs. The Successful Respondent shall complete each project within the agreed cost and by the estimated completion date, unless the completion date is properly modified.

#### **2.10 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR RETROFITS AND SYSTEM UPGRADES**

The Successful Respondent shall provide and appropriately schedule system operation training to select site-based administrative support staff at the completion of system retrofits and system upgrades. The District Representative(s) shall attend all site-based system operation training sessions. If a system manufacturer requires School District staff to be certified in order to maintain new systems, the system manufacturer(s) shall provide factory authorized training and testing for a minimum two (2) School District Maintenance Department personnel. All training required to certify School District Maintenance Department personnel, whether local or at the factory, shall be provided at no additional cost to the School District of Osceola County. Additional training requirements are as follows:

- 1. Schedule training with the District at least seven weeks in advance.
- 2. Provide three (3) copies of all program and data software upon completion of training. Issue a release form to the District for the use of the software.
- 3. Training shall be performed by a factory authorized trainer whose primary function is to train and certify technicians for the manufacturer. Training by any other personnel will not be acceptable. Length of training shall be determined by manufacturer's requirements and agreed upon by the District.
- 4. Provide at the end of the project, four (4) hours of on-site training for School District Maintenance Department personnel at the completion of each project to review sequence of operation, drawings, programming and panel operations.
- 5. Provide training for terminating, splicing and testing of fiber optic cable, as required or as requested by School District Maintenance Department personnel.

#### **2.11 SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

To the extent that any software is developed, modified, or otherwise procured under a Work Order, the Successful Respondent is responsible for providing appropriate documentation, based on commercially-accepted software documentation standards. The District may address specific software documentation needs or standards in the appropriate Work Order.

#### **2.12 LICENSES AND PERMITS**

It shall be the responsibility of the Successful Respondent to obtain, at no cost to the District, any and all licenses and permits required to complete this contractual service. The licenses and permits shall be readily available for review by the District's designated representative. Where new installation is required a no cost permit provided through the District's permitting office must be applied for by the Successful Respondent.

**3.0 SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**3.01 RFP Closing Date**

Proposals must be received by the School District of Osceola County's Purchasing Department, 817 Bill Beck Blvd, Building 2000, Kissimmee, Florida 34744-4495, no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, on October 20, 2009**. Proposals received after this time will not be considered.

**3.02 Proposed Schedule**

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|---------------------------|--|
| <i>September 23, 2009</i> | Release date for Request for Proposal                |
| <i>October 6, 2009</i>    | Pre-proposal Conference                              |
| <i>October 8, 2009</i>    | Final date to receive written questions              |
| <i>October 13, 2009</i>   | Release date for Addenda to answer written questions |
| <i>October 20, 2009</i>   | Closing Date   |
| <i>October 27, 2009</i>   | Written Evaluations (Committee)                      |
| <i>November 3, 2009</i>   | Oral Presentations                                   |
| <i>November 17, 2009</i>  | Recommendation of Top-Ranked Firm                    |
| <i>November 18, 2009</i>  | Pre-Contract Meetings                                |
| <i>December 1, 2009</i>   | Board Approval of Contract                           |

**3.03 Delivery of Proposals**

All proposals shall be sealed and delivered or mailed to (faxes/e-mails will not be accepted):

School District of Osceola County, Florida  
Purchasing Department, Building 2000  
817 Bill Beck Blvd  
Kissimmee, Florida 34744-4495

Mark package(s) **"RFP # SDOC 10-P-025 CJ Fire Alarm Systems, Retrofit Design, Installation, Emergency Service and Maintenance."**

**Note:** Please ensure that if a third party carrier (Federal Express, Airborne, UPS, USPS, etc.) is used, that they are properly instructed to deliver your proposal **only** to the Purchasing Department, Building 2000 at the above address. To be considered, **a proposal must be received and accepted in the Purchasing Office before the RFP Closing Date and Time.**

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| <b>* DO NOT OPEN * SEALED PROPOSAL * DO NOT OPEN *</b> |   |
| <b>SEALED PROPOSAL NUMBER:</b>                         | _____   |
| <b>PROPOSAL TITLE:</b>                                 | _____   |
| <b>PROPOSAL DUE ON</b>                                 | _____ <b>AT</b> _____ <b>P.M.</b>   |
| <b>PROPOSAL ENCLOSED</b>                               | _____ <b>"NO PROPOSAL LETTER" ENCLOSED</b> _____  |
| <b>Deliver To:</b>                                     | The School District of Osceola County, Florida<br>PURCHASING DEPARTMENT<br>817 Bill Beck Blvd., Building 2000<br>Kissimmee, FL 34744-4495 |

Cut out the Label above and attach it to your envelope/package

### 3.04 Pre-proposal Conference

- A. A pre-proposal conference will be held in the District's Purchasing Conference Room located at 817 Bill Beck Boulevard, Kissimmee, FL 34744, at 9:00 AM, local time on October 6, 2009. While this is not mandatory, all interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate.
- B. Individuals covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in need of accommodations to attend public RFP openings or meetings should contact the School Board's Purchasing Department, Kissimmee, Florida, (407) 870-4625 at least five (5) days prior to the date.

### 3.05 Public RFP Opening

- A. Only the names of the firms submitting proposals will be read aloud at the RFP opening. The proposals will be available for inspection during normal business hours in the Purchasing Departments ten (10) days of the closing date, by appointment (Florida Statute 119.071 (1) (b)).
- B. A complete recap of proposals will be available after the committee makes a recommendation. A copy of the completed proposal recap will be available on our Purchasing web page at <http://www.osceola.k12.fl.us/depts/Purchasing/index.asp> within ten (10) days.
- C. Individuals covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in need of accommodations to attend public RFP openings or meetings should contact the School Board's Purchasing Department, Kissimmee, Florida, (407) 870-4625 at least five (5) days prior to the date.

### 3.06 Proposal Form

- A. See **Submittal Requirements** for complete details.  
**It is not necessary to return every page of this document with the Proposal; return only the pages that require signatures or information.**
- B. Each respondent shall submit Nine (9) complete sets of the Proposal Submittals:
  - **One (1)** hard copy marked "ORIGINAL"
  - **Seven (7)** hard copies marked "COPY"
  - **One (1) COMPLETE electronic copy on CD, in PDF format (Excel spreadsheets shall not be recorded in PDF). Note solicitation number and name of company on the disk.**

**If a Non-disclosure Agreement is signed and confidential materials are submitted, such confidential materials shall not be included on the master CD. Confidential materials shall be segregated on a separate CD, plainly labeled "Confidential Materials".**
- C. Terms and conditions differing from those in this RFP may be cause for disqualification of the proposal.

### 3.07 Questions Concerning RFP

- A. Questions concerning any portion of this RFP shall be directed in writing or by e-mail to the Purchasing Agent named herein, who shall be the official point of contact for this RFP. Questions should be submitted at least ten (10) days before the closing date.
- B. Mark cover page or envelope(s) "**Questions on RFP #SDOC 10-P-025 CJ, Fire Alarm Systems, Retrofit Design, Installation, Emergency Service and Maintenance.**"

Submit questions to:  
Cheryl M. Jessee  
Telephone: 407.870.4627  
Fax: 407.870.4618  
E-mail: jesseec@osceola.k12.fl.us

**3.08 Clarification and Addenda**

- A. It is incumbent upon each respondent to carefully examine all specifications, terms, and conditions contained herein. Any inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information shall be made in writing, (facsimile transmissions acceptable, 407.870.4616) through the Purchasing Agent named herein. The School Board will not be responsible for any oral representation(s) given by any employee, representative or others. The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method by which interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.
- B. If it becomes necessary to revise or amend any part of this RFP, notice may be obtained by accessing our web site. Respondents in their proposal must acknowledge receipts of amendments. **Each respondent should ensure that they have received all addenda and amendments to this RFP before submitting their proposal. Please check the School District's web site at <http://www.osceola.k12.fl.us/depts/Purchasing/index.asp> for any addenda. The District will not mail/fax/email addenda to prospective respondents.**

**3.09 Award**

The School Board reserves the right to award the contract to the respondent(s) that the School Board deems to offer the best overall proposal(s). The School Board is therefore not bound to accept a proposal on the basis of lowest price. In addition, the School Board at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel this RFP, to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities and/or irregularities, or to re-advertise with either the identical or revised specifications, if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the School Board to do so. The School Board also reserves the right to make multiple awards, based on experience and qualifications if it is deemed to be in the School Board's best interest. The District reserves the right to further negotiate any proposal, including price, with the highest rated proposer. If an agreement cannot be reached with the highest rated proposer, the District reserves the right to negotiate and recommend award to the next highest proposer or subsequent proposers until an agreement is reached.

