

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Division of Business Services; Department of Fiscal Services; Office of Purchasing
6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor
Towson, Maryland 21204

SPECIFICATION AND PROPOSAL

FOR

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, REPAIRS, UPGRADES, PARTS AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

SOLICITATION NUMBER: **NTA-521-23**

BID ISSUED DATE: **April 27, 2023**

PRE-BID: A PRE-BID meeting is scheduled for **May 8, 2023, 11:00 AM**, via teleconference.
See IFB Part II, Sec. 9.0

You must confirm your attendance by visiting this link:

[Pre-Proposal/Pre-Bid Meeting Response Form](#)

DUE DATE: **May 19, 2023**

DUE TIME: **11:00 AM** (Eastern Time Zone)

RETURN TO: [Bid/Proposal Submissions](#)

BID OPENING: Same date, (10 minutes after due time)
Teleconference, See IFB Pt. II, Sec. 12.0

Baltimore County Public Schools reserves the right to waive informalities, to reject all bids, and to reissue this bid at its option and does not make an obligation to purchase by issuing this bid.

For updated bid information please visit our website
http://businessservices.bcps.org/departments/fiscal_services/purchasing/

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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INVITATION FOR BIDS:

The Board of Education of Baltimore County invites firms to bid on “**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, REPAIRS, UPGRADES, PARTS AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES**” for Baltimore County Public Schools, **Solicitation # NTA-521-23**. Any inquiries regarding the specifications and/or the solicitation document shall be IN WRITING and submitted per the instructions in the solicitation document Part II Section 10.0 Inquiries. **Verbal questions will not be taken.**

Vendors proposing to bid may obtain solicitation documents beginning **April 27, 2023**. Visit [Solicitation Document Request](#) to complete the request form. Once the form is completed and received by the Office of Purchasing, a separate email with a link to the documents will be provided to the contact listed in the form **within the next eight (8) business hours of the request**. **Please be sure to check your “spam” folders within your email before submitting another request.**

A Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **May 8, 2023, 11:00 AM Local Time**, via Microsoft Teams teleconference.

You must confirm your attendance by visiting this link:
[Pre-Proposal/Pre-Bid Meeting Response Form](#)

Sealed bids will be received until **May 19, 2023, no later than 11:00 AM Local Time** via electronic submission. **Please see Part II: Specifications – General Requirements, Section 7.0 Bid Submission for the link to submit your bid.** Bid Opening will be held approximately 10 minutes after the deadline for bid submission.

This solicitation is being offered to qualify and select contractor(s) to furnish necessary labor, equipment, materials, supervision, tools, and all related incidentals required to maintain, repair, and/or upgrade, as wells as provide troubleshooting/problem diagnosis of electrical systems and components, and complete specific interior and/or exterior projects as directed by BCPS at various locations (approximately 200 schools and offices) on a routine and emergency basis.

(Commodity Code: 72000000 Building and Facility Construction and Maintenance Services; 72151500 Electrical System Services)

The firms who provide materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for the above bid shall attempt to achieve 15% participation of Minority Business and/or Small Business Enterprise organizations in response to the Board of Education’s goal for economic development. Certified Minority Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to these solicitations.

Bidders shall include minority and small business enterprise material as provided herein with their proposal. Bidders failing to submit the minority and small business enterprise material as provided herein, including the Small and Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Affidavit may result in the bid being determined non-responsive.

The Board of Education of Baltimore County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities.

By Order of the Board of Education of Baltimore County
Office of Purchasing

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**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PART I: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 For the purpose and clarity of this document only, "BCPS" will mean the Baltimore County Public Schools and the Baltimore County Board of Education and its officials and employees.
- 1.2 Bidding Documents include the Bidding Requirements and the proposed Contract Documents. The Bidding Requirements consist of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders, Supplementary Instructions to Bidders, the bid form, and other sample bidding and contract forms. The proposed Contract Documents consist of the form of Agreement between BCPS and Award Bidder, Conditions of the Contract (General Supplementary and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications, and all Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract.
- 1.3 Definitions set forth in The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Contract Documents (modified), or in other BCPS Contract Documents are applicable to the Solicitation/Bidding Documents.
- 1.4 Addenda are written or graphic instruments issued by BCPS or its representative prior to the execution of the Contract which modify or interpret the Solicitation by additions deletions clarifications or corrections.
- 1.5 A Bid is a complete and properly signed proposal to do the Work and/or provide the Goods for the sums stipulated therein submitted in accordance with the Solicitation.
- 1.6 The Base Bid is the sum stated in the Solicitation for which the Bidder offers to perform the Work described in the Solicitation as the base to which Work may be added or from which Work may be deleted for sums stated in Alternate Bids.
- 1.7 An Alternate is an amount stated in the Proposal/Bid that may be added to or deducted from the amount of the Base Bid if the corresponding change in the Work as described in the Solicitation is accepted.
- 1.8 A Unit Price is an amount stated in the Solicitation as a price per unit of measurement for materials equipment or services or a portion of the Work as described in the Solicitation.
- 1.9 A Bidder is any reliable and interested person, broker, vendor, contractor and/or manufacturer who responded to the solicitation /submits a Bid/Proposal.
- 1.10 An Award Bidder is a person or entity who submits a Proposal/Bid and has been approved by the Board of Education for award.
- 1.11 A Sub-contractor is a person or entity who submits a proposal or bid to an Award Bidder for materials, equipment, or labor for a portion of the Work.

2.0 AN INVITATION TO BID

- 2.1 BCPS invites all interested and qualified Contractors to submit a proposal/bid. These specifications are intended to cover the purchase of services and/or commodities requested and include, but are not limited to, providing labor, materials, equipment and supervision of labor and subcontractors to complete requirements as identified [by BCPS].
- 2.2 In accordance with State law and BCPS policies, notices and announcements shall be published a minimum of 14 calendar days in advance of due date for any proposal/bid having a potential award value of \$25,000 or more.
- 2.3 Unless otherwise indicated, BCPS shall receive sealed proposals/bids until date and time indicated on bid or as modified by addenda. Proposals/Bids must be delivered to the BCPS Office of Purchasing located at 6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor, Towson, Maryland 21204. Proposals/Bids must be delivered in sealed opaque envelopes and clearly marked on the outside: Name of Bidder, Due Date and Time, Solicitation/Bid Number and Solicitation Title.
- 2.4 Brand name and model numbers are offered as a reference for bidders as to the style, size, weight, and other characteristics of the item(s) in the specifications. The use of such brand names should not be interpreted as the exclusive brand desired unless so stated. The determination of the acceptability and/or the criteria for acceptability of an alternate is solely the responsibility of BCPS. (Refer to Part II: Specifications--General Requirements and/or Part III: Technical Specifications).
- 2.5 The Bidder or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, circumstances, prerequisites, qualifications and/or specifications before submitting their proposal/bid. A Bidder's failure to become fully informed is at the Bidder's sole and complete risk of loss. The Bidder shall have no right to any damages, cost and/or any other remedy at law or equity against BCPS for any miscalculation, misunderstanding, error (either omissions or commissions), mistake, misinterpretation, and/or the failure by the Bidder to obtain an award of bid, award of contract and/or profits, fees or money from BCPS when the Bidder failed to fully inform themselves. In the case of error in extension of prices in the bid, the unit price shall govern or the entire proposal/bid may be declared non-responsive.
- 2.6 Upon evaluation of all responses, a recommendation for the award of contract will be presented to the Board of Education of Baltimore County for approval. Upon approval of the award of contract, the bidder(s) shall be notified either by mail, telephone or purchase order of their award(s). When applicable, a BCPS contract document shall also be issued.
- 2.7 The Bidder will not be allowed to offer more than one price on each item even though he may feel that he has two or more types or styles that will meet specifications. Bidder must determine which to offer. IF SAID BIDDER SHOULD SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE PRICE ON ANY ITEM, ALL PRICES FOR THAT ITEM WILL BE REJECTED AND THE PROPOSAL/BID WILL BE DECLARED NON-RESPONSIVE.

- 2.8 Where provision is made on the proposal form for bidding items on an individual, group or aggregate basis, the award will be made on whichever basis is in the best interest of the BCPS. When an aggregate bid is requested, the unit prices for each item shall be identified on the proposal sheet for accounting purposes. The unit prices in an aggregate bid should be consistent with the total quoted price for an aggregate bid. A "NO BID" on a combination of items will be permitted except as otherwise provided for on the proposal sheet and/or in PART II: SPECIFICATIONS-GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PART III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.
- 2.9 The product offered by the bidder shall be new, not used, and the latest version. Should a product be discontinued and/or upgraded during the course of the contract, the Award Bidder shall offer to BCPS a new alternate product meeting and/or exceeding the established specifications, under the same terms, conditions and prices as the originally offered item.
- 2.10 The Award Bidder, after award and before manufacture and/or shipment, may be required to submit working drawings or detailed descriptive data identified as acceptable to BCPS, which provide sufficient data to enable BCPS to judge the bidder's compliance with specifications.

3.0 BID PREPARATION, PROPOSAL SHEET, AND BID OPENING

- 3.1 Bidder must submit one (1) original with original signatures of the proposal using BCPS proposal forms. The bidder should make and retain one (1) copy of the bid for their files. Bids must be signed and submitted by an authorized representative of the bidder. Each bidder may attach a letter of explanation to the bid, if so desired, to provide an explanation of any detail(s) in the bid.
- 3.2 Signed proposals/bids should be returned in a sealed envelope. If the Bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate sealed opaque mailing envelope with the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face thereof. BCPS shall not accept any facsimile transmission to agents, representatives or employees as meeting the requirement of the sealed bid. A facsimile document shall not be considered a valid response to the bid specification.
- 3.3 Each bid must show the full business address, telephone number, and fax number of the bidder and be signed by the person or persons legally authorized to sign contracts. All correspondence concerning the bid and contract, including Notice of Award, copy of Contract, and Purchase Order, will be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the bid in the absence of written instructions from the bidder to the contrary.
- 3.4 All bidders shall be required to complete the certificates and/or affidavits, and/or acknowledgements that are incorporated into the proposal pages of this specification. Such documents are required by local, state or federal funding agencies of BCPS as part of the bidding process. The documents may include: Anti-Bribery Affidavit, Debarment Certificate, Sales Tax Certification, Minority Bidder Status, and when applicable, Asbestos Free Certification.

3.5 Bid Opening

- 3.5.1 At the public opening of the bid, the bidder's names and their prices will be read and posted.
 - 3.5.2 Complete evaluations of the proposals/bids will not take place at the bid opening and no indication of award will be made. BCPS reserves the right to review all responses and analyze the results of the procurement process.
 - 3.5.3 A final recommendation(s) shall be prepared for review and approval by the Board of Education of Baltimore County.
 - 3.5.4 The recommended award will be available in the Office of Purchasing after the completed evaluation.
 - 3.5.5 Proposals will be available for review by the public after Award of Contract by the Board of Education of Baltimore County. Upon acceptance and approval of the proposal(s)/bid(s) by the Board of Education, a binding contract shall be established between BCPS and the Award Bidder(s). Bidder(s) may contact the Office of Purchasing to arrange a date and time to review bid documents.
- 3.6 At the time of the bid opening each bidder will be presumed to have read and to be thoroughly familiar with the specifications and related documents (including all Addenda). The failure or omission of any bidder to receive or examine any form, instrument, or document, shall in no way relieve them from any obligation in respect of his bid.
- 3.7 Any omissions, errors, conflicts, or discrepancies in this document shall be called to the attention of BCPS IN WRITING at least seven (7) business days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids.

4.0 **MULTI-AGENCY PROCUREMENT**

- 4.1 BCPS reserves the right to extend the terms and conditions of this solicitation to any and all other agencies within the state of Maryland as well as any other federal, state, municipal, county, or local governmental agency under the jurisdiction of the United States and its territories. This shall include but not limited to private schools, parochial schools, non-public schools such as charter schools, special districts, intermediate units, non-profit agencies providing services on behalf of government, and/or state, community and/or private colleges/universities that require these goods, commodities and/or services. This is conditioned upon mutual agreement of all parties pursuant to special requirements, which may be appended thereto. The supplier/contractor agrees to notify the issuing body of those entities that wish to use any contract resulting from this bid and will also provide usage information, which may be requested. A copy of the contract pricing and the bid requirements incorporated in this contract will be supplied to requesting agencies.

- 4.2 Each participating jurisdiction or agency shall enter into its own contract with the Award Bidder(s) and this contract shall be binding only upon the principals signing such an agreement. Invoices shall be submitted in duplicate "directly" to the ordering jurisdiction for each unit purchased. Disputes over the execution of any contract shall be the responsibility of the participating jurisdiction or agency that entered into that contract. Disputes must be resolved solely between the participating agency and the Award Bidder. BCPS does not assume any responsibility other than to obtain pricing for the specifications provided.

5.0 BID SECURITY

- 5.1 If so stipulated in the Advertisement, Invitation to Bid, or supplementary instructions to bidders, each Proposal/Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the dollar amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid. This Bid Bond pledges that the Bidder will enter into a Contract with BCPS on the terms stated in the Solicitation and will, if required, furnish bonds covering the faithful performance of the Contract and payment of all obligations arising hereunder. Should the Bidder refuse to enter into such Contract or fail to furnish such bonds, where required, the amount of the Bid Security/Bid Bond/Surety Bond shall be forfeited to BCPS as liquidated damages not as a penalty. This bond must be provided with the proposal/bid submission and failure to do so may be cause for rejection of the bid as being non responsive. The cost of the bid bond will be borne by the bidder(s) in all instances.
- 5.2 If a surety bond is required it shall be written on AIA Document A310, Bid Bond, unless otherwise provided in the Bidding Documents and the attorney in fact who executes the bond on behalf of the surety shall affix to the bond a certified and current copy of the power of attorney.
- 5.3 BCPS will have the right to retain the bid security of Bidders to whom an award is being considered until either (a) the Contract has been executed and bonds, if required, have been furnished or (b) the specified time has elapsed so that bids may be withdrawn or (c) all proposals/bids have been rejected.
- 5.4 All bonds must be underwritten by surety companies which are authorized to transact surety business in the State of Maryland. If a bonding company is used that is not authorized, the contract will be Terminated for Default or if the required bond is a bid bond, this is just cause for rejection of the bid as being non responsive.
- 5.5 Performance Bonds and/or payment bonds are required for proposals/bids meeting the following conditions. The Award Bidder(s) of this contract may be required to submit either one or both of these bonds within ten (10) days of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Award and in accordance with the terms stated below. The cost of the performance bond and/or payment bond will be borne by the bidder(s) in all instances.
- 5.5.1 Performance Bond shall be required for contracts and/or awards of construction contracts in excess of \$30,000.00 for the amount of 100% of the contract price to cover faithful performance of the contract. Simultaneously with his delivery of the executed contract, the Award

Bidder must deliver to BCPS an executed bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid as security for the faithful performance of his contract and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing materials in connection therewith, prepared on the standard bond form A 311 as approved and issued by the American Institute of Architects and having as surety thereon such surety company or companies as are authorized to transact surety business in the State of Maryland and approved by the Board of Education of Baltimore County and are authorized to transact business in this State. Performance Bond shall be made out in the name of the "Board of Education of Baltimore County". They shall be provided to the Office of Purchasing, Contracting Assistant, 6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor, Towson, Maryland 21204.

5.5.2 Payment Bond shall be required for contracts and/or awards of construction contracts in excess of \$30,000.00 for the amount of 100% of the contract price as security for the payment of all persons performing labor and furnishing materials in connection therewith when required by BCPS. Payment Bonds shall be made out in the name of the "Board of Education of Baltimore County". They shall be provided to the Office of Purchasing, Contracting Assistant, 6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor, Towson, Maryland 21204.

5.6 Certified checks in the amount(s) stated above will be accepted in lieu of the performance bond and payment bond only upon prior approval of the Purchasing Agent. If checks are approved for acceptance in lieu of either bond, they should be in the same amount as these bonds; be separate checks; and should clearly designate the purpose i.e., performance of payment.

5.6.1 Certified checks, if submitted, will be deposited in the BCPS bank account(s). Upon successful completion of the contract, check(s) will be drawn upon the Board's bank account(s) for the full amounts of both certified checks.

5.6.2 Certified checks shall be made out in the name of the "Board of Education of Baltimore County". They shall be provided to the Office of Purchasing, Contracting Assistant, 6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor, Towson, Maryland 21204.

5.7 A letter of credit drawn on a bank with a local branch may be used in place of bonds. Letters of credit should list the beneficiary as Board of Education of Baltimore County. Letters of credit drawn on a bank shall be made out in the name of the "Board of Education of Baltimore County". They shall be provided to the Office of Purchasing, Contracting Assistant, 6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor, Towson, Maryland 21204.

5.8 ACCEPTABLE BID SECURITY

5.8.1 Baltimore County Public Schools may require performance or payment bonds, or both, on supply, service, maintenance, or construction-related service contracts if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.

Acceptable security for bid, performance, and payment bonds is limited to a bond in a form satisfactory to Baltimore County Public Schools underwritten by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Maryland.

Should the bidder be denied corporate surety credit for whatever reason Baltimore County Public Schools will accept an Irrevocable Trust Receipt (ITR) issued by an individual surety. This individual surety must work through insurance agents licensed in the State of Maryland, in accordance with Maryland law.

5.8.2 The bidder electing to use a bond provided by an individual surety shall provide evidence with the bond in a form satisfactory to Baltimore County Public Schools that the Contractor has been denied credit by a corporate surety within the past 3 years from the date the bond was submitted, based on a good faith application by the contractor, and the Individual surety transacts business only through an insurance agency licensed to do business in the State of Maryland. A letter issued and duly authorized from the conventional bonding company denoting the “reason for denial” must be submitted with the bid as “Proof of Denial”, and provided that the individual surety can meet all Maryland statutory and regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, Subtitle 6 of Title 21 of the code of Maryland regulations. Failure to meet the bonding requirement(s) shall be cause for immediate rejection of the bid.

5.8.3 Individual sureties for contracts and bonds shall be United States citizens. An individual surety may be accepted only if a security interest or recorded mortgage creating a lien on assets acceptable to the procurement officer is provided to the State by the individual surety and, an individual surety shall submit documents with a bond that confirms the assets supporting the bond. Acceptable assets include, but are not limited to;

1. Cash or certificates of deposit,
2. Cash equivalents held with a federally insured financial institution,
3. Assets that are evidenced by a security interest, including an irrevocable trust receipt issued by the financial institution or by an independent trustee in the name of Baltimore County Public Schools, and are issued in accordance with Commercial Law Article, §9-109, Annotated Code of Maryland.

5.8.4 Unacceptable assets include, but are not limited to:

1. Notes or accounts receivable and,
2. Foreign securities and,
3. Real property as follows:
 - a. Real property located outside of the State and,
 - b. Real property that is the principal residence of the surety and,

- c. Real property owned concurrently, regardless of the form of co tenancy, including joint tenancy, tenancy by the entirety, and tenancy in common, except where all cotenants agree to act jointly.

5.8.5 Whenever a bond with a security interest in real property is submitted, the individual surety shall provide:

1. Evidence of title in the form of a certificate of title prepared by an attorney or a title insurance company licensed by the State;
2. Title evidence showing:
Fee simple title vested in the contractor or surety along with any concurrent owners;
Whether any real estate taxes are due and payable and,
All recorded encumbrances.

5.8.6 Acceptability as an individual surety:

1. A corporation, partnership, or other unincorporated association or firm,
2. A member of a partnership, if that member is a principal obligor,
3. Stockholders of corporate principals are acceptable as individual sureties, provided their qualifications are independent of the stockholder's financial holdings.

5.8.7 If a bond with a security interest in personal property is submitted, the individual surety shall provide evidence of title in a form satisfactory to Baltimore County Public Schools. Except for irrevocable letters of credit and irrevocable trust receipts, Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) security interests in personal property assets shall be provided to Baltimore County Public Schools.

6.0 TIE BIDS

- 6.1 In the event of tie bids, where all other factors such as past performance on purchases or bidder's service or delivery record are considered comparable, the award(s) shall be made to one of the tie bidders in the following order of preference: Baltimore County minority and/or small business enterprise vendor; the Baltimore County based bidders; out-of -county but Maryland based minority and/or small business enterprise vendor; the out-of-county but Maryland based bidder; out-of-state minority and/or small business enterprise vendor and the out-of-state based bidder.
- 6.2 In the event a tie bid still exists, the Manager, Office of Purchasing or their designee, shall conduct a coin toss for selection of the potential Award Bidder(s) or seek a geographical, proportional or divided award of contract, whichever is in the best interest of BCPS.

7.0 BID PRICES

- 7.1 Any bidder may withdraw his bid submission prior to the bid opening date and time specified. After this, BCPS has a period of one-hundred twenty (120) calendar days to issue a Purchase Order or have award of contract approved by the Board of Education. The bidder agrees to retain all prices and requirements of the bid until the completion of the contract period
- 7.2 Unit Prices must be rounded off to no more than two (2) decimal places, unless otherwise specified.
- 7.3 Cash discounts will not be taken into consideration in determining a contract award. All discounts, other than prompt payment, are to be included in bid price.
- 7.4 BCPS reserves the right to accept price reductions from the award bidder during the term of this contract.
- 7.5 BCPS will not accept any proposals with bidder escalator clauses, unbalanced figures or irregular features.
- 7.6 If a Base Bid and/or Alternate amount contain contradictory terms, typewritten terms prevail over printed terms, handwritten terms prevail over both, and words prevail over numbers, the dollar amount expressed in words shall govern.

8.0 TAXES AND PERMITS

- 8.1 Materials, which are incorporated into work under formal or informal contracts, are not exempt from the Maryland State Sales or Use Tax. Award Bidders shall be responsible for paying such taxes when purchasing materials.
- 8.2 Award Bidders shall obtain and pay for any permits required.

9.0 BILLING AND PAYMENTS

- 9.1 All invoices are to be submitted in duplicate and mailed as specified and directed to either:
 - Baltimore County Public Schools
Engineering & Construction
9610 Pulaski Park Drive, Suite 204
Baltimore, Maryland 21220
 - OR
 - Baltimore County Public Schools
Accounts Payable
6901 Charles Street, Building "E"
Towson, Maryland 21204
- 9.2 To expedite payments you must follow these guidelines:

- 9.2.1 All invoices must contain a valid Baltimore County Public Schools' purchase order number.
- 9.2.2 An itemized packing slip including the purchase order number and dollar amounts must accompany all supplies and materials delivered.
- 9.3 Standard BCPS payment terms are net 30 days. Payments made directly by BCPS will be made within 30 days from invoice date or receipt of goods, whichever is later. Payments made by any other agency may not meet these terms.
- 9.4 Payment in full will only be made upon completion of contract.