**3.10 Other Agencies**

- A. All respondents awarded contracts from this solicitation may, upon mutual agreement with the awarded respondent(s), permit any school board, community college, state university, municipality or other governmental entity to participate in the contract under the same prices, terms and conditions.
- B. Further, it is understood that each entity will issue its own purchase order to the awarded respondent(s).

**3.11 F.O.B. Point**

The F.O.B. points for this contract and for all purchases made under it shall be as specified by the using entity (in accordance with the RFP proposal form), in Osceola County, Florida. Delivery will not be complete until the using department has accepted each item. Delivery to a common carrier shall not constitute delivery to the ordering agency. All disputes shall be between the seller / respondent and the carrier.

**3.12 Assignment**

The Bidder shall not sell, assign or transfer any of its rights, duties or obligations under the Contract, or under any purchase order issued pursuant to the Contract, without the prior written

consent of the School Board. In the event of any assignment, the Bidder remains secondarily liable for the performance of the Contract, unless the School Board expressly waives such secondary liability. The School Board may assign the Contract with prior written notice to Bidder of its intent to do so. For the purpose of this Contract, "assignment" means any voluntary, involuntary, direct or indirect assignment, sale, or other transfer by Bidder or its owner(s), of any interest in this Agreement, more than ten percent (10%) of the ownership interest in Bidder, or one of a series of transfers that in the aggregate constitute the transfer of more than ten percent (10%) of the ownership interest in Bidder. The term includes, without limitation: (1) transfer of ownership of capital stock or any partnership interest; (2) merger, consolidation, or issuance of additional securities representing more than ten percent (10%) of the ownership interest in Bidder; (3) sale of common stock of Bidder pursuant to a private placement or registered public offering, which transfers more than ten percent (10%) of the ownership interest in Bidder; (4) transfer of any interest in Bidder in a divorce proceeding or otherwise by operation of law; or (5) transfer of more than ten percent (10%) of the ownership interest in Bidder in the event of the death of an owner, by will, declaration of or transfer in trust, or under the laws of intestate succession.

### 3.13 Contract

- A. The contents of this RFP and all provisions of the successful proposal deemed pertinent by the School Board may be incorporated into a contract and become legally binding. A contract document, other than the purchase order, will be issued; see attached preliminary draft (Attachment "I"). The attached draft contract is the School Board's standard contract and may be revised subject to negotiation between the School Board and the respondent. Content of the final contract may contain changes from the School Board's perspective as a result of the RFP process and submittal(s) received. The final negotiated contract shall include the scope of services as outlined in Section 2.0 of the RFP along with the successful respondent's submittal. School Board contracts are subject to review by the School Board Attorney or designee for determination of legal form and substantive sufficiency.
- B. The Director of Purchasing and Warehouse, Superintendent and Board Chair are the sole Contracting Officers for the School Board, and only they or their designee is authorized to make changes to any contract.
- C. The School Board shall be responsible for only those orders placed by the School Board on an authorized signed Purchase Order or Price Agreement. The School Board shall not be responsible for any order, change substitution or any other discrepancy from the Purchase Order or Price Agreement. If there is any question about the authenticity of a Purchase Order, Price Agreement or change order, the respondent should promptly contact the Purchasing Department at 407.870.4625.

### 3.14 Disclosure of Proposal Content

- A. All material submitted becomes the property of the School Board and may be returned only at the School Board's option. The School Board has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any reply to this Bid. Selection or rejection of any Bid Submittal does not affect this right.
- B. The School Board is governed by the Public Record Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Only trade secrets as defined in Section 812.081(1)(c), F.S. or financial statements required by the School Board for road or public works projects as defined in 119.071(1)(c), F.S. (hereinafter "Confidential Materials"), may be exempt from disclosure. If a respondent submits Confidential Materials, the information **must be segregated**, accompanied by an executed Non-disclosure Agreement for Confidential Materials and each pertinent page must be clearly labeled "confidential" or "trade secret." The School Board will not disclose such Confidential Materials, subject to the conditions detailed within the Agreement, which is attached to this solicitation. When such segregated and

labeled materials are received with an executed Agreement, the School Board shall execute the Agreement and send the respondent a "Receipt for Trade Secret Information."

**RETURN THIS FORM *ONLY* IF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS ARE BEING INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTAL. PLEASE READ THE SECTION IN THE RFP DOCUMENT TO DETERMINE IF THIS APPLIES. THE CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS WILL ONLY BE HANDED OUT TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE DAY OF THE EVALUATION, THEREFORE, THE EVALUATION OF THIS MATERIAL WILL BE LIMITED TO THAT TIME ONLY.**

### **3.15 Respondent's Responsibility**

A respondent, by submitting a proposal, represents that:

- A. The respondent understands the RFP in its entirety and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith, and;
- B. The respondent possesses the capabilities, resources, and personnel necessary to provide efficient and successful service to the School Board, and;
- C. Before submitting a proposal, each respondent shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain site and/or local conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by the School Board, upon which the respondent will rely. If the respondent receives an award because of its proposal submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the respondent from its obligations to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim by the respondent for additional compensation or relief, and;
- D. The respondent will be held responsible for any and all discrepancies, errors, etc. in discounts or rebates which are discovered during the contract term or up to and including three (3) fiscal years following the School Board's annual audit.

### **3.16 Payment Terms**

- A. The School Board will remit full payment on all undisputed invoices within forty-five (45) days from receipt by the appropriate person(s) (to be designated at time of contract) of the invoice(s) or receipt of all products or services ordered.
- B. Pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes, the School Board will pay interest not to exceed one percent (1%) per month on all undisputed invoices not paid within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the entire order of the commodity or service, and a properly completed invoice, whichever is later.
- C. The School Board has the capabilities of Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). List discounts, if any, for payments through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).
- D. By submitting a proposal (offer) to the School Board, the respondent expressly agrees that if awarded a contract, the School Board may withhold from any payment, monies owed by the respondent to the School Board for any legal obligation between the respondent and the School Board.
- E. The School District shall pay such invoices pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Florida Statute 218.70 – 218.80).

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**3.17 Conflict of Interest Form**

All respondents shall complete and have notarized the attached disclosure form of any potential conflict of interest that the respondent may have due to ownership, other clients, contracts, or interest associated with this project.

**3.18 Licenses and Certificates**

- A. The School Board reserves the right to require proof that the respondent is an established business and is abiding by the ordinances, regulation, and the laws the State of Florida, such as but not limited to: Business Tax Receipts, business licenses, Florida sales tax registration, Federal Employers Identification Number, AND;
- B. Each firm and personnel who will be performing services on behalf of the firm for the Board are to be properly licensed to do business in its area of expertise in the State of Florida. Each firm shall submit with their proposal a copy of, and maintain the appropriate licenses and certificates during the term of the contract and any extensions. Failure to maintain these requirements shall be cause for immediate termination of the contract.

**3.19 Minor Irregularities**

The School Board reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in proposals, providing such action is in the best interest of the School Board. Minor irregularities are defined as those that have no adverse effect on the School Board's best interests, and will not affect the outcome of the selection process by giving the respondent an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other respondents.

**3.20 Insurance Requirements**

Each respondent shall include in their submittal proof of insurance capabilities, including but not limited to, the following requirements:

- A. Workers' Compensation – As required by Florida law. The Workers' Compensation policy shall state that it cannot be canceled or materially changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior notice thereof in writing to the School Board. Firms that have owner/operators that have filed a "Notice of Election to be Exempt" shall supply a copy of said notice.

Requirements for Respondents that qualify for an exemption under the Florida Worker's Compensation law in Chapter 440 Florida Statutes are detailed below:

Incorporated or unincorporated firms with less than four employees shall be required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement relieving the School Board of liability in the event they and/or their employees are injured while providing goods and/or services to the School Board.

Incorporated or unincorporated firms with four or more employees shall be required to provide a copy of their "Notice of Election to be Exempt", along with valid proof of coverage for non-exempt employees.

**The waiver mentioned above is included as an attachment to this bid. Waivers shall be returned with the bid proposal as detailed in the Submittal Requirements.**

- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance
  - 1. Each occurrence
    - (a) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)
  - 2. Aggregate
    - (b) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)
- C. Professional Liability Insurance
  - 1. (a) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) with a deductible not to exceed \$25,000

The respondent shall carry Property Damage and Public Liability Insurance in the minimum amounts listed above, and Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in statutory amounts. All insurance policies shall be issued by insurers licensed to do business in the State of Florida and any insuring company is required to have a minimum rating of B, Class VIII in the "Best Key Rating Guide" published by A.M. Best & Company, Inc.

The respondent shall either cover any subcontractors on its policy or require the subcontractor to obtain coverage to meet these requirements and file appropriate forms with the School Board.

Certificate of Insurance: A certificate of insurance indicating that the respondent has coverage in accordance with the requirements herein set forth shall be furnished by the respondent to the School Board Representative prior to the execution of the contract and annually upon renewal thereafter. Respondent agrees that School Board will make no payments pursuant to the terms of the contract until all required proof or evidence of insurance have been provided to the School Board Representative. Respondent agrees that the insurer shall waive its rights of subrogation, if any, against the School Board. These shall be completed by the authorized Resident Agent and returned to the Purchasing Office. This certificate shall be dated and show:

- (1) The name of the insured respondent, the specified job by name, name of the insurer, the number of the policy, its effective date and its termination date.
- (2) Statement that the Insurer will mail notice to the School Board at least thirty (30) days prior to any material changes in provisions or cancellation of the policy.
- (3) School Board shall be named as an additional insured on General Liability Insurance as evidenced by the endorsement.

Loss Deductible Clause: The School Board shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money that may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the respondent and/or subcontractor providing such insurance.

### **3.21 Award Term**

The School Board is looking to promote partnership relationships within the policies and procedures of public procurement. Pursuant toward that end, the successful respondent(s) shall be awarded an initial three (3) year term with one (1) subsequent two (2) year renewal. All renewals will be contingent upon mutual written agreement and, when applicable, approval of School Board.

### **3.22 Unusual Costs**

The Respondent may petition the School Board at any time for an additional rate adjustment on the basis of extraordinary and unusual changes in the costs of operation that could not reasonably be foreseen by a prudent operator and which, by all reasonable expectations, will



continue for at least one year. The Respondent's request shall contain substantial proof and justification to support the need for the rate adjustment. The School Board may request from the Respondent, and the Respondent shall provide, such further information as may be reasonably necessary in making its determination. The School Board shall approve or deny the request, in whole or in part, within sixty (60) days of receipt of the request and all other additional information required by the School Board. Any price redetermination shall be solely based upon the documentation provided and the School Board reserves the right to rescind any price relief granted should the circumstances change and prices go down.

**3.23 Deviations**

All proposals must clearly and with specific detail, note all deviations to the **exact** requirements imposed upon the respondent by the Specifications. Such deviations must be stated upon the Proposal Form otherwise School Board will consider the subject proposals as being made in strict compliance with said Specifications to respondents; the respondent being held therefore accountable and responsible. Respondents are hereby advised that the School Board will only consider proposals that meet the exact requirements imposed by the Specifications; except, however, said proposals may not be subject to such rejection where, **at the sole discretion of the School Board**, the stated deviation is considered to be equal or better than the imposed requirement and where said deviation does not destroy the competitive character of the RFP process by affecting the amount of the proposal such that an advantage or benefit is gained to the detriment of the other respondents.

**3.24 Waiver of Claims**

Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded respondent shall have no more than thirty (30) calendar days to present or file any claims against the School Board concerning this contract. After that period, the School Board will consider the respondent to have waived any right to claims against the School Board concerning this agreement.

**3.25 Termination / Cancellation of Contract**

The School Board reserves the right to cancel the contract without cause with a minimum thirty (30) days written notice.

Termination or cancellation of the contract will not relieve the respondent of any obligations for any deliverables entered into prior to the termination of the contract (i.e., reports, statements of accounts, etc., required and not received).

Termination or cancellation of the contract will not relieve the respondent of any obligations or liabilities resulting from any acts committed by the respondent prior to the termination of the contract.

The Respondent may cancel the resulting contract with ninety (90) days **written** notice to the Director of Purchasing and Warehouse. Failure to provide proper notice to the School Board may result in the respondent being barred from future business with the School Board.

**3.26 Termination for Default**

The School Board's Contract Administrator shall notify, in writing, the respondent of deficiencies or default in the performance of its duties under the Contract. Three separate documented instances of deficiency or failure to perform in accordance with the specifications contained herein shall constitute cause for termination for default, unless specifically specified to the contrary elsewhere within this solicitation. It shall be at the School Board's discretion whether to exercise the right to terminate. Respondent shall not be found in default for events arising due to acts of God.

**3.27 Termination for School Board's Convenience**

The performance of work under this contract may be terminated in accordance with this clause in whole, or from the time in part, whenever the School Board representative shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the School Board. Any such termination shall be effected by the delivery to the respondent of a Notice of Termination specifying the extent to which performance of work under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Upon such termination for convenience, respondent shall be entitled to payment, in accordance with the payment provisions, for services rendered up to the termination date and the School Board shall have no other obligations to respondent. Respondent shall be obligated to continue performance of contract services, in accordance with this contract, until the termination date and shall have no further obligation to perform services after the termination date. The respondent may cancel the resulting contract with ninety (90) days **written** notice to the Director of Purchasing and Warehouse.

**3.28 Post-Proposal Discussions with Respondents**

It is the School Board's intent to award a contract(s) to the respondent(s) deemed most advantageous to the School Board in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified elsewhere in this RFP. The School Board reserves the right however, to conduct post-closing discussions with any respondent who has a realistic possibility of contract award including, but, not limited to: request for additional information, competitive negotiations, and best and final offers.

**3.29 Presentations by Respondents**

- A. The School Board, at its sole discretion, may ask individual respondents to make oral presentations, informal telephone interviews and/or demonstrations without charge to the School Board.
- B. The School Board reserves the right to require any respondent to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the School Board that the respondent has the fiscal and managerial abilities to properly furnish the services proposed and required to fulfill the contract. The demonstration must satisfy the School Board and the School Board shall be the sole judge of compliance.
- C. Respondents are cautioned not to assume that presentations will be required and should include all pertinent and required information in their original proposal package.

**3.30 Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

The respondent shall be responsible to know and to apply all applicable federal and state laws, all local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having jurisdiction or authority which in any manner affect the work, or which in any way affect the conduct of the work. Respondent shall always observe and comply with all such laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees. Respondent shall protect and indemnify the School Board and all its officers, agents, servants, or employees against any claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any such law, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, or decree caused or committed by respondent, its representatives, subcontractors, sub-consultants, professional associates, agents, servants, or employees. Additionally, respondent shall obtain and maintain at its own expense all licenses and permits to conduct business pursuant to this contract from the Federal Government, State of Florida, Osceola County, or municipalities when legally required and maintain same in full force and effect during the term of the contract.

**3.31 Records & Right to Audit**

The respondent shall maintain such financial records and other records as may be prescribed by the School Board or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. The respondent shall retain these records for a period of five (5) years after final payment, or until they are audited by the School Board, whichever event occurs first. These records shall be made available during the term of the contract and the subsequent three year period for examination, transcription, and audit by the School Board, its designees, or other entities authorized by law.

**3.32 Changes in Scope of Services**

- A. The School Board may order changes in the work consisting of additions, deletions, or other revisions within the general scope of the contract. No claims may be made by the respondent that the scope of the project or of the respondent's services has been changed, requiring changes to the amount of compensation to the respondent or other adjustments to the contract, unless such changes or adjustments have been made by written amendment to the contract signed by the School Board Representative, School Board's Director of Purchasing and Warehouse, and the respondent.
- B. If the respondent believes that any particular work is not within the scope of services of the contract, is a material change, or will otherwise require more compensation to the respondent, the respondent must immediately notify the School Board's Representative in writing of this belief. If the School Board's Representative believes that the particular work is within the scope of the contract as written, the respondent will be ordered to and shall continue with the work as changed and at the cost stated for the work within the scope. The respondent must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order.
- C. The School Board reserves the right to negotiate with the awarded respondent(s) without completing the competitive RFP process for materials, products, and/or services similar in nature to those specified within this RFP for which requirements were not known when the RFP was released.

**3.33 Modifications Due to Public Welfare or Change in Law**

The School Board shall have the power to make changes in the contract as the result of changes in law and/or Ordinances of the School Board to impose new rules and regulations on the respondent under the contract relative to the scope and methods of providing services as shall from time-to-time be necessary and desirable for the public welfare. The School Board shall give the respondent notice of any proposed change and an opportunity to be heard concerning those matters. The scope and method of providing services as referenced herein shall also be liberally construed to include, but is not limited to the manner, procedures, operations and obligations, financial or otherwise, of the respondent. In the event any future change in Federal, State or County law or the Ordinances of Osceola School Board materially alters the obligations of the respondent, or the benefits to the School Board, then the contract shall be amended consistent therewith. Should these amendments materially alter the obligations of the respondent, then the respondent or the School Board shall be entitled to an adjustment in the rates and charges established under the contract. Nothing contained in the contract shall require any party to perform any act or function contrary to law. The School Board and respondent agree to enter into good faith negotiations regarding modifications to the contract which may be required in order to implement changes in the interest of the public welfare or due to change in law. When such modifications are made to the contract, the School Board and the respondent shall negotiate in good faith, a reasonable and appropriate adjustment for any changes in services or other obligations required of the respondent directly and demonstrably due to any modification in the contract under this clause.