10.0 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

The bid shall be construed in accordance with, and interpreted under, the laws of the State of Maryland. Any lawsuits arising out of such bid shall be filed in the appropriate State Court located in Baltimore County, Maryland.

11.0 ADDENDA

- 11.1 All changes to the bid specifications will be made through appropriate addenda issued from the Office of Purchasing.
- 11.2 Addenda will be available to all who are known by the Office of Purchasing to have received a completed set of Bid Documents.
- 11.3 Copies of Addenda will be made available for inspection wherever Bid Documents are on file.
- 11.4 All changes to the bid documents will be made through the appropriate addenda. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be available to all project plan holders. Addenda will be issued a minimum of five (5) business days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids, excluding date of bid opening, unless the addendum issued extends the due date of the bid. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify receipt of all addenda. Failure of any bidder to receive any addenda or interpretation shall not relieve that bidder from any obligations under this bid and as amended by all addenda. All addenda so issued shall become a part of the award and contract documents.
- 11.5 Each Bidder shall ascertain prior to submitting a Bid that they have received all Addendum issued and the Bidder shall acknowledge their receipt on the Addenda Affidavit Form. The Addenda Affidavit Form shall be completed and returned in duplicate with the bid proposal response. Failure to return the Addenda Affidavit Form may be reason for rejection of the bid.

12.0 INSURANCE

- 12.1 Award Bidder's LIABILITY INSURANCE

12.1.1 The Award Bidder shall purchase and maintain in a Company or Companies acceptable to the BCPS such insurance as will protect him from claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from the Award Bidder's operations under the Contract, whether such operations be by himself or by any Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable:

- .1 claims under workers' or workmen's compensation, disability benefit and other similar employee benefit acts;
- .2 claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of his employees;
- .3 claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than his employees;
- .4 claims for damages insured by usual personal injury liability coverage, which are sustained (1) by any person as results of an offense directly or indirectly related to the employment of such person by the Award Bidder, or (2) by any other person;
- .5 claims for damages, other than to the Work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting there from;
- .6 claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle; and
- .7 claims for damages because of employee dishonesty by any of the Award Bidder's employees.

12.1.2 The insurance required by Subparagraph 12.1.1 shall be written for not less than the following, or greater if required by law:

.1 Comprehensive General Liability

Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence--\$1,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage: \$500,000 each occurrence--\$500,000 aggregate
or if such insurance is written with a combined single limit, not less than \$1,500,000 each occurrence, \$1,500,000 aggregate. Such insurance shall include:

- .1 Premises/Operations;
- .2 Independent Contractor's;
- .3 Products/Completed Operations to be maintained for two years after final payment;
- .4 Contractual Liability including protection for the Award Bidder from claims arising out of liability in connection with this contract;

- .5 Personal Injury Liability including coverage for offenses related to employment;
- .6 Explosion, Collapse and Underground hazards as applicable
- .2 Comprehensive Automobile Liability
 - Liability - \$1,000,000
 - Personal Injury Protection - Statutory
 - Uninsured Motorists - Statutory
- .3 Workers' Compensation--Maryland Benefits - Statutory
Employer's Liability - \$100,000
- .4 Blanket Fidelity
- .5 **Prime Contractor** Pollution Liability:
 - Each Occurrence Limit: \$1,000,000
 - General Aggregate Limit: \$1,000,000

Claims Made or Occurrence Forms are acceptable

12.1.3 Certificates of Insurance acceptable to the BCPS shall be filed with the BCPS prior to commencement of the Work. The Certificates of Insurance will state that such insurance is in force and cannot be cancelled or released except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Board of Education of Baltimore County. **The Certificate of insurance must name the Board of Education of Baltimore County as an additional insured.**

12.2 BCPS'S LIABILITY INSURANCE--BCPS shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining its own liability insurance and, at its option, may purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect him against claims which may arise from operations under the Contract. Baltimore County Board of Education is a member of the Board of Education Group Insurance Pool (the Pool), which provides property self-insurance. Coverage is effective July 1 through June 30 annually. The Pool is a self-insurance mechanism, authorized under Maryland law, by which boards of education pool together to provide property self-insurance coverage.

The Board of Education of Baltimore County is subject to the provisions of Md. Code Ann., Educ. '4-105 and Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. '5-518 limiting liability to \$100,000.00. Pursuant to the provisions of the aforementioned statute, the Board of Education of Baltimore County is a member of the Maryland Association of Board of Education Group Insurance Pool for comprehensive liability coverage to \$100,000.00.

12.3 PROPERTY INSURANCE

12.3.1 Unless otherwise provided, the BCPS shall purchase and maintain property insurance, subject to a deductible of \$10,000 to be assumed by the BCPS, upon the entire Work at the site to the full insurable value

thereof. This insurance shall include the interests of the BCPS, the Award Bidder, Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors in the Work and shall insure against the perils of fire and extended coverage and shall include "all risk" insurance for physical loss or damage including, vandalism and malicious mischief. If the BCPS does not intend to purchase such insurance for the full insurable value of the entire Work, he shall inform the Award Bidder in writing prior to commencement of the Work. The Award Bidder may then affect insurance, which will protect the interests of him, his Subcontractors and the Sub-subcontractors in the Work, and by appropriate Change Order the cost thereof shall be charged to the BCPS. If the Award Bidder is damaged by failure of the BCPS to purchase or maintain such insurance and to so notify the Award Bidder, then the BCPS shall bear all reasonable costs properly attributable thereto. The BCPS does not maintain insurance of any kind on tools, equipment, temporary offices, sheds, shacks and other property of the Award Bidder or of his employees, nor materials or supplies stored away from the job site. It shall be the complete responsibility of the Award Bidder to provide for his own protection and that of his employees against any losses of such tools, equipment and other property, and materials and supplies stored away from the job site.

- 12.3.2 The Award Bidder shall purchase and maintain boiler and machinery insurance if this contract includes installation, modification or repair of such equipment. This insurance shall be at limits of not less than \$500,000, covering all boilers and other equipment not covered for explosion by standard property insurance policies. This insurance shall include the interests of the BCPS, the Award Bidder, Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors in the Work.
- 12.3.3 Any loss insured under Subparagraph 12.3.1 is to be adjusted with the BCPS and made payable to the BCPS as trustee for the insured, as their interests may appear, subject to the requirements of any applicable mortgage clause and of Subparagraph 12.3.8. The Award Bidder shall pay each Subcontractor a just share of any insurance moneys received by the Award Bidder, and by appropriate agreement, written where legally required for validity, shall require each Subcontractor to make payments to his Sub-subcontractors in similar manner.
- 12.3.4 BCPS maintains a copy of all policies, which are available to the Award Bidder for inspection before an exposure to loss may occur.
- 12.3.5 If the Award Bidder requests in writing that insurance for risks other than those described in Subparagraph 12.3.1 or other special hazards are included in the property insurance policy, the BCPS shall, if possible, include such insurance, and the cost thereof shall be charged to the Award Bidder by appropriate Change Order.
- 12.3.6 If required in writing by any party in interest, the BCPS as trustee shall, upon the occurrence of an insured loss, give bond for the proper performance of his duties. He shall deposit in a separate account any money so received, and he shall distribute it in accordance with such

agreement as the parties in interest may reach, or in accordance with an award by arbitration in which case the procedure shall be as provided. If after such loss no other special agreement is made, replacement of damaged work shall be covered by an appropriate Change Order.

12.3.7 BCPS as trustee shall have power to adjust and settle any loss with the insurers unless one of the parties in interest shall object in writing within five days after the occurrence of loss to the BCPS's exercise of this power, and if such objection be made, arbitrators shall be chosen. The BCPS or trustee shall, in that case, make settlement with the insurers in accordance with the directions of such arbitrators. If distribution of the insurance proceeds by arbitration is required, the arbitrators will direct such distribution.

12.3.8 BCPS and Award Bidder waive all rights against (1) each other and the Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, agents and employees each of the other, and (2) the Architect and separate contractors, if any, and their Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, agents and employees, for damages caused by fire or other perils to the extent covered by insurance obtained pursuant to this Paragraph 12.3 or any other property insurance applicable to the Work, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance held by the BCPS as trustee. The foregoing waiver afforded the Architect, his agents and employees shall not extend to the liability of the Architect, his agents or employees, arising out of (1) the preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, change orders, designs or specifications, or (2) the giving of or the failure to give directions or instructions by the Architect, his agents or employees providing such giving or failure to give is the primary cause of the injury or damage. The BCPS or the Award Bidder, as appropriate, shall require of the Architect, separate Contractors, Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors by appropriate agreements, written where legally required for validity, similar waivers of each in favor of all other parties enumerated in this Subparagraph 12.3.6.

12.3.9 If BCPS finds it necessary to occupy or use a portion or portions of the facility where work is being done prior to Substantial Completion thereof, such occupancy shall not commence prior to a time mutually agreed to by the BCPS and Award Bidder and to which the insurance company or companies providing the property insurance have consented by endorsement of the policy or policies. This insurance shall not be cancelled or lapsed on account of such partial occupancy. Consent of the Award Bidder and of the insurance company or companies to such occupancy or use shall not be unreasonably withheld.

12.4 Loss of Use Insurance

The BCPS, at its option, may purchase and maintain such insurance as will insure him against loss of use of his property due to fire or other hazards, however caused.

12.5 Evidence of Insurance

12.5.1 Prior to the award of contract, the Award Bidder is required to submit a certificate of insurance evidencing Worker's Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance in the amounts required above, and in addition, this certificate will indicate the amounts of insurance carried by the Bidder of the following types: Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Insurance, Excess Liability Insurance, and any other insurance coverage maintained by the Award Bidder. The Certificates of Insurance will state that such insurance is in force and cannot be cancelled or released except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Board of Education of Baltimore County. **The Certificate of insurance must name the Board of Education of Baltimore County as an additional insured.**

12.5.2 All Required Insurance Coverage must be underwritten by insurers allowed to do business in the State of Maryland and acceptable to the Board. The insurers must also have a policyholder's rating of "B" or better, and a financial size of "Class VII" or better in the latest evaluation by A. M. Best Company. The board hereby grants specific approval for the acquisition of worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance from the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund of Maryland.

13.0 **DIRECT DAMAGES**

In the event the Award Bidder fails to deliver the goods or services of the contract in accordance with the specifications, BCPS reserves the right to purchase the goods/services on the open market. All expenses incurred by BCPS as a result of such purchases will be deducted from the monies owed or monies which may become due.

14.0 **TERMINATIONS/SUSPENSIONS FROM CONTRACT**

14.1 Termination by BCPS for Cause

14.1.1 BCPS may terminate the Contract if the Award Bidder:

- .1 persistently or repeatedly refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials;
- .2 fails to make payment to Subcontractors for materials or labor in accordance with the respective agreements between the Award Bidder and the Subcontractors;
- .3 persistently disregards laws, ordinances, or rules, regulations or orders of a public authority having jurisdiction; or
- .4 otherwise is guilty of substantial breach of a provision Of the Contract Documents such, but not limited to: (1) Maintain progress in accordance with Project schedule; (2) Prevents other contractors from meeting their scheduled progress; (3) has unsatisfactorily performed the contract.