**3.34 Right to Require Performance**

- A. The failure of the School Board at any time to require performance by the respondent of any provision hereof shall in no way affect the right of the School Board thereafter to enforce same, nor shall waiver by the School Board of any breach of any provision hereof be taken or held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of such provision or as a waiver of any provision itself.
- B. In the event of failure of the respondent to deliver services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the School Board, after due written notice, may procure the services from other sources and hold the respondent responsible for any resulting

additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies that the School Board may have.

**3.35 Force Majeure**

The School Board and the respondent will exercise every reasonable effort to meet their respective obligations as outlined in this RFP and the ensuing contract, but shall not be liable for delays resulting from force majeure or other causes beyond their reasonable control, including, but not limited to, compliance with any Government law or regulation, acts of God, acts or omissions of the other party, Government acts or omissions, fires, strikes, national disasters, wars, riots, transportation problems and/or any other cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of the parties. Any such cause will extend the performance of the delayed obligation to the extent of the delay so incurred.

**3.36 Respondent's Personnel**

The respondent shall be responsible for ensuring that its employees, agents and subcontractors comply with all applicable laws and regulations and meet all federal, state and local requirements related to their employment and position.

The respondent certifies that it does not and will not during the performance of the contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended.

During the performance of the contract, the respondent agrees to the following:

The respondent shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin, except when such condition is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary for the normal operations of the respondent. The respondent agrees to post in conspicuous places, visible to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The respondent, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the respondent, shall state that such respondent is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Notices, advertisements, and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule, or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

The respondent shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs above in every subcontract or purchase order so that the provisions will be binding upon each respondent.

The respondent and any subcontractor shall pay all employees working on this contract not less than minimum wage specified in the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 CFR 510-794) as amended.

Any information concerning the School Board, its products, services, personnel, policies or any other aspect of its business learned by the respondent or personnel furnished by the respondent in the course of providing services pursuant to the Agreement, shall be held in confidence and shall not be disclosed by the respondent or any employee or agents of the respondent or personnel furnished by the respondent, without the prior written consent of the School Board.

**3.37 Claim Notice**

The respondent shall immediately report in writing to the School Board's designated representative or agent any incident that might reasonably be expected to result in any claim under any of the coverage mentioned herein. The respondent agrees to cooperate with the School Board in promptly releasing reasonable information periodically as to the disposition of any claims, including a resume of claims experience relating to all respondent operations at the School Board project site.

**3.38 Contract/Respondent Relationship**

*The School Board reserves the right to award one or more contracts to provide the required services as deemed to be in the best interest of the School Board.*

Any awarded respondent shall provide the services required herein strictly under a contractual relationship with the School Board and is not, nor shall be, construed to be an agent or employee of the School Board. As an independent respondent the awarded respondent shall pay any and all applicable taxes required by law; shall comply with all pertinent Federal, State, and local statutes including, but not limited to, the Fair Labor Standards Act, The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Federal Civil Rights Act, and any and all relevant employment laws. The respondent shall be responsible for all income tax, FICA, and any other withholdings from its employees or sub-respondent's wages or salaries. Benefits for same shall be the responsibility of the respondent including, but not limited to, health and life insurance, mandatory social security, retirement, liability/risk coverage, and worker's and unemployment compensation.

The independent respondent shall hire, compensate, supervise, and terminate members of its work force; shall direct and control the manner in which work is performed including conditions under which individuals will be assigned duties, how individuals will report, and the hours individuals will perform.

The independent respondent shall not be provided special space, facilities, or equipment by the School Board to perform any of the duties required by the contract nor shall the School Board pay for any business, travel, or training expenses or any other contract performance expenses not specifically set forth in the specifications.

Prior to commencing work the successful respondent will be required to sign a written contract incorporating the specifications and terms of the Request for Proposal and the response thereto (See Attachment "I"). Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall begin on or about December 2, 2009 and continue through December 1, 2012. Renewal periods of one (1) two year renewal period will be allowed upon mutual consent of the School Board and the awarded respondent. The renewal option shall be exercised only if all original contract terms, conditions, and prices remain the same.

The independent respondent shall not be exclusively bound to the School Board and may provide professional services to other private and public entities as long as it is not in direct conflict and does not provide a conflict of interest with the services to be performed for the School Board.

**3.39 Proposal Acceptance/Rejection**

The School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this RFP, or to negotiate separately with competing respondents, and to waive any informalities, defects, or irregularities in any proposal, or to accept that proposal or proposals, which in the judgment of the proper officials, is in the best interest of the School Board.

**3.40 Funding Out/Termination/Cancellation**

A. Florida School Laws (Section 1000, Florida Statutes) prohibit School Boards from creating obligations on anticipation of budgeted revenues from one fiscal year to another without year-to-year extension provisions in the agreements.

B. It is necessary that fiscal funding out provisions be included in all proposals in which the terms are for periods longer than one (1) year.

C. Therefore, the following funding out provisions is an integral part of this proposal and must be agreed to by all proposers:

The School Board may, during the contract period, terminate or discontinue the services covered in this proposal at the end of the School Board's then current fiscal year upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to the successful proposer.

Such written notice will state:

- a. That the lack of appropriated funds is the reason for termination, and
- b. Agreement not to replace the services being terminated with services similar to those covered in this proposal from another vendor in the succeeding funding period.
- c. "This written notification will thereafter release the School Board of all further obligations in anyway related to the services covered herein."
- d. The Funding Out statement must be included as part of any agreement. No agreement will be considered that does not include this provision for "funding out".

**3.41 Posting of RFP Conditions/Specifications**

This RFP will be posted for review by interested parties on the School Board's Purchasing Department's web site and will remain posted up to and including the Due Date of this RFP. Failure to file a specification protest within the time prescribed in Florida Statutes 120.57(3) will constitute a waiver of proceeding under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

**3.42 Posting of RFP Recommendation**

The recommendation for award will be posted for review by interested parties on the School Board's Purchasing Department's web site and will remain posted for a period of 72 hours. Any person who may be adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the award of any bid may protest such a decision by following the bid protest procedure of the School District of Osceola County. Failure to follow the requirements of the bid protest procedures and Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of all protest rights.

**3.43 Examination of Documents**

Document files may be examined, during normal working hours, ten (10) days after proposals have been opened.

**3.44 Tobacco Free**

The School District is a Tobacco free District. Tobacco and tobacco products are prohibited on any of the District properties.

**3.45 School Security**

Respondent acknowledges and understands that the goods or services contemplated by this contract/agreement that are delivered to or performed on school grounds, which may at various times be occupied by students, teachers, parents and school administrators. Accordingly, in order to secure the school, protect students and staff, and other wise comply with applicable law, the respondent (awarded firm) agrees to the following provisions and agrees that the failure of the respondent to comply with any of these provisions may result in the termination of this contract by the District:

- A. Unauthorized Aliens. The District considers the employment of unauthorized aliens by the awarded firm, or any of awarded firm's sub-contracted Firms, a violation of the Immigration and Naturalization Act. The awarded firm shall certify that no unauthorized aliens are working on the project site at any time. If it is determined that an unauthorized alien is working on the Project, the awarded firm shall immediately take all steps necessary to remove such unauthorized alien from the property and the project.
- B. Possession of Firearms. Possession of firearms will not be tolerated on School District property. No person, who has a firearm in their vehicle, may park their vehicle on the District's property. Furthermore, no person may possess or bring a firearm on District

property. If any employee/independent Awarded Firm of the awarded vendor, or any of its sub-Awarded Firms, is found to have brought a firearm(s) on to the District's property, said employee/independent Awarded Firm shall be immediately removed and terminated from the project by the awarded vendor. If sub-Awarded Firm fails to terminate said employee/independent Awarded Firm, the awarded vendor shall terminate its agreement with the sub-Awarded Firm. If the awarded vendor fails to terminate said employee/independent Awarded Firm or fails to terminate the agreement with sub-Awarded Firm who fails to terminate said employee/independent Awarded Firm, the District may terminate this Agreement. "Firearm" means any weapon (including a starter gun or antique firearm) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any destructive devise, or any machine gun. Powder actuated construction nailers and fasteners are excluded from this definition.

- C. Criminal Acts. Employment on the project by the awarded vendor, or any of its sub-Awarded Firms, of any employee, or independent Awarded Firm, with any prior convictions of any crimes against children, crimes of violence or crimes of moral turpitude will not be tolerated. If it is determined that any person with such criminal history is on the project site, the awarded vendor agrees to take all steps necessary to remove such person from the project. The District shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if the awarded vendor does not comply with this provision.
  
- D. Possession/Use/Under the Influence of Mind Alerting Substances. Possession/use and/or being under the influence of any illegal mind altering substances, such as, but not limited to alcohol and/or substances delineated in Chapter 893, Florida Statutes, by the awarded vendor's employee/independent Awarded Firm or its sub-Awarded Firms' employees/independent Awarded Firms, will not be tolerated on the District's property. If any employee/independent Awarded Firm is found to have brought and/or used or is under the influence of any illegal mind altering substances as described above on the District's property, said employee/independent Awarded Firm shall be removed and terminated from the project by the awarded vendor. If a sub-Awarded Firm fails to terminate said employee/independent Awarded Firm, the agreement with the sub-Awarded Firm for the project shall be terminated by the awarded vendor. If the awarded vendor fails to terminate said employee/independent Awarded Firm or fails to terminate the agreement with the sub-Awarded Firm or fails to terminate the agreement with the sub-Awarded Firm who fails to terminate said employee/independent Awarded Firm, the District may terminate this Agreement.
  
- E. Compliance with the Jessica Lunsford Act. Recent changes to the Florida Statutes require that all persons or entities entering into contracts with the School Boards/School Districts/Charter Schools who may have personnel who will be on school grounds when students may be present, or who will have contact with students shall comply with the level 2 screening requirements of the Statute and School District Standards. The required level 2 screening includes fingerprinting that must be conducted by the District. Any individual who fails to meet the screening requirements shall not be allowed on school grounds. Failure to comply with the screening requirements will be considered a material default of this contrast/agreement.

### **3.46 Advertising**

The successful respondent shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning the Contract without prior written approval from the District, including, but not limited to mentioning the Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying the District, Individual Departments, District Personnel, as a reference, or otherwise linking the Customer's name and either a description of the Contract or the name of the District, its departments, or employees, in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a party to the

Contract, except potential or actual authorized subcontractors, distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representatives.

**3.47 Security and Confidentiality**

The successful respondent shall comply fully with all security procedures of the District in performance of the Contract. The successful respondent or its agents, distributors, resellers, subcontractors, officers or employees in the course of performing Contract work, including, but not limited to, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the District. The successful respondent shall not be required to keep confidential information or material that is publicly available through no fault of the successful respondent, material that the successful respondent developed independently without relying on the District's confidential information or material that is otherwise obtainable under State law as a public record. To insure confidentiality, the successful respondent shall take appropriate steps as to its personnel, agents, and subcontractors. The warranties of this paragraph shall survive the Contract.

**3.48 Suspension of Work**

The School Board's Authorized Representative may in its sole discretion suspend any or all activities under the Contract, at any time, when in the best interest of the School District to do so. The School Board's Authorized Representative shall provide the successful respondent written notice outlining the particulars of suspension, including the length of time the contract shall be suspended (i.e.: 90 days). Examples of the reason for suspension include, but are not limited to; budgetary constraints, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. After receiving a suspension notice, the successful respondent shall comply with the notice and shall not accept any purchase orders during the specified time of suspension. Within ninety days, or any longer period agreed to by the successful respondent, the School Board's Authorized Representative shall either (1) issue a notice authorizing resumption of work, at which time activity shall resume, or (2) terminate the Contract. Suspension of work shall not entitle the Vendor/Respondent to any additional compensation.

**3.49 Installation**

Where installation is required, the Respondent shall be responsible for placing and installing products in the required locations at no additional charge. All miscellaneous installation materials shall be included in the Total Turnkey price. The miscellaneous installation materials include the following: conduit, wire, fiber, connectors, fittings, boxes, etc. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free of defects that would diminish the appearance of the product or render it structurally or operationally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging, and materials required to install or replace the product in the proper location. Respondent shall protect the site from damage and shall repair damages or injury caused during the installation by the Respondent or its employees or agents. If any alternation is required to the Building to achieve installation, the Respondent shall promptly restore the structure or site to its original condition. Respondent shall perform installation work so as to cause the least inconvenience and interference with the Customer and with proper consideration of others on site. Upon completion of the installation, the location and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat and unobstructed condition, with everything in satisfactory repair and order.

**3.50 Literature**

Upon request, the Respondent shall furnish literature reasonably related to the Services offered, for example, user manuals, price schedules, catalogs, descriptive brochures, etc.

**3.51 Inspection and Acceptance**

The Customer will accept each Deliverable when it meets the requirements of this Contract and the relevant project noted on the Purchase Order. Inspection may include validation of information or software through the use of automated tools and/or testing of the Deliverables, as



specified in the projects proposal. The scope and nature of this testing should be negotiated prior to the Purchase Order and should be sufficiently comprehensive to ensure the completeness, quality and adequacy of all Deliverables.

**3.52 Intellectual Property**

The terms and conditions contained in this section shall apply to all Purchase Orders issued under this contract unless the Customer specifically details other terms on the Purchase Order. The Customer and the Respondent should take care to ensure that project specific changes to these terms are as explicit as possible. All inconsistencies will be resolved in the best interests of the School District.

**3.53 Key Personnel**

Respondent's Key Personnel (if any) shall be identified on the projects proposal/quote, and may include employees, agents, subcontractors, or other personnel of the Respondent. The Respondent agrees that in the event it becomes necessary for the Respondent to change Key Personnel while performing Services under the purchase order, substitution of Key Personnel shall take place only upon Customer's prior written consent. Failure to notify Customer prior to the change of Key Personnel, or a substantial change in Key Personnel as determined by the Customer, may be sufficient cause for Termination.

**3.54 Warranty**

Respondent warrants the Services furnished under the Contract shall be free of defective material and workmanship, and shall otherwise perform in accordance with required performance criteria, for a period of one (1) year from the date of acceptance.

Equipment provided must include the Manufacturer's warranty, the successful Respondent shall fully guarantee all items furnished hereunder against defect in material and workmanship for the Manufacturer's normal period of time from date of acceptance by the School Board. Should any defect in material or workmanship appear, excepting ordinary wear and tear, during the warranty period, the successful Respondent shall repair or replace same at no cost to the School Board immediately upon written notice from the School Board. All warranty paperwork shall be included with Deliverables prior to acceptance by the School Board.

**3.55 Performance and Payment Bonds**

The awarded vendor shall furnish within ten (10) days of notification of award a 100% Performance Bond and 100% Payment Bond for projects greater than \$200,000.00, payable to the School District as security for the faithful performance of the Contract and payment of sub-contractors and/or suppliers. Both Performance & Payment Bonds shall be equal to the Total Turnkey amount of the project. Bonds may be in the form of a bond, cashier's check or Irrevocable Letter of Credit (ILOC). The bond shall be issued by an agency authorized to do business in the State of Florida with a rating of "A" or higher, as listed in the A.M. Best & Company latest published rating. An Attorney in fact who signs a Performance Bond must file with the bond a certified copy of his/her power of attorney to assign said bond. The awarded Respondent, upon failure or refusal to furnish within ten (10) days of notification the required Performance Bond, shall pay to the School District, as liquidated damages for such failure or refusal, an amount in cash equal to the Proposal Bond.

**3.56 Litigation**

Bidders shall submit details of all litigation, arbitration or other claims, whether pending or resolved in the last five years, with the exception of immaterial claims which are defined herein as claims with a possible value of less than \$25,000.00 or which have been resolved for less than \$25,000.00. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all litigation, arbitration or other claims, of any amount, asserted by or against a state, city, county, town, school district, political subdivision of a state, special district or any other governmental entity shall be disclosed. Please indicate for

each cease the year, name of parties, cause of litigation, matter in dispute, disputed amount, and whether the award was for or against the Bidder.

**3.57 Division of Corporations Registration Requirements**

Respondents who are required to be registered with the Division of Corporations or who are incorporated within the State of Florida must furnish their Florida document number. All registered respondents must have an active status in order to be eligible to do business with the School Board. The specific requirements for registration are found in Chapter 607, of the Florida Statutes. To register with the State of Florida, visit: [www.Sunbiz.org](http://www.Sunbiz.org).

**3.58 Resolution of Bid Protests**

The School Board Rule 7.70.V shall be followed as outlined below for the resolution of any bid protests:

- A. The School Board shall follow the procedure specified in Florida Statutes, Section 120.57(3) and as the same may be amended from time to time for the resolution of bid protests.
- B. The Purchasing Department shall provide notice of a decision or intended decision concerning a solicitation, contract award, or exceptional purchase by electronic posting.

The notice shall contain the following statement:

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

- C. Any person who is adversely affected by the intended award of a solicitation or contract by the School Board or the recommendation of the Director of Purchasing or other responsible employee of the School Board shall file with the Director of Purchasing as agent for the School Board a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the electronic posting of the award or intended decision, and shall file a formal written protest within ten (10) days after the date he or she has filed the notice of protest. With respect to a protest of the specifications contained in a solicitation, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the electronic posting of the solicitation, and the formal written protest shall be filed within ten (10) days after the date the notice of protest is filed. All formal written protests must be filed with a bond payable to the School District equal to 1% of the estimated contract amount (Florida Statute 287.042(2)(c)). Failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a formal written protest and bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. The School Board may, in its discretion, waive any procedural irregularity or defect in procedures so long as any opposing party is not materially prejudiced by such waiver. Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour time periods provided by this paragraph. The notice of protest and formal written protest shall be filed in the Purchasing Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. upon any day the office is open for business.