- 14.1.2 When any of the above reasons exist, BCPS, after consultation with the Construction Manager, and after determining that sufficient cause exists to justify such action, may without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of BCPS and after giving the Award Bidder and the Award Bidder's surety, if any, seven days written notice, terminate employment of the Award Bidder and may, subject to any prior rights of the surety take the following actions:
- .1 take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Award Bidder
 - .2 accept assignment of subcontracts and
 - .3 finish the Work by whatever reasonable method BCPS may deem expedient.
- 14.1.3 When BCPS terminates the Award Bidder for one of the reasons stated above, the surety shall not, without the written consent of BCPS, retain the Award Bidder for the Work and the Award Bidder shall not, without written consent of BCPS, perform any of the Work.
- 14.1.4 When BCPS terminates the Contract for one of the reasons stated above, the Award Bidder shall not be entitled to receive further payment until the Work is finished.
- 14.1.5 If the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum exceeds costs of finishing the Work, including compensation for the Construction Manager's and Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, such excess shall be paid to the Award Bidder. If such costs exceed the unpaid balance, the Award Bidder shall pay the difference to BCPS. The amount to be paid to the Award Bidder or BCPS, as the case may be, shall, upon application, be certified by the Architect after consultation with the Construction Manager and this obligation for payment shall survive termination of the Contract.
- 14.2 Termination for Convenience: In the event that BCPS determines to terminate this contract for convenience, then BCPS will provide the Contractor with written notice of that termination for convenience. The parties agree that the provisions of this contract, which would be their nature survive final acceptance of the work or service described and required by the contract and bid documents, shall remain in full force and effect after any termination for convenience in order to implement the following provisions.
- 14.2.1 In the event of such a termination for convenience, the Contractor agrees to waive any claims for damages including, but not limited to anticipated profits, mark-ups or payroll reimbursements. The Contractor agrees that upon such termination for convenience the sole right and/or remedy available to the Contractor will be the right of the Contractor to be paid the actual cost of all work properly performed by the Contractor

prior to the date of the termination. The Contractor further agrees that it will only be entitled to payment for work not previously paid for in other sums of money already received by the Contractor under any of the terms and conditions of this agreement. If at the date of such termination that Contractor has properly purchased, prepared or fabricated, off the site, any goods for subsequent incorporation in the work, and if the Contractor delivers such goods to the site or to such other place as BCPS shall reasonably direct, then the Contractor shall be paid for such goods or materials.

14.2.2 Upon receipt of such notice the Contractor shall, unless notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work on that date and, to the extent specified in the notice, place no further order or subcontracts for materials, equipment, services or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work, as is not discontinued: promptly make every reasonable effort to procure cancellation upon terms satisfactory to BCPS of all orders and subcontracts to the extent that related to the performance of the discontinued portion of the work, and shall thereafter do only such work as may be necessary to preserve and protect work already in progress and to protect materials, plants and equipment on the site or in transit thereto.

14.2.3 Upon such termination, the obligations of the contract shall continue as to portions of the work already performed and as to bona fide obligations assumed by the Contractor prior to the date of termination.

14.2.4 The Contractor agrees that the Contractor does not have a right to termination for convenience.

14.3 BCPS reserves the right to terminate this contract, in whole or in part, because of non-appropriation of funds by the fiscal authorities. In the event of a termination for non-appropriation of funds, the provisions of Paragraphs 14.2.1, 14.2.2 and 14.2.3 above shall be controlling.

15.0 DRUG, TOBACCO, AND ALCOHOL

15.1 All Baltimore County Board of Education and BCPS properties are "drug, tobacco, and alcohol free zones" as designated by federal, state and local laws and by Board of Education policy. Neither the Contractor nor any of the Contractor's employees, subcontractors or agents will be permitted to have any illegal drugs; tobacco products; or alcohol products while performing their duties under this Contract and while working on Board of Education and BCPS property. Use or possession of illegal drugs, tobacco products, or alcohol products on school property will result in immediate removal of the offending individual(s). BCPS reserves the right to issue, at a minimum, a verbal directive to the offending individual(s) to comply with this prohibition and to cease use. The Contractor will be notified in writing of any violation(s).

15.2 Any subsequent offense by any individual or individuals may result in a permanent ban from the project for the offender(s), with appropriate formal notice to the Contractor. BCPS reserves the right to document any offenses in the

Contractor's file maintained by the Office of Purchasing. BCPS further reserves the right to address any substance use infraction by any means it deems necessary, up to and including termination of the Contract. In the event that a Contract is terminated as a result of a substance abuse infraction, BCPS will provide an "unsatisfactory" reference when references are requested.

16.0 APPEAL PROCESS

16.1 BCPS intends the appeal process to resolve contract disputes in a manner consistent with the effort to promote fair and open competition. Any bidder objecting to the recommendation for award or the award of contract may appeal the action to the Office of Purchasing by formally notifying the designated Purchasing Agent in writing no later than seven calendar days after the basis for appeal is known. The bidder shall have an opportunity to meet and/or talk with the Purchasing Agent to present the issues. A formal written response to the appeal shall be issued in a timely manner.

16.1.1 For an appeal of recommendation of award of contract, the decision of the Purchasing Agent shall be reviewed by the Manager, Office of Purchasing. The Manager, Office of Purchasing may approve, modify or disapprove the decision of the Purchasing Agent. In disapproving, the decision, the appeal will be remanded to the Purchasing Agent for resolution. In all other cases, the decision of the Manager, Office of Purchasing is the final action by BCPS. The decision shall include a statement of the decision, with supporting material. Bidders receiving a decision on an appeal of recommendation of award shall forfeit the right to continue the appeal process of the award of contract.

16.1.2 In the event a bidder determines cause to appeal an award of contract, which has been approved by the Board of Education of Baltimore County, said action must be filed in writing to the Executive Director, Division of Physical Facilities. This action shall occur not later than seven days from the date of award of contract. The Executive Director, Division of Physical Facilities reserves the right to meet with the protesting Bidder as a part of the appeal investigation. A formal written decision will be issued by the Executive Director, Division of Physical Facilities in a timely manner.

16.1.3 Should the Bidder wish to pursue the appeal of award of contract further, administrative procedures have been established for such action, which will be outlined at the time the appeal is made.

16.2 Appeal of Suspension or Termination.

16.2.1 Any Award Bidder objecting to their Suspension or Termination may protest the action to the Department of Physical Facilities by formally notifying the Executive Director, Department of Physical Facilities in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the notification. The Award Bidder shall have an opportunity to meet with the Executive Director, Department of Physical Facilities, or his designee, to present his issues.

- 16.2.2 If the Award Bidder is unsatisfied with the outcome of this meeting, then the Award Bidder may utilize the administrative process to further the appeal.
- 16.3 BCPS reserves the right to proceed with the work under the contract during the appeal process if BCPS determines that this is in the best interest of BCPS, in the opinion of BCPS.
- 16.4 Appeal of Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds or for loss of Appropriated funds: NONE
- 16.5 Any costs incurred in the appeal process will be borne by the bidder(s) in all instances.

17.0 LITIGATION PROCEDURES

- 17.1 All questions involving interpretation of the Contract Documents and of a value of less than \$10,000, which cannot be settled by agreement between the BCPS Project Manager and the Award Bidder shall be referred to the next highest department level manager for a decision. If the Award Bidder is not satisfied with the decision rendered, the matter shall, within thirty (30) days from that decision, the matter shall be referred to the Baltimore County Attorney or their designee sitting as Arbitrator with all of those rights, responsibilities, and duties mandated pursuant to Section 3-201, et seq., Court and Judicial Proceedings Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. Said decision rendered shall be final, subject only to Section 3-223 and 3-224, Court and Judicial Proceedings Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- 17.2 All questions involving interpretation of the Contract Documents which involve a value of \$10,000 or more, and cannot be resolved between the Award Bidder and BCPS Manager shall be referred to the Departmental Administrator for a review. If the Award Bidder is not satisfied with the decision rendered, the matter may be appealed to the BCPS, Department's Executive Director.
- 17.3 If the Award Bidder is unsatisfied with the decision of the Executive Director, then the Award Bidder may utilize administrative procedures established by the Board of Education for such action.
- 17.4 Waiver of Jury Trial

The Vendor and board hereby waive trial by jury in any action or proceeding to which the board and/or the Vendor are parties arising out of or in any way pertaining to this agreement. It is agreed and understood that this waiver constitutes a waiver of trial by jury of all claims against all parties to such actions or proceedings, including claims against parties who are not parties to this agreement. This waiver is knowingly, willingly and voluntarily made by the board and the Vendor and the board and the Vendor hereby represent and warrant that no representations of fact or opinion have been made by an individual to induce this waiver of trial by jury or to in any way modify or nullify its effect. The board and the Vendor further represent and warrant that they have been represented or

have had the opportunity to be represented, in the signing of this agreement and in the making of this waiver by legal counsel, selected of their own free will, and that they have had the opportunity to discuss this waiver with counsel.

18.0 DISCRIMINATION

- 18.1 The Award Bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color or national origin. The Award Bidder will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color or national origin. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training including apprenticeship. The Award Bidder agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants, notices provided by the BCPS setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- 18.2 The Award Bidder will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice to be provided by the BCPS advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Award Bidder's commitments under this section, and the Award Bidder shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- 18.3 The Award Bidder shall furnish, if requested by BCPS, a compliance report concerning their employment practices and policies in order for BCPS to ascertain compliance with the special provisions of this contract concerning discrimination in employment.
- 18.4 In the event the Award Bidder is deemed noncompliant with the nondiscrimination clause of this contract, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the Award Bidder may be declared ineligible for further/future BCPS' work.
- 18.5 The Award Bidder shall include the special provisions outlined herein, pertaining to nondiscrimination in employment in every subcontract or purchase order utilized by him in order to carry out the terms and conditions of this contract, so that such nondiscrimination in employment provisions shall be binding on each Subcontractor.

19.0 GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

The standard printed form A-201, General Conditions of the American Institute of Architects, current edition, will form the General Conditions of the contract.

20.0 BUY AMERICAN STEEL ACT

Bidders shall comply in every respect with Article 21, Section 17 – 301 to Section 17 – 306, Annotated Code of Maryland.

21.0 AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

BCPS routinely opens all sealed bids in a public setting identified within the language of each specification. If a prospective bidder has special needs, the bidder shall contact the BCPS at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the published bid opening date and time to arrange for such services.

22.0 NON-HIRING OF EMPLOYEES BY AWARD BIDDER OR BCPS

22.1 No employee of the BCPS or any unit thereof, whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this contract, shall, while so employed, become or be an employee of the party or parties hereby contracting with the BCPS or any unit thereof.

22.2 No employee of the Award Bidder or any unit thereof, whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this contract, shall, while so employed, become or be an employee of the party or parties hereby contracting with the Award Bidder or any unit thereof.

23.0 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

The Award Bidder shall comply with the provisions of Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every business that enters into contracts, leases or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, shall within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of these contracts, leases or other agreements reached \$100,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

24.0 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Election Law Article §§14-104 through 14-108 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year under which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, shall file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of political contributions in excess of \$500 to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election, as required by §14-104.

25.0 RETENTION OF RECORDS

The Award Bidder shall retain and maintain all records and documents relating to this contract for three (3) years after final payment by BCPS hereunder or any applicable statute of limitations, whichever is longer, and shall make them available for inspection and audit by authorized representatives of BCPS or designed, at all reasonable times.