The provisions specified herein constitute the exclusive remedy for any adversely affected party with respect to a bid protest. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based.

- D. Upon receipt of the formal written protest which has been timely filed, the Purchasing Director shall stop the bid solicitation process or the contract award process until the subject of the protest is resolved by final agency action, unless the School Board, by duly

enacted resolution sets forth in writing the particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the bid solicitation process or the contract award process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare.

The School Board finds that a substantial interest in the public welfare is the timely award of contracts when required as a condition of receiving grants or funds from outside sources which will be in addition to the regular school budget.

- E. The Purchasing Director shall schedule a meeting to provide an opportunity to resolve the protest by mutual agreement between the parties within seven (7) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, after receipt of a formal written protest and bond.
- F. If the Purchasing Director cannot resolve the protest by mutual agreement within the seven (7) day period referred to in Paragraph E., the School Board shall conduct an informal administrative hearing, under Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, acting as the agency head, where there are no disputed issues of material fact. The informal hearing shall be held with notice of no less than 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays within thirty (30) days of receipt of the formal written protest and bond, unless the parties, with the consent of the School Board, agree to extend the time for the hearing. The School Board shall have the right to schedule the hearing subject to these provisions.

### 3.59 Definitions

As used in this RFP, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

**Contract:** The document resulting from this solicitation between the School Board and the Respondent, including this RFP, along with any written addenda and other written documents, which are expressly incorporated by reference.

**Contract Administrator:** The Director of Purchasing and Warehouse or designee shall serve as Contract Administrator. The Contract Administrator shall be responsible for addressing any concerns within the scope of the contract. Any changes to the resulting contract shall be done in writing and authorized by the Director of Purchasing and Warehouse.

**Day:** The word "day" means each calendar day or accumulation of calendar days.

**Director:** The Director is the Director of Purchasing and Warehouse for the School Board.

**Exceptions to RFP:** An exception is defined as the Respondent's inability or unwillingness to meet a term, condition, specification, or requirement in the manner specified in the RFP.

**Person or Persons:** An individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, executor, administrator, trustee or other legal entity, whether singular or plural, masculine or feminine, as the context may require.

**Respondent:** That person or entity, including employees, servants, partners, principals, agents and assignees of the person or entity that submits a proposal for the purpose of obtaining a contract with the School Board for the provision of the services set forth herein.

**Respondent's Project Manager:** The Project Manager has responsibility for administering this contract for the Respondent and will be designated prior to execution of the contract.

**School Board:** The term School Board refers to the School District of Osceola County, Florida.

**School Board's Project Manager(s):** The Project Manager(s) have responsibility for the day to day administration of the resulting contract for the School Board and will be designated prior to award of contract.

**Successful Respondent:** That person or entity that is awarded a contract with the School Board for the provision of the services set forth herein.

**FASA:** Fire Alarm Systems Agent

**NEC:** National Electrical Code

**NFPA:** National Fire Protection Agency

**NICET:** National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies

#### 4.0 **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS/Written EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Proposals shall include all of the information solicited in this RFP, and any additional data that the respondent deems pertinent to the understanding and evaluating of the proposal. Proposals shall be organized and sections tabbed in the following order. The respondent should not withhold any information from the written response in anticipation of presenting the information orally or in a demonstration, since oral presentations or demonstrations may not be solicited. Each proposer will be ranked based on an analysis of the criteria herein addressed.

4.01 **Scoring:** An adjectival scoring system shall be applied throughout the evaluation process for the evaluation of the written responses and the oral presentation/informal interviews. A score of 0 is the least favorable and a score of 4 is the most favorable in all sections.

The Proposer's response will be scored by Committee members in accordance with the following scale:

- 0 = Unsatisfactory: Not responsive to the question.
- 1 = Below Minimum Standards: Responsive to the question but below acceptable standards.
- 2 = Marginal: Minimal acceptable performance standards and responsive to the question.
- 3 = Satisfactory: Above minimum performance, Effective and Responsive to the question.
- 4 = Exceeds Expectations for effectiveness and responsiveness to the question.

NOTE: The Committee member's score times the "weighted value" assigned to the different sections listed here equals the total score for that section.

4.02 All proposals shall include at minimum:

##### **Tab 1 – Respondent's Profile and Submittal Letter – (Weighted Value 10)**

RFP Submittal Letter signed by authorized agent of the business/corporation with proof of authorization from business

1. A brief profile of the firm, including:
  - A. A brief history of the business
  - B. Organizational structure of business

- C. Designation of the legal entity by which the business operates (i.e. sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, etc.)
- D. Ownership interests
- E. Active business venues (counties, states, etc.)
- F. Present status and projected direction of business
- G. Documentation from the appropriate state's agency confirming firm's legal entity type (i.e. sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, Limited Liability Corporation, etc.). For non-Florida businesses submit documentation from the state in which the business was formed and documentation from the State of Florida providing authorization to perform business in the state of Florida
- H. Those firms located within the Osceola County must include a copy of their County Business Tax Receipt (formerly known as an occupational license). If a respondent is located within Osceola County, failure to have or obtain an Osceola County Business Tax Receipt prior to the RFP closing date and time shall automatically render a respondent non-responsive. **Note: Charitable organizations that qualify under Florida Statute No. 205.192 are exempt from this requirement.**
- I. Federal Identification Number of firm

**Tab 2 - Completed Respondents Information Form (page 1 of this RFP) (Non-Scored)**

**Tab 3 – References – (Weighted Value 05)**

List at least three (3) recent and relevant references where the proposed services have been used within the past year. Provide a minimum of three (3) reference letters from owner representatives for projects that the Firm has provided / is providing professional services which are similar in scope to this solicitation. Reference letters shall be current, dated within one (1) year of this solicitation. The reference from the owner representative must be provided on their letterhead, and include details regarding your Firm's role, level of service provided, and how cost competitive your Firm was when negotiating cost proposals. The degree of relevant experience of the proposer with Florida School Boards and/or political subdivisions will be a primary factor. The School District of Osceola County staff may provide input on a Firm's past work performance based on completed evaluations by District Project Managers, if available.

**Tab 4 - Ability, Capacity, and Skill of the Firm – (Weighted Value 25)**

The ability, capacity, and skill of the Firm to be able to provide the services as detailed in this solicitation. Provide a list of office locations, and the estimated number of personnel available at each location. Briefly describe your current work-load. Detail your ability to support the Owner's needs in a timely manner.

**Tab 5 – Experience of Personnel – (Weighted Value 10)**

The overall qualifications/resumes of the key personnel providing the service requested, including education and training, and experience in services herein addressed. Indicate how many employees you have with each of the levels of NICET certification and any additional certification that qualifies the personnel to perform the required work. Include copies of certifications from the Manufacturers you represent and are authorized as a Service provider. Also indicate if you are an authorized Silent Knight Engineered Systems Distributor (ESD).

**Tab 6 – Approach and Methodology – (Weighted Value 25)**

The Firm's approach and methodology for performing the required services, documenting the services to be provided, and showing the interrelationship of all parties to include, but not be limited to Respondent's staff, District staff, and all system users.

**Tab 7 – Other Value Added Services – (Weighted Value 05)**

Services relevant to this contract that are in addition to the duties as outlined in the Scope of Services can be submitted in this section.

**Tab 8 – Contract – (Weighted Value 05)**

Include any/all exceptions taken to the content of the solicitation, the attached contract (Attachment "I") or legal agreement(s) or document(s) related to the solicitation.

**Tab 9 – Conflict of Interest Form (Attachment "C") (Non-Scored)**

All respondents shall properly complete, have notarized and attach with their proposal the attached notarized disclosure statement.

**Tab 10 – Addenda (Non-Scored)**

Any addenda issued subsequent to the release of this solicitation must be signed and returned with the firm's proposal. **Failure to return signed addenda may be cause for the proposal to be considered non-responsive.**

**Tab 11 – Confidential Materials (Attachment "E", Exhibit "A") (Non-Scored)**

All materials that qualify as "trade secrets" shall be segregated, clearly labeled and accompanied by an executed Non-disclosure Agreement for Confidential Materials shall be submitted in this section.

**Tab 12– Additional Requirements Attachments (Non-Scored)**

**Drug Free Workplace Certification, Attachment "A"**

**Debarment Certification, Attachment "B"**

**Hold Harmless Certification, Attachment "F"**

**Certified Business Program Reciprocity "H"**

**Tab 13 – Fee Structure (Weighted Value 20) – Attachment "J"**

The proposer will provide retrofit design, installation, emergency service and maintenance for fire alarm systems as outlined in the Scope of Services. The fees will include all travel, overhead, telephone consultations, general and administrative support or any other cost elements. Include the hourly rates for each of the job titles listed on the Price Sheet. Provide the sample price sheet using this proposal's pricing, the itemized list of equipment must be firm fixed prices for one (1) year (using the Discount % of MSRP sheet, which may be updated annually). Indicate the cost plus % markup for miscellaneous installation materials. The percentage discount off MSRP and the cost plus percentage remain firm fixed throughout the term of this contract. Provide total turn-key pricing for fire alarm system installations for wet and dry portables.