26.0 ANNULMENTS AND RESERVATIONS

- 26.1 BCPS reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and re-advertise for other bids.
- 26.2 BCPS reserves the right to waive technical defects within submittals.
- 26.3 BCPS reserves the right to order the said equipment, materials, supplies or services as described within the specifications, and also reserves the right not to order any.
- 26.4 BCPS may conduct any necessary investigation to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the BCPS all such information and data requested. BCPS reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by the bidder or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy BCPS that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract and to complete all stipulated requirements. Conditional proposals will not be accepted.
- 26.5 BCPS reserves the right to annul any contract, if in its opinion there shall be a failure, at any time, to perform faithfully any of its stipulations, or in case of any willful attempt to impose upon BCPS, materials, products and/or workmanship inferior to that required by the Award Bidder, and any action taken in pursuance of this latter stipulation shall not affect or impair any rights or claims of BCPS to damages for the breach of any covenant of the contract by the Award Bidder.
 - 26.5.1 Should the Award Bidder fail to comply with the conditions of this contract or fail to complete the required work within the time stipulated in the contract, except for circumstances beyond their control, including but not limited to Act of GOD, war, flood, governmental restrictions or the inability to obtain transportation, BCPS reserve the right to purchase these in the open market, or to complete the required work and receive liquidated damages as specified in this document.
 - 26.5.2 Should the Award Bidder be prevented from furnishing any item or items, or from completing the required work included in the contract, by reason of such failures caused by circumstances beyond their control, including but not limited to Act of GOD, war, flood, governmental action or the inability to obtain transportation, BCPS reserve the right to withdraw these from the operation of this contract without incurring further liabilities.
- 26.6 BCPS reserves the right to issue Blanket Purchase Orders to encumber, i.e. make available without obligating to spend, certain monies for Award Bidder's services. The Blanket Purchase Order dollar value does not in any way represent a guarantee of potential contracts, jobs, work assignments or monies during the course of the contract. The allocation of funds is at the discretion of BCPS.

- 26.7 BCPS reserves the right to discussions resulting in best and final offers.
- 26.7.1 Based on the Evaluation Committee's initial review of the proposals, the issuing office may invite, without cost to BCPS, ranking finalists to make a presentation of their proposal and their capabilities as further consideration in the selection process. BCPS reserves the right to recommend a Bidder for contract award on the basis of initial proposals without discussions or negotiations. However, Bidders should not rely on having an opportunity, during any negotiation, to change their offer. Discussions or negotiations may be conducted with all responsible Bidders whose proposals are initially classified as reasonably acceptable for award.
- 26.7.2 Should BCPS determine that further discussions would be in the best interests of the BCPS, the Purchasing Agent shall establish procedures and schedules for conducting discussions and will notify qualified Bidders.
- 26.7.3 When in its best interest, BCPS may permit all responsible offers whose proposals are classified as reasonably susceptible for award to revise their initial proposal by submitting Best and Final Offers.
- 26.8 Licenses for boilers, equipment or buildings are the responsibility of BCPS and shall not be part of this Agreement.
- 26.9 BCPS shall have the right to reject any or all Bids, reject a Bid not accompanied by a required bid security or by other data required by the Bidding Documents, or reject a Bid which is in any way incomplete or irregular.

27.0 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

- 27.1 All deliveries must be scheduled, received and will be the responsibility of the Award Bidder and deliveries by "Drop Shipment" from other sources will not be accepted by BCPS.
- 27.2 All supplies and/or materials must be held by the Award Bidder until needed at the site, unless they can be stored in the area in which the work is to be done and that area has been closed to occupant usage. The Award Bidder shall obtain the permission of the using institution's representative regarding any needed storage of materials and equipment. Such storage shall be done in such a manner as not to interfere with the building schedule. The Award Bidder shall be responsible for any and all accidents caused by negligence from this source. BCPS does not accept responsibility for losses of material or equipment, regardless of approval to store, in any institution's facilities or grounds.

28.0 INSPECTIONS

- 28.1 BCPS reserves the right to have inspectors on the premises of the manufacturer during the process of manufacture of any products being furnished under this contract for as long as may be considered necessary by BCPS. All expenses of the inspectors shall be borne by BCPS.

- 28.2 The presence of the inspectors at the site of manufacture of the products shall not relieve the Award Bidders of responsibility for faulty workmanship of materials which may be discovered at any time after delivery and prior to final acceptance in accordance with the specifications. In case of factory inspection of items being manufactured for BCPS, every facility shall be afforded inspectors by the manufacturers for the prosecution of their work.

29.0 COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS

- 29.1 The bidder shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully complete every part as the true intent and meaning of the drawings and specifications as described.
- 29.2 The Award Bidder, after award and prior to starting work may be required to submit working drawings or detailed descriptive data identified as acceptable to BCPS, which provide sufficient data to enable BCPS to judge the Award Bidder's compliance with the specifications.
- 29.3 Where the requirements of the specifications call for higher grade and are not in conflict with the laws, ordinances, etc., the specifications shall govern.
- 29.4 Where the requirements of the laws, ordinances, etc., are mandatory, they shall govern.
- 29.5 In case of any apparent conflict between the specifications and such laws, ordinances, etc., the Award Bidder shall call the attention of the applicable BCPS designee(s) to such conflict for a decision before proceeding with any work.

30.0 GUARANTEE AND WARRANTY

- 30.1 The Award Bidder shall unconditionally guarantee the materials and workmanship of all equipment and materials furnished by the Contractor, its subcontractors or suppliers for a period of at least TWO (2) YEARS from the date of acceptance and/or substantial completion of the installation by BCPS. If the manufacturer warrants equipment for a period longer than two years the Contractor shall pass through this time frame to BCPS. All warranty work shall be accomplished to the satisfaction of the owner within SEVENTY TWO (72) HOURS of notification of the work to be done.
- 30.2 In the event the Award Bidder fails to repair, replace, adjust, rectify, remedy, correct or complete the items, defects, deterioration, faulty design or installation and/or un-workmanlike performance, then BCPS may have the right to secure the services of another contractor to correct the work or complete the performance required by the award of this bid. The Award Bidder shall be solely responsible for any (and all) cost, expenses and monies due the new contractor plus ten percent (10%) for BCPS to reimburse the Board for the expenses of obtaining a new contractor.
- 30.3 The Award Bidder must act as the manufacturer's agent for all warranty claims.

31.0 SUBCONTRACTORS

- 31.1 All subcontractors, prior to their use by the Award Bidder in any BCPS facility, must be approved by BCPS. Award Bidder shall submit with their bid a list of subcontractors that they will employ and utilize for BCPS work. The responsibility for updating this list is the Award Bidders and utilization of a BCPS non-approved subcontractor is grounds for suspension or termination.
- 31.2 The Award Bidder shall give their constant personal attention to the faithful execution of this contract, shall keep the same under their own control, and shall not assign by power of attorney or otherwise, the work or any part thereof without the previous written consent of Coordinator of Purchasing. The Award Bidder shall provide the name of the subcontractor(s) he intends employing, the portion of the materials/labor to be furnished, their place of business, and such other information as requested by the bid specifications and/or BCPS. The information may be used in considering the potential performance capabilities of the subcontractor(s).
- 31.3 The Award Bidder shall not, without prior written consent of BCPS, assign any of the moneys payable under the contract.

32.0 AWARD BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- 32.1 Award Bidders shall be required under Article 56, Section 270(4), of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to provide proof of Certificate of Registry.
- 32.2 Award Bidders are responsible to protect all existing and newly installed work, materials, equipment and landscaping. Any BCPS property damaged shall be replaced or repaired to the satisfaction of BCPS.
- 32.3 Award Bidders are responsible for having all employees sign-in and sign-out at the work site. Use the appropriate form provided by the school office.
- 32.4 Award Bidders are responsible for daily removal of all debris from the work site and to keep the work site tidy as work progresses. Under no circumstance shall Award Bidders use BCPS garbage and/or recycling dumpsters to dispose of debris.
- 32.5 At no cost to the Award Bidder, BCPS shall provide and pay for water, heat, telephone and utilities used or consumed by the Award Bidder during the performance of the work or services hereunder if they are currently available at the work site. However, the Award Bidder shall install and pay for the costs of any temporary facilities not already in existence that will be required during construction for accessing such water, heat and utilities.
- 32.6 Award Bidders are responsible for coordinating planned interruptions of utility service with BCPS.
- 32.7 Award Bidders are responsible to notify BCPS of any occurrence of pre-existing condition that would prevent the completion of work as Specified. Any changes

in the scope of work and any resulting changes in cost shall be agreed to in writing by BCPS. BCPS assumes no responsibility for verbal changes in the scope of work or cost.

- 32.8 Award Bidders may be responsible at the discretion of BCPS to complete the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Abbreviated form of Agreement Between BCPS and Award Bidder.
- 32.9 Award Bidders are responsible to provide their own materials, tools and equipment. BCPS assumes no responsibility for vandalism or theft of Award Bidder s property.
- 32.10 At the time of the opening of bids each bidder will be presumed to have inspected the site and to have read and to be thoroughly familiar with the Solicitation, Specification, Plans and Contract Documents (including all Addenda). The failure or omission of any bidder to receive or examine any form, instrument, or document, shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect of his bid.
- 32.11 Award Bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that employees assigned to BCPS sites, either employed by Award Bidder or their Sub-contractor(s), have successfully passed a criminal background check. The Award Bidder shall advise the BCPS of the intention to use any employees, including sub-contractor employees that are hired or obtained from any penal pre-release or work-release programs. In the event such employees are used, notification to BCPS shall include name and violation for each individual. The contractor shall take reasonable precautions when selecting such individuals and provide whatever safeguards are necessary for effective supervision. Such employees are not permitted inside school buildings when the nature of the contract is for outside work.
- 32.12 In accordance with Board of Education Policy 3231 and Superintendent's Rule 3231, the effective management of vendors conducting business with the Baltimore County Public Schools includes a process to evaluate vendor performance under a contract for the purchase of goods, performance of service, consulting, construction, construction management, building renovation, or improvement of facilities. The results of vendor performance appraisals may be used in subsequent evaluations of a vendor's ability to perform on future contracts. Vendors should receive feedback on their performance, whether it is positive or negative. In the case of negative feedback, the vendor shall be informed of why their performance is unsatisfactory and what corrective action is required.

Vendor performance evaluations are required for all BCPS contracts for construction, construction management, building renovation, or facility improvement that exceed \$500,000. Vendor performance evaluations shall be completed by the Office of Physical Facilities during the contract, and a final evaluation shall be prepared within 30 days of substantial completion of the contract. More frequent evaluations may be submitted if necessary to facilitate proper management of the vendor. The Office of Purchasing may request a vendor performance evaluation for any contract with a value less than \$500,000.

For large, long-term projects, BCPS may use an internet and email based system to collect evaluations from key participants (vendors, contractors, subcontractors, designers, etc.) on its projects. This system is designed to facilitate open, detailed communication about any technical, communications, administrative or management issues that arise during the course of the contract, as well as to insure that potential problems are specifically identified and addressed as early in the contract period as possible (See PART II: SPECIFICATIONS--GENERAL REQUIREMENTS for further guidance).

- 32.13 Award Bidders must submit semi-annual statistical reports via email in an Excel format prescribed by BCPS for the periods of January to June and July to December each year. Reports are due, without notice, to BCPS on August 1 and February 1, respectively, following the end of each six-month period. Failure of the BCPS to remind Award Bidders that the reports are due does not relieve the BCPS of the responsibility of submitting the reports on time. The semi-annual reports must show the dollars spent in connection with this contract by the participating entities and may show other reporting categories mutually agreed upon by BCPS and Award Bidders. Failure to submit the reports on time may constitute unsatisfactory performance under the terms of the contract.

33.0 SAFETY AND CODE REQUIREMENTS

All materials and labor shall comply with the following requirements:

- 33.1 Award Bidder shall comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to work under their charge and these shall be construed as the minimum requirements of these specifications.
- 33.2 Award Bidder certifies that their firm adheres to or follows non-discriminatory practices with respect to the employment of promotion of personnel without regard to color, creed, race, sex, or national origin.
- 33.3 Award Bidder shall provide all equipment and machinery furnished and delivered to BCPS complying with the Safety regulations as required by OSHA and the Maryland State Safety Health Act known as MOSHA meeting the CFR-1910 MOSH Standard.
- 33.4 Award Bidder shall submit Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all supplies, materials, equipment or any other substances furnished and/or installed under this proposal in accordance with OSHA Hazardous Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.101, 29 CFR 1910.1200 and 29 CFR 1926.58 or any other applicable state, federal, or local regulation. The Award Bidder must submit MSDS sheets to each school or facility that receives any such supplies, materials, equipment or any other substances furnished and/or installed by the Award Bidder. Failure on the part of the Award Bidder to furnish the necessary MSDS sheets will result in the withholding of final payment.

33.5 Standards are as defined in the latest issue from the following:

AABC	Associated Air Balance Council
ADC	Air Diffusion Council
AGA	American Gas Association
ADA	American's With Disabilities Act
AMCA	Air Moving and Conditioning Association
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ARI	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM	American Society of Testing and Materials
AWS	American Welding Society
AWWA	American Water Works Association
BOCA	Building Officials and Code Administrators
COBA	Council of American Building Officials
CPSC	Consumer Product Safety Commission
CS	Commercial Standard
FM	Factory Mutual
IBR	Institute of Boiler and Radiator Manufacturers
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
MSSP	Manufacturers Standards Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry
NEC	National Electrical Code
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
SMACNA	Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association
TEMA	Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association
TIMA	Thermal Insulation Manufacturers Association
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

33.6 No new, replacement or restoration materials shall contain asbestos or asbestiform minerals in an amount greater than 0.0% as determined by polarized light microscopy (PLM) as prescribed in Federal Regulation 40 CFR 763.87. For ceiling tile and materials that are tightly bound (e.g. floor tile, roofing asphalt and felts, adhesive/mastic, caulk, glaze, etc.) and for which PLM analysis is not conclusive, transmission electron microscopy must be used for analysis. If no commercially available material meets this criterion, written authorization for use of the material shall be obtained from the BCPS Project Manager. All materials delivered to or used on BCPS property must be accompanied by a manufacturer's certification to be asbestos free, based upon criterion above. The Material Safety Data Sheet may not be used for this purpose.

33.7 No new, replacement or restoration materials shall contain lead in an amount greater than 0.00 milligrams per liter or 0.00 milligrams per kilogram. If no commercially available material meets either criterion, written authorization for use of the material shall be obtained from the BCPS Project Manager.

- 33.8 All Baltimore County codes and regulations including the latest edition of the International Building Code are relevant.
- 33.9 Public Law 91-596 dated December 29, 1970, entitled Occupational and Health Act of 1970.
- 33.10 Award Bidder shall insure that all modifications address the provisions of the ADA.

34.0 CONCEALED OR UNKNOWN CONDITIONS

In the performance of any work or services, if the Award Bidder encounters conditions at the Facilities that are (1) subsurface if otherwise concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated on the drawings furnished by BCPS or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature that differ materially from those conditions normally found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in the construction activities if the type and character as that which is described, then the Award Bidder shall notify BCPS of such conditions promptly, prior to significantly disturbing the same, and in no event later than two (2) days after the first observation the conditions. If such conditions differ materially and cause an increase or decrease in the Award Bidder's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the work or services, the Award Bidder shall be entitled to, and BCPS shall consent in writing to, an equitable adjustment in the amounts paid to the Award Bidder pursuant to this Agreement, the times for performance or both.

35.0 INDEMNIFICATION

- 35.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Award Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the Baltimore County Public Schools and the Baltimore County Board of Education and its officials and employees, Construction Manager, Architect, Construction Manager's and Architect's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses, and expenses including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent acts or omissions of the Award Bidder, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss, or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be constructed to negate, abridge or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described within this indemnification.
- 35.2 In claims against any person or entity indemnified within this indemnification by an employee of the Award Bidder, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Award Bidder or a Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

- 35.3 The obligations of the Award Bidder within this indemnification shall not extend to the liability of the Construction Manager, Architect, their consultants and agents and employees of any of them arising out of (1) the preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, Change Orders, designs, or specifications, or (2) the giving of or the failure to give directions or instructions by the Construction Manager, Architect, their consultants, and agents and employees of any of them provided such giving or failure to give is the primary cause of the injury or damage.
- 35.4 Baltimore County Public Schools shall not be responsible for errors or omissions made by the printer or advertising house which prepared the Bid Documents, addenda, or advertising services. If bidders or advertising houses suspect that their set of bidding documents is incomplete or defective, they should contact the Office of Purchasing, immediately.

36.0 EXCLUSIONS FROM WORK

BCPS acknowledges and agrees that the Award Bidder's obligation to furnish equipment and perform construction work or otherwise modify the Facilities, is limited to the work as defined on an individual site basis as determined by BCPS.

37.0 ACCESS TO FACILITIES FOR PERFORMANCE

From the date hereof and throughout the term of this agreement, the Award Bidder shall have reasonable access to the Facilities and relevant personnel of BCPS to perform its obligations and to investigate performance of the equipment, systems and operations of the Facilities.

38.0 LIABILITY FOR LOSS OF DATA

In the event of loss of data or any data or record necessary for the performance of this Agreement where such loss is due to gross negligence of the Award Bidder, the Award Bidder shall be responsible, irrespective of the cost to the Award Bidder, for the recreation of such lost data or records. BCPS shall be the sole judge as to whether the lost records have been recreated accurately and completely.

39.0 SUSPENSION OF WORK

- 39.1 BCPS may unilaterally order the Award Bidder in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work for such period of time as may be appropriate for the convenience of the BCPS. Such suspensions, delays or interruptions should be for less than sixty (60) days unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 39.2 The times required and the completion of work shall be equitably adjusted to take into account the period of such suspensions, delay or interruption.
- 39.3 BCPS will compensate the Award Bidder only for the cost(s) to re-mobilize to the Facilities any equipment that had to be leased or rented for the suspension period that was critical to the operation of the Facility and any offsite storage cost(s) besides the Award Bidder's facility that had to be used to store materials

related to the work. The Award Bidder shall, at the suspension of work, notify the BCPS of any such charges stating the monetary damages that will incur and shall document weekly in writing to the BCPS the cumulative costs during the delay period. In no way will any approved delay effect the warranty period regarding any accepted completion by the BCPS relating to equipment installed by the Award Bidder, its subcontractors and suppliers.

40.0 DELAYS, EXTENSIONS OF TIME

- 40.1 The Bidder agrees to perform all work and provide all supplies or materials, in accordance with all the sections of this bid in a timely, continuous and diligent manner in order to comply with the time requirements set forth in this bid and/or the contract. The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the only party that may grant a legally binding time extension or agree to a substitution of products, materials, equipment and/or supplies is BCPS. Any and all time extensions and/or changes/substitutions of products, materials, equipment and/or supplies must be requested in writing by the Bidder before the extension and/or change takes place and approved in writing by BCPS.
- 40.2 Delays by the Award Bidder causing the completion of Projects to extend past the Commencement Date will not change the Commencement Date for Performance guarantee purposes.

41.0 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- 41.1 The Award Bidder's work and other services pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement includes work connected and associated with asbestos, lead, polychlorinated biphenyl ("PCB"), fluorescent light bulbs, or other hazardous materials (hereinafter, collectively, "Hazardous Materials"). The Award Bidder shall be required to perform identification, abatement, cleanup, control, and removal of Hazardous Materials. BCPS warrants and represents that, except as set forth in the Technical Proposal, there are no Hazardous Materials on the Facilities that will in any way affect the Award Bidder's work or any other services and BCPS has disclosed to the Award Bidder the existence and location of any Hazardous Materials in all areas within which the Award Bidder will be performing any part of the work or other services. The existence or location of any Hazardous Materials that have been disclosed by BCPS to the Award Bidder prior to the execution hereof, or that were otherwise identified in the Technical Specifications, shall be the exclusive responsibility of the Award Bidder.
- 41.2 Should the Award Bidder become aware of or suspect the presence of Hazardous Materials, other than already disclosed by BCPS within the Technical Specifications, the Award Bidder shall immediately stop work in the affected area and notify BCPS. BCPS will be responsible for taking any and all actions necessary to correct the condition in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Award Bidder shall be required to resume performance of the work or any BCPS requested work in the affected areas only in the absence of Hazardous Materials or when the affected area has been rendered harmless. Except as set forth in the Technical Specifications, the Award Bidder shall not be obligated to transport or handle Hazardous Material, to provide any notices to

any governmental authority or agency, or to inspect or examine the Facilities for the presence of Hazardous Material.

42.0 BIDDER SUBMITTALS

42.1 BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

42.1.1 Award Bidders providing skilled labor that requires certification from a local, state, or federal agency, shall provide proof of certification indicating the date of expiration and retain certification for the duration of this contract **within ten (10) business days of being notified of being the apparent award bidder.** The Insurance Certificate must name the **"Board of Education of Baltimore County" as the "additional insured"**.

42.1.2 Award Bidder's must provide a certificate of insurance evidencing Worker's Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance in the amounts required above, and in addition, this certificate will indicate the amounts of insurance carried by the Award Bidder of the following types **within ten (10) business days of being notified of being the apparent award bidder:**

Comprehensive General Liability Insurance
Comprehensive Automobile Insurance
Excess Liability Insurance
and any other insurance coverage maintained by the Award Bidder

The Certificates of Insurance will state that such insurance is in force and cannot be cancelled or released except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Board of Education of Baltimore County.

42.1.3 Award Bidders shall be required under Article 56, Section 270(4), Annotated Code of Maryland, to provide proof of Certificate of Registry and must be licensed to do business in the State of Maryland and provide a tax certification number **within ten (10) business days of being notified of being the apparent award bidder.** Visit the following website to ensure compliance:

<http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/charter.html>

42.1.4 Award Bidders who cannot provide evidence of having the personnel and equipment to satisfactorily provide the required services in a safe and timely fashion, as determined using criteria developed by BCPS and not necessarily industry standards, will be found to be non-responsive and have their bid rejected. Additionally, BCPS will consider the Award Bidder's equipment for size, suitability to do the work, condition of equipment, attachments required to do the work. Safety is a primary concern and safety related attachments are required by BCPS. It is the Award Bidders responsibility to supply this information to BCPS with their submittal.

42.2 Prior to the award of the Contract the Bidder will be notified in writing if either BCPS or Architect, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to a person

or entity proposed by the Bidder. If BCPS or Architect has reasonable objection to a proposed person or entity, the Bidder may, at the Bidder's option, (1) withdraw the Bid, or (2) submit an acceptable substitute person or entity with an adjustment in the Base Bid or Alternate Bid to cover the difference in cost occasioned by such substitution. BCPS may accept the adjusted bid price or disqualify the Bidder. In the event of either withdrawal or disqualification, bid security will not be forfeited.