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## 5.0 ORAL PRESENTATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each respondent will be ranked based on an analysis of the criteria required below. The adjectival scoring system shall be applied for the evaluation of the oral presentation/informal interviews. A score of 0 is the least favorable and a score of 4 is the most favorable in all sections.

The Proposer's response will be scored by Committee members in accordance with the following scale:

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- 3 = Satisfactory: Above minimum performance, Effective and Responsive to the question.
- 4 = Exceeds Expectations for effectiveness and responsiveness to the question.

All presentations shall include at minimum:

### 1. Responsiveness, Ability, Capacity, and Skill of the Proposer – (Weighted Value 25)

Respondent's ability to comply with the minimum qualifications and the mandatory requirements of this solicitation. Respondent shall detail the Firm's overall responsiveness to each of the sections of this solicitation. The ability, capacity, and skill of the Firm to be able to provide the services as detailed in this solicitation. Provide a list of office locations, and the estimated number of personnel available at each location. Briefly describe your current work-load. Detail your ability to support the Owner's needs in a timely manner.

### 2. Relevant Experience – (Weighted Value 10)

The experience of the respondent with Florida School Boards and/or other political subdivisions.

### 3. Approach and Methodology – (Weighted Value 25)

Respondents shall demonstrate verbally and graphically, their approach and methodology for performing the required services, documenting the services to be provided and showing the interrelationship of all parties to include, but not be limited to Respondent's staff, District staff, and all system users.

### 4. Financial Statement – (Weighted Value – 05)

All respondents shall supply a financial statement, preferably a certified audit of the last available fiscal year, but a third party prepared financial statement and the latest Dunn & Bradstreet report will be accepted.

### 5. Fee Schedule – (Weighted Value 30)

The fee proposed for the services as outlined in this Request for Proposal.

**End of Section**

**PROPOSAL FORM**

TO: School District of Osceola County, Florida  
Director of Purchasing and Warehouse  
817 Bill Beck Blvd., Building 2000  
Kissimmee, Florida 34744-4495

The undersigned hereby declare that [firm name] \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ have carefully examined the specifications to furnish:

*See Attachment "J" – Separately Attached (Pricing)*

For which proposals were advertised to be received **no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, October 20, 2009** and further declare that [firm name] \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ will furnish the Fire Alarm Systems, Retrofit Design, Installation, Emergency Service and Maintenance according to specifications.

Prompt Payment Terms: \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_ Days; Net 30 Days

Do you accept electronic funds transfer (ETF)? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Do you offer a discount for electronic funds transfer (EFT)? YES \_\_\_\_\_ % NO \_\_\_\_\_

The School District of Osceola County, Florida, reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities, and to accept all or any part of any proposal as they may deem to be in the best interest of the School Board.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the requirements of this Request for Proposals No. **SDOC 10-P-025 CJ**, that I as the respondent, will comply with all requirements, and that I am duly authorized to execute this proposal/offer document and any contract(s) and/or other transactions required by award of this RFP.

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_ (Print name)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dunn & Bradstreet # \_\_\_\_\_ Fed. I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Division of Corporation Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Attachment "A"

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE  
CERTIFICATION FORM

In accordance with Florida Statute 287.087, preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more proposals are equal with respect to price, quality and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services; a proposal received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie proposals will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs and penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under contract a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1) notify employees that as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under contract, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo-contendere to, any violation of chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

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Vendor's Signature

Attachment "B"

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION  
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

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This certification is required by the regulations implementing *Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510 Participants responsibilities*. The regulations were published as **Part IV of the January 30, 1989, Federal Register (pages 4722-4733)**.

\*\*\*\*\* BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE \*\*\*\*\*

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department of agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attached an explanation to this proposal.

SDOC 10-P-025 CJ, Fire Alarm Systems, Retrofit  
Design, Installation, Emergency Service & Maintenance  
RFP Name & Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Names and Titles of Authorized Representative(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

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1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out herein in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department of agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "lower tier covered transaction", "participant", "person", "primary covered transaction", "principal", "proposal", "voluntarily exclude", as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions", without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a perspective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List.
8. 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 this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

**Attachment "C"**  
**Conflict of Interest**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that

1. I (*printed name*) \_\_\_\_\_ am  
the (*title*) \_\_\_\_\_ and the duly authorized representative  
of the firm of (*Firm Name*) \_\_\_\_\_  
whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, and  
that I possess the legal authority to make this affidavit on behalf of myself and the firm  
for which I am acting; and,

2. Except as listed below, no employee, officer, or agent of the firm have any conflicts  
of interest, real or apparent, due to ownership, other clients, contracts, or interests  
associated with this project; and,

3. The business nor any authorized representative or significant stakeholder of the  
business has been determined by judicial or administrative board action to be in  
noncompliance with or in violation of any provision/contract of the School Board of  
Osceola County, nor has any outstanding past due debt to the School Board of Osceola  
County, Florida; and

4. This Submittal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with  
any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response for the same services, and is in all  
respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

EXCEPTIONS (List)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by  
\_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who has  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC – STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

Type or print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

**Attachment "D"**  
**Notification Regarding Public Entity Crime and Discriminatory Vendor List Requirements and Disqualification Provision**

A. Pursuant to Florida Statutory requirements, potential Respondents are notified:

*287.133(2)(a)* A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

*287.133(2)(b)* A public entity may not accept any bid, proposal, or reply from, award any contract to, or transact any business in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO with any person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list for a period of 36 months following the date that person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list unless that person or affiliate has been removed from the list pursuant to paragraph (3)(f). A public entity that was transacting business with a person at the time of the commission of a public entity crime resulting in that person being placed on the convicted vendor list may not accept any bid, proposal, or reply from, award any contract to, or transact any business with any other person who is under the same, or substantially the same, control as the person whose name appears on the convicted vendor list so long as that person's name appears on the convicted vendor list.

*287.134(2)(a)* An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

*287.134(2)(b)* A public entity may not accept any bid, proposals, or replies from, award any contract to, or transact any business with any entity or affiliate on the discriminatory vendor list for a period of 36 months following the date that entity or affiliate was placed on the discriminatory vendor list unless that entity or affiliate has been removed from the list pursuant to paragraph (3)(f). A public entity that was transacting business with an entity at the time of the discrimination resulting in that entity being placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not accept any bid, proposal, or reply from, award any contract to, or transact any business with any other entity who is under the same, or substantially the same, control as the entity whose name appears on the discriminatory vendor list so long as that entity's name appears on the discriminatory vendor list.

B. By submitting a proposal, the Respondent represents and warrants that the submission of its proposal does not violate Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2005), nor Section 287.134, Florida Statutes (2005).

C. In addition to the foregoing, the Respondent represents and warrants that Respondent, Respondent's subcontractors and Respondent's implementer, if any, is not under investigation for violation of such statutes.

D. Respondent should read carefully all provisions of 287.133 and 287.134, Florida Statutes (2005).



5 CJ, Fire Alarm Systems, Retrofit design,  
tion, Emergency Service and Maintenance

**Attachment "E"**  
**NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**  
**For**  
**CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS**

Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM *ONLY* IF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS ARE BEING INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTAL. PLEASE READ THE SECTION IN THE BID DOCUMENT TO DETERMINE IF THIS APPLIES. *THE CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS WILL ONLY BE HANDED OUT TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE DAY OF THE EVALUATION, THEREFORE, THE EVALUATION OF THIS MATERIAL WILL BE LIMITED TO THAT TIME ONLY.***

Respondent:

Address:

This Agreement is entered into as of the date of the last signature set forth below between the School District of Osceola County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the "District"), and the above named Respondent (hereinafter the "Respondent"). The School District of Osceola County and the Respondent are collectively referred to as the "Parties" and may be referred to individually as a Party.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Respondent possesses certain confidential trade secret materials that it wishes to disclose to the School District of Osceola County for the purpose of responding to a request for proposal or otherwise conducting business with the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to review such materials in order to evaluate the District's interest in negotiating and concluding an agreement for the purchase of certain products and services, or otherwise conducting business with the Respondent.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and premises contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the School District and the Respondent agree as follows:

1. Confidential Materials. The Respondent warrants and represents to the School District that the materials described in the attached Exhibit A (the “Confidential Materials”) constitute trade secrets as defined by Section 812.081(1)(c), Florida Statutes, or financial statements required by the School District for projects as defined in 119.071(1)(c), Florida Statutes. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the School District agrees not to disclose such Confidential Materials to third parties.