43.0 SUBSTITUTIONS

Bids shall be based upon the materials, systems, and equipment required by the bidding documents without exception. Where a specific manufacturer or trade name is designated, it is to establish a standard of material, design function, finish and quality. Only products of the named acceptable manufacturers and "or equal" (in quality, accessories, and attachments) are to be used in the Bid. Other products which will perform equally will be considered providing Bidder makes a submittal for substitution in strict accord with, Division 1 of the Technical Specifications - "Substitutions." The Contract award will be made solely on the basis of the Base Bid and Alternate Bids without regard to proposed substitutions and deducts when requested. Proposed substitution may be accepted with the award of the Contract or later by BCPS. After the Contract Award, substitutions will be considered and reviewed by the Consultant who will make acceptance or rejection recommendation to BCPS. The burden of proof of equivalency rests with the Award Bidder and evidence of such equivalency shall be submitted to the Consultant. If the bidder wishes to offer a substitute, the bidder should do so in accordance with subparagraph 43.2.

Proposed substitute products or manufacturers shall be submitted in accordance with the following provisions:

- 43.1 Substitutions will be considered prior to the initial advertisement for bids and after receipt of bids.
- 43.2 Bidders must submit a substitutions statement for the materials, systems and equipment specified with their bid and specification sheets showing and telling exactly where and how the bid does deviate from said specifications, and if in fact it does deviate in any respect, along with any stipulated cost adjustment (add, deduct, or no change) in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

44.0 EMERGENCIES AND NOTIFICATION

In any case of an emergency the Award Bidder shall immediately notify the Architects, Construction Manager and BCPS by the most expeditious means available. Follow by telegram or written notice, explaining the situation and actions taken. Additional compensation or extension of time will not be considered or permitted for emergencies arising from delay, damage, or loss.

45.0 OWNER'S RIGHT TO STOP THE WORK

- 45.1 If the Award Bidder fails to correct Work which is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents or persistently fails to carry out Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, BCPS, by written order signed

personally or by an agent specifically so empowered by BCPS in writing, may order the Award Bidder to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however the right of BCPS to stop the Work; shall not give rise to a duty on the part of BCPS to exercise this right for the benefit of the Award Bidder or any other person or entity. This right shall be in addition to and not in restriction or derogation of the Owner's rights under the General Conditions.

- 45.2 If unforeseen conditions occur or are encountered which may substantially impair the quality of the Work unless the Work is suspended, BCPS may, with the written concurrence of the Architect, suspend the Work by notice in writing to the Award Bidder, the Contract Management, and Architect. In the event of such a suspension, the Award Bidder shall be entitled to only adjustments in the Contract Time and an adjustment in the Contract Sum for costs actually incurred at the Project site by reason of such suspension. In any event where the Award Bidder reasonably determines that a suspension is required in such circumstances, the Award Bidder shall promptly notify in writing BCPS and Architect of such determination.

46.0 OWNER'S RIGHT TO CARRY OUT THE WORK

If the Award Bidder defaults or neglects to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and fails within a seven day period after receipt of written notice from BCPS to commence and continue correction of such default or neglect with diligence and promptness, BCPS may after such seven day period give the Award Bidder a second written notice to correct such deficiencies within a second seven day period. If the Award Bidder within such second seven day period after receipt of such second notice fails to commence and continue to correct any deficiencies, BCPS may, without prejudice to other remedies BCPS may have, correct such deficiencies. In such case an appropriate Change Order shall be issued deducting from payments then or thereafter due the Award Bidder the cost of correcting such deficiencies, including compensation for the Construction Manager's and Architect's and their respective consultants' additional services and expenses made necessary by such default, neglect or failure. If payments then or thereafter due the Award Bidder are not sufficient to cover such amounts, the Award Bidder shall pay the difference to BCPS.

47.0 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS

The Award Bidder shall pay all royalties and license fees. The Award Bidder shall defend suits or claims for infringement of patent rights and shall hold BCPS, Construction Manager, and/or the Architect harmless from loss on account thereof, but shall not be responsible for such defense or loss when a particular design process or product of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is required by the Contract Documents. However, if the Award Bidder has reason to believe that the required design process or product is an infringement of a patent, the Award Bidder shall be responsible for such loss unless such information is promptly furnished to BCPS and/or the Architect.

48.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST, LOBBYING, AND ETHICS REVIEW PANEL

- 48.1 In accordance with §5-815 through §5-820 of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of Education of Baltimore County has promulgated Ethics Policies, which cover conflict of interest, financial disclosure and lobbying. All bidders are expected to comply with any and all Board Ethics Policies that may apply to them individually or as a business entity.
- 48.2 All bidders should review carefully the conflict of interest policies. Specific attention should be accorded to the Board Ethics Policies (Board Policy 8363) prohibiting Baltimore County Public Schools employees from benefiting from business with the school system.
- 48.3 All bidders are placed on notice that all questions/interpretations concerning the Board Ethics Policies may be submitted to the Ethics Review Panel in accordance with Board Policy 8366.

49.0 INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 49.1 **PRE-BID:** If Baltimore County Schools are **closed** (either the "schools" and/or "offices") on the day a pre-bid is scheduled, **"THE PRE-BID IS CANCELLED"** and **will not be rescheduled unless an addendum is issued.** Bidders are advised that they are to email or FAX questions to the purchasing agent by the date and time required within this solicitation.
- 49.2 **BID OPENING:** If Baltimore County Schools "offices" are closed on the day a bid is "DUE", or prior to the due time, that **bid will be due at the same time the next day that the Baltimore County Schools "offices" are open.** The bid opening shall not be impacted if Baltimore County Schools "schools" are closed.
- 49.3 If Baltimore County Schools (either the "schools" and/or "offices") open late, due to inclement weather, the Bid Due Date and Time of Opening will be conducted AS SCHEDULED. If Baltimore County Schools "offices" close early, due to inclement weather, the Bid Due Date and Time of Opening will be conducted **at the same time the next day that the Baltimore County Schools "offices" are open.** If Baltimore County Schools "schools" close early, due to inclement weather, the Bid Due Date and Time of Opening will be conducted AS SCHEDULED.

50.0 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT LABOR

The use of illegal immigrant labor to fulfill contracts solicited by BCPS is in violation of the law and is strictly prohibited. Contractors and subcontractors must verify employment eligibility of workers in order to assure that they are not violating Federal/State/Local laws regarding illegal immigration. A compliance audit may be conducted.

51.0 FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATOR REQUIREMENT

- 51.1 BCPS requires an Award Bidder that has an employee on site that does not speak English to have on site, full time, an interpreter that is fluent in speaking and understanding that employee's native language.
- 51.2 Failure of an Award Bidder to have on site, full time, an interpreter that is fluent in speaking and understanding an employee's native language for those employees that do not speak English is reason for immediate termination of the contract for cause.

52.0 EMPLOYMENT OF CHILD SEX OFFENDERS AND PERSONS WITH UNCONTROLLED ACCESS TO STUDENTS

- 52.1 Maryland Law requires certain child sex offenders to register with the State and with the local law enforcement agency in the county in which they will reside, work and/or attend school. Section 11-722(c) of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland states, "[a] person who enters into a contract with a County Board of Education or a non-public school may not knowingly employ an individual to work at a school if the individual is a registrant. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both." If a child sex offender, sexually violent predator, or sex offender, as defined in the Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Articles of the Annotated Code of Maryland, is employed by the Award Bidder, the Award Bidder is prohibited from assigning that employee to perform management, delivery, installation, repair, construction or any other type of services on any BCPS property, including the project property. Violation of this provision may result in immediate Termination for Cause.
- 52.2 Additionally, in accordance with Md. Ed. Code Ann., §6-113 (b), the Award Bidder and any of its subcontractors will not knowingly assign any employee to work on school premises with direct, unsupervised and uncontrolled access to children, if that employee has been convicted of a crime identified in Md. Ed. Code Ann., §6-113(a).

53.0 FORCE MAJEURE

Force Majeure is defined as an occurrence beyond the control of the affected party and not avoidable by reason of diligence. It includes the acts of nature, war, riots, strikes, fire, floods, epidemics, or other similar occurrences. If either party is delayed by force majeure, said party shall provide written notification to the other within 48 hours. Delays shall cease as soon as practicable and written notification of same provided. The time of contract completion may be extended by contract modification, for a period of time equal to that delay caused under this condition. BCPS may also consider requests for price increase for raw materials that are directly attributable to the cause of delay. BCPS reserves the right to cancel the contract and/or purchase materials, equipment or services from the best available source during the time of force majeure, and Contractor shall have no recourse against BCPS. Further, except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other or deemed in default under this contract, if and to the

extent that such party's performance of this contract is prevented by reason of force majeure as defined herein.

54.0 ASSIGNMENT

The Award Bidder shall not assign or transfer the Award Bidder's interest or obligation under this Agreement to any third party, without the prior written consent of the Board. Nothing herein shall be construed to create any personal or individual liability upon any employee, officer, elected official of the Board, nor shall this Agreement be construed to create any rights hereunder in any person or entity other than the parties to this Agreement.

55.0 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS ACT NOTICE

The Board of Education of Baltimore County is subject to the Maryland Public Information Act, State Government Article § 10-611, et.seq. As a result, the Board may be required to disclose, upon request, certain public records. However the Act excludes from disclosure records that contain commercial information when the record is identified as: (1) a trade secret; (2) confidential commercial information; (3) confidential financial information; or (4) confidential geological or geophysical information.

If your bid documents contain any of the following classifications of records, you must note this specifically, on each relevant page that the document contains information that can be classified as confidential commercial, confidential financial information or a trade secret. Any pages that do not contain such a statement will be disclosed upon request under the Act.

56.0 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

- 56.1 Bidder's employees that have unsupervised or direct access to children or that are assigned duties in a school where unsupervised contact with children is likely, are required to be fingerprinted by BCPS and will complete the Background Investigation process with the exception of the I-9 form. The cost will be borne by the Award Bidder and all records will remain in the control and custody of the school system. The school system reserves the right to reject the Bidder's employees based on information received from said background investigations.
- 56.2 Bidder's employees who will work at facilities where no contact with children is anticipated are not required to be fingerprinted, however, such employees will complete the Background Check Application form and Authorization and Release for the Procurement of an Investigative Consumer Report. A Consumer Investigative Report (Commercial Background Check) will be prepared on each of these employees. The cost will be borne by the Award Bidder. Further instructions for this process will be provided to the Award Bidder.

END OF PART I: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Part II: Specifications–General Requirements

(If there is a discrepancy between specifications of Part I: General Terms and Conditions and Part II: Specifications–General Requirements, Part III Technical Specifications: Part II and Part III specifications shall prevail.)