2. Additional Materials. During the course of the negotiations or the business relationship with the School District, the Respondent may disclose additional confidential or trade secret information to the District in which case the restrictions and obligations on the use and disclosure of the Confidential Materials imposed by this Agreement shall also apply to such additional information to the extent permitted by Florida law. Any such additional confidential or trade secret information shall be duly marked and stamped “confidential” or “trade secret” prior to delivery to the School District, and shall be subject to this Agreement and Section 812.081(2), Florida Statutes, only if written receipt is provided by the School District acknowledging receipt of such materials.

3. Exclusions. For purposes of this Agreement, the term “Confidential Materials” does not include the following:

- (a) Information already known or independently developed by the School District;
- (b) Information in the public domain through no wrongful act of the School District;
- (c) Information received by the School District from a third party who was legally free to disclose it;
- (d) Information disclosed by the Respondent to a third party without restriction on disclosure;
- (e) Information disclosed by requirement of law or judicial order, including without limitation Chapter 119 Florida Statutes; or

- (f) Information that is disclosed with the prior written consent of the Respondent, but only to the extent permitted by such consent.

4. Non Disclosure by Respondent. In the event that the School District discloses confidential or trade secret information to Respondent, the Respondent agrees to not disclose such information to any third party or copy such information or use it for any purpose not explicitly set forth herein without the School District's prior written consent. Further, upon conclusion of discussions or business transactions between the School District and the Respondent, or at any time upon request of the School District, Respondent agrees to return such information (including any copies) to the School District.

5. Duty of Care. Each Party agrees to treat the other Party's confidential or trade secret information with the same degree of care, but not less than reasonable care, as the receiving Party normally takes to preserve and protect its own similar confidential information and to inform its employees of the confidential nature of the disclosing Party's information and of the requirement of nondisclosure. In the event either Party has actual knowledge of a breach of the nondisclosure requirements set forth in this Agreement, the Party acquiring such knowledge shall promptly inform the other Party and assist that Party in curing the disclosure, where possible, and preventing future disclosures.

6. Limitations of Florida Law. Respondent understands and agrees that its assertion that any item is confidential or a trade secret does not, in and of itself, render such material exempt from the Florida Public Records Law, Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, and that the School District's ability to prevent disclosure of confidential and trade secret information may be subject to determination by a Florida court that such materials qualify for trade secret protection under Florida law. In the event a third party makes a public records request for the Confidential Materials or other materials deemed by Respondent to be confidential or a trade secret, the School District may submit the materials to the court for inspection in camera as set forth in Section 119.07(1)(e) Florida Statutes. Respondent further understands that the School District may be required to disclose such information if directed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

7. Indemnification by Respondent. In the event of any litigation instituted by a third party to compel the School District to disclose such materials, Respondent shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide assistance to the School District in defending the denial of the records request,



and shall hold the School District harmless from any claim for statutory costs and attorneys fees arising from the School District's refusal to disclose such materials.

8. No Additional Obligations. This Agreement shall not be construed in any manner to be an obligation for either Party to enter into any subsequent contract or agreement.

9. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the School District beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability, which has been or which may be adopted by the Florida Legislature, regardless of the nature of any claim which may arise, including but not limited to a claim sounding in tort, equity or contract. In no event shall the School District be liable for any claim or claims for breach of contract, including without limitation the wrongful disclosure of confidential or trade secret information for an amount which exceeds, individually and collectively, the then current statutory limits of liability for tort claims. Nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim against the School District, which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

10. Notice. Whenever either Party desires to give notice unto the other, it must be given by written notice, sent by registered United States mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended, at the place last specified, and the place for giving of notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Respondent designates the address set forth above as its place for receiving notice, and the School District designates the following address for such notice:

The School District of Osceola County, Florida  
Director of Purchasing and Warehouse  
817 Bill Beck Blvd., Building 2000  
Kissimmee, Florida 34744

11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, and venue for any action arising out of or relating to the subject matter of this Agreement shall be exclusively in Osceola County, Florida, or the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division.

12. Respondent and the School District hereby expressly waive any rights either may have to a trial by jury of any civil litigation related to this Agreement for any litigation limited solely to the parties of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers the day and year as set forth below.

**School District of Osceola County, Florida**

**Respondent**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Dr. Michael A. Grego

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: Superintendent

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit "A"

DESCRIPTION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS

**Attachment "F"**  
**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

**Return this page ONLY if claiming exemption from the  
Worker's Compensation Insurance Requirement**

I am the owner of \_\_\_\_\_, an incorporated/unincorporated business operating in the State of Florida. As such, I am bound by all laws of the state of Florida, including but not limited to those regarding the workers' compensation law.

I hereby affirm that the above named business employs less than four employees, including myself, and therefore, the business is exempt from the statutory requirement for workers' compensation insurance for its employees.

On behalf of the business, and its employees, I hereby agree to indemnify, keep and hold harmless the School Board of Osceola County, Florida (the "School Board"), its agents, officials and employees, against all injuries, deaths, losses, damages, claims, liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses, direct, indirect or consequential (including, but not limited to, fees and charges of attorneys and other professionals) arising out of our contract with School Board, whether or not it shall be alleged or determined that the act was caused by intention or through negligence or omission of School Board or their employees, or of their subcontractors or their employees. The named business shall pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses incurred in connection with the indemnity provided herein, and if any judgment shall be rendered against the School Board in any action indemnified hereby, the named business shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge the same. The foregoing is not intended nor should it be construed as, a waiver of sovereign immunity of the SCHOOL BOARD under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*NOTARY PUBLIC – STATE OF* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Type or print name:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Commission No.:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Commission Expires* \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

Attachment "G"  
**STATEMENT OF NO BID**

The School District of Osceola County, Florida  
Purchasing Department  
817 Bill Beck Boulevard, Building 2000  
Kissimmee, Florida 34744-4495

Attn: Cheryl M. Jessee

Bid # SDOC 10-P-025 CJ

We, the undersigned, have decided not to bid for the following reasons.

- \_\_\_\_\_ We do not handle products/services in this classification
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Opening date does not allow sufficient time to complete bid
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Cannot supply at this time
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Suitable but engaged in other work
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity too small
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Cannot meet required delivery
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Equivalent not presently available
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Unable to meet specifications
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Unable to meet insurance/bond requirements
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Please remove our name from the vendor file for the commodity listed above
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Please remove our name from the School Board's entire vendor files
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Other reasons or remarks
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We understand that if the "No Bid" letter is not returned by the bid due date, our name may be deleted from the School District of Osceola County's vendor list for this commodity.

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Authorized Person \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for Authorized Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Alarm Systems, Retrofit Design, Installation, Emergency Service and Maintenance

**Attachment "H"**  
**Certified Business Program Reciprocity Affidavit**

The School District has implemented a process to track specific categories of certified businesses (minority, women and/or service disabled veterans) as listed below and will accept certifications from the State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity as well as certifications from other government agencies.

|  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>CERTIFIED BUSINESS CATEGORIES (Check One)</b>     |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American (A)          | <input type="checkbox"/> African American (B)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American (C) | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American (D) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Woman (E)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Disabled Veteran (V) |  |  |
| *Certifying Agency Name: _____                       |   | *Certification Number: _____                   | *Expiration Date: _____                      |
| *Attach copy of Certification from Certifying Agency |   | *Required Information                          |  |

By signing and submitting this affidavit and business certification copy, I acknowledge individually and on behalf of the applicant business that the applicant and I understand that:

- The attached business certification is a copy of an official business certification as issued by the State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity or other government agency, and said business certification has not been modified,
- All information and documents submitted to the School District of Osceola County, Florida becomes an official public record. As such, the District bears no obligation to return to the applicant any items of original production or any copies of file documents,
- The applicant consents to examinations of its books, records and premises and to interviews of its principals, employees, business contacts, creditors, and bonding companies by the District as necessary for the purpose of verifying the applicant's proof of certification,
- The District may request additional documentation not requested on this vendor application, and
- Pursuant to Section 287.094, Florida Statutes, the false representation of any entity as a minority business enterprise for the purpose of claiming certification as such under this reciprocity program may be punishable as a felony of a second degree. The certifying entity may initiate such disciplinary actions it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, forwarding pertinent information to the Department of Legal Affairs and/or certifying entity's legal counsel for investigation and possible prosecution.

Further, applicant declares and affirms that ownership and management of this firm has not changed, except as indicated in the application/affidavit, during the past year since certification status was granted:

Authorized Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths, known to me the persons described in the foregoing affidavit who acknowledged that he/she execute the same in the capacity stated for the purpose therein contained.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal;

Notary Public:

\_\_\_\_\_

Form of Identification Presented:

\_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires:

\_\_\_\_\_