1.0 General Scope & Services

- 1.1 This solicitation and the specifications that follow are being offered to qualify and select contractor(s) to furnish necessary labor, equipment, materials, supervision, tools, and all related incidentals required to maintain, repair, and/or upgrade electrical systems and components at various locations (approximately 200 schools and offices) for Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS). Award Bidder(s) shall perform emergency and routine trouble shooting/problem diagnosis and shall complete specific interior and/or exterior projects as directed by BCPS. The Award Bidder(s) shall provide for services in accordance with industry standards and/or manufacturer recommendations. The requirements outlined herein are intended as an aid to acquaint Bidders with what could be required to execute the work on this contract. These specifications will serve as the source document for services for the term of the contract.
- 1.2 This is an Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantities (IDIQ) contract. The services and/or materials intended for purchase are based upon future needs of the system and are pending allocation of funds and approval of award by the Board of Education of Baltimore County. BCPS reserves the right to authorize/order services and/or materials as may be required during the contract period and, also, reserves the right to not authorize/order any services and/or materials. BCPS does not a guarantee a dollar amount will be met or exceeded, nor can BCPS guarantee any minimum dollar amount to any Award Bidder(s).
- 1.3 All proposals shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided by BCPS. All blank spaces shall be filled in, in ink and properly signed.
- 1.4 BCPS may withdraw this solicitation at any time prior to the actual opening of the bids.
- 1.5 The Bidders agree to hold their prices, under the same terms and conditions, for a period of one-hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the bid opening.
- 1.6 At the time of the opening of bids, each Bidder will be presumed to have read and to be thoroughly familiar with the specifications and related documents (including all Addenda). The failure or omission of any Bidder to receive or examine any form, instrument, or document, shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect of his bid. It is the Bidder's responsibility to verify that they have received all addenda that have been issued prior to submission of their proposal.

- 1.7 Any omissions, errors, conflicts, or discrepancies in this document shall be called to the attention of the BCPS Purchasing Agent and/or the Office of Purchasing immediately.
- 1.8 BCPS contractual terms and conditions shall govern and supersede any terms and conditions from the bidder. Conditional proposals will not be accepted. IFB Part II, Sec. 9 provides instructions regarding inquiries on this solicitation's specifications.
- 1.8.1 Incorporation of Specifications: The following order of precedence shall apply:
- a. Board of Education of Baltimore County – Agreement/Contract
 - b. Part III: Technical Specifications;
 - c. Part II: Specifications--General Requirements;
 - d. Part I: General Terms and Conditions;
 - e. Any BCPS Purchase Order.
- 1.9 Bidders providing incomplete and/or inaccurate information to BCPS are subject to immediate termination of contract and/or rejection of their proposal/bid as non-responsive.
- 1.10 Bidders are solely responsible for their expenses, if any, in preparing a response to this solicitation.
- 1.11 Time is of the essence. All work must be done with the least possible disruption to the school operation and is to be coordinated with the BCPS Liaison.
- 1.12 All work shall be approved by BCPS Liaison. BCPS reserves the right of final approval for any work at the time of job completion. If the work is not acceptable, the Award Bidder will be called in to review and correct all problem areas without additional cost to BCPS. Any work necessary will be performed in accordance with a schedule jointly agreed upon. Failure of the Award Bidder to correct deficiencies, in a timely manner, may result in BCPS contracting with another vendor to correct deficiencies. The Award Bidder may then be pecuniarily responsible for the associated cost(s).
- 1.13 BCPS reserves the right to provide any materials and/or equipment for related installation or repairs.
- 1.14 BCPS reserves the right to reject all bids and to re-bid at its discretion.

2.0 Qualification of Bidder

- 2.1 All Bidders submitting a proposal shall **include evidence** that they maintain a permanent place of business and shall be authorized to transact business in Maryland and considered in "Good Standing" (all fees, taxes, and penalties owed to Maryland are paid). Bidders not listed in "Good Standing" at the time of bid opening may be rejected and deemed not responsible. Visit the following website to ensure compliance: <https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>

(BCPS bears no responsibility for the accuracy, legality or content of the external site or for that of subsequent links. Contact the external site for answers to questions regarding its content.)

- 2.2 All bidders shall be pre-qualified by Baltimore County Department of Public Works (BCDPW), Contracts Division, **Category "I", Buildings**, Classification **Number 4 "Electrical"**, prior to the date of bid opening. A copy of the bidders. Certificate of Prequalification, as issued by the BCDPW, shall be included in the proposal submitted to BCPS by the specified bid due date and time.

Baltimore County Department of Public Works (BCDPW) contact information:
Website address:

http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/contracts/pw_contracts_prequal.html

Division of Construction Contracts Administration, Room 300B
111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204
Phone: 410-887-3531

Note: New contractors and existing contractors requesting additional categories should allow sixty (60) days for processing.

- 2.3 All Bidders must include copies of all appropriate licenses necessary to perform this work. BCPS prefers that participating bidders have been in business for at least five (5) years installing, repairing and maintaining electrical systems and components. Bidders who cannot demonstrate to the satisfaction of BCPS that they have had similar experiences will not be considered.
- 2.4 BCPS may conduct any necessary investigation to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to BCPS all such information and data/documentation requested. BCPS reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by the bidder or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy BCPS that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete all requirements contemplated therein.
- 2.5 In determining the qualifications of a bidder, BCPS will consider the bidder's record and performance on any prior contracts with BCPS, Federal Departments or agencies, or with other public bodies. BCPS reserves the right to reject the proposal of any bidder if the investigation discloses that this bidder, in the opinion

of BCPS, has not properly performed such contracts or has habitually and without just cause neglected the payment of bills or has otherwise disregarded their obligations to subcontractors, material suppliers or employees.

- 2.6 Bidders must complete and return with their proposal the "REFERENCE FORM" included in this solicitation. Bidders must have successfully completed at least three (3) projects/contracts of similar size and scope within the past three (3) years. You may include BCPS as one (1) of the three required references.
- 2.7 All bidders must maintain a dispatch / customer support center with availability twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, to facilitate the reporting of service issues at no additional cost to BCPS. The dispatch / customer support center shall be accessed via a toll free telephone number and shall be staffed by live operators (no recorded messages).
- 2.8 Bidders submitting pricing as designated within "SECTION 004000 - FORM OF PROPOSAL must complete and return with their proposal the "Electrician Form". Do not provide this information on any other form or paper—use the form provided. Make as many copies of this form as needed to accommodate all assigned employees. Bidders must:
 - 2.8.1 Provide the name and date of hire for each full time (not contractual) individual, currently employed by the firm, who will be used on any BCPS project.
 - 2.8.2 Bidders are required to submit a minimum of five (5) Journeyman Electricians and a minimum of two (2) Apprentice Electricians. In total, a minimum of seven (7) qualified electricians shall be provided to BCPS. Electricians must be full-time, properly trained, experienced, and qualified employees and not part time, contractual, or temporary employees, and the Bidder agrees that these individuals are the only employees to be used for work at BCPS sites.
 - 2.8.3 The authorized representative of the bidder must sign the form affirming that these employees are full time properly trained, experienced, and certified employees and not part time, contractual, or temporary employees. The Bidder agrees that these employees are the only assigned employees to be used for work at BCPS sites.
- 2.9 Award Bidder(s) shall establish a corporate email address in lieu of a personal email address dedicated to BCPS.
Example: bcpsopportunities@xyzcontracting.com

3.0 Award Bidder Assigned Employees

- 3.1 The Award Bidder(s) must provide a copy of ALL related certifications and or licenses held by each of its assigned employees listed on the "Electrician Form" within ten (10) days of notification of award.

- 3.2 The Award Bidder(s) has the right to remove individuals from the “Electrician Form” during the term of contract by notifying BCPS in writing.
- 3.3 The Award Bidder has the right to add individuals to the “Electrician Form” during the term of contract. However, BCPS reserves the right to review these assigned employees’ work record to determine if these individuals are properly trained and experienced. Individuals that are not properly trained and experienced will not be utilized. For all new assigned employees, the Award Bidder must:
 - 3.3.1 Submit the assigned employee name and last two years’ work history to BCPS for review. Work history must include previous employers’ contact information.
 - 3.3.2 Provide a copy of ALL related certifications and licenses for each assigned employee.
 - 3.3.3 BCPS must be notified of Award Bidder(s) intent to replace worker within one (1) business day of original workers’ departure. Award Bidder must provide proof of required certifications for the new worker within ten (10) business days of assignment to BCPS contract.
- 3.4 Utilizing any employee not previously approved by BCPS is reason for immediate termination of the contract for cause.
- 3.5 Award Bidder(s) must demonstrate to the satisfaction of BCPS that employees who will be used on any BCPS project are properly trained and experienced in the services outlined herein.
- 3.6 Award Bidder(s) must demonstrate to the satisfaction of BCPS that assigned employees who will be used on any BCPS project are properly trained and experienced in the services outlined herein.
- 3.7 Award Bidder must be solely responsible for and pay, withhold, and transmit payroll taxes; provide unemployment insurance and workers’ compensation benefits; and handle unemployment and worker’s compensation claims involving the assigned employees.
- 3.8 The services that the Award Bidder renders to BCPS will be as an independent contractor. Nothing within the bid documents and/or forms will be construed to create the relationship of principal and agent, employer and employee, and/or joint employers of the assigned employees, between the Award Bidder and BCPS.

4.0 Inspection of Site

- 4.1 Bidders are responsible for site visitation and confirmation of existing conditions.

- 4.2 To aid Bidders with formulation of pricing associated with this solicitation, all Bidders are invited to visit each site. Site visits shall be coordinated as follows:
- .1 Call BCPS site.
 - .2 Schedule appointment with **Building Operations Supervisor**.
 - .3 On day of appointment, the Bidder is to have all personnel provide a valid ID to sign in and out of the visitor identification system in the main office of any school or office, whenever that school's office is open. Building Operations Supervisor will provide escort.
- 4.3 Failure to become familiar with the site will not relieve a successful bidder of his obligation to furnish all materials, labor, and services necessary to carry out the provisions of the specifications herein.
- 4.4 The Award Bidder is the employer of the assigned employee(s) and has the right to physically inspect the work site and work processes to assess any potential work hazards; conduct post-accident/incident investigations; review and address assigned employee work performance, and enforce the Award Bidder's employment policies relating to the assigned employee conduct at the work site.

5.0 **Bonding and Certificates of Insurance**

- 5.1 A Bid Bond is NOT required for this solicitation.
- 5.2 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS
- .1 Performance Bonds and/or payment bonds may be required from Award Bidder for individual projects in excess of \$30,000, in the amount of 100% of the contract price to cover faithful performance and/or payment of the specific project contract. The Award Bidder for that specific project will be required to submit bonds to the Office of Purchasing within ten (10) days of receipt of the Notice of Intent to award.
 - .2 The cost of the performance bond and/or payment bond shall be included in the quote amount for each specific BCPS project.
 - .3 Bonds shall be prepared on the standard bond form A312 as approved and issued by the American Institute of Architects and having as surety thereon such surety company or companies as are authorized to transact surety business in the state of Maryland.
 - .4 Performance bonds and payment bonds shall be made out in the name of the "**Board of Education of Baltimore County**, Attn: Contracts, 6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor, Towson, Maryland 21204". Send

or have delivered all, performance bonds, and payment bonds to the attention of:

Baltimore County Public Schools
6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor
Towson, Maryland 21204
Attn: Contracts
Contracts@bcps.org

5.3 CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

5.3.1 Certificates of insurance shall be provided by Award Bidder(s) only. Certificates shall be made out in the name of the "Board of Education of Baltimore County". The notification of any change in status of the insurance shall be provided to the Contracts, 6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor, Towson, Maryland 21204.

.1 Send or have delivered all certificates of insurance, to the attention of:

Baltimore County Public Schools
6901 Charles Street, Building "E", 1st Floor
Towson, Maryland 21204
Attn: Contracts

.2 **The Insurance Certificate must name the "Board of Education of Baltimore County" as the "additional insured".**

.3 The Certificates of Insurance cancellation notice shall read:

"Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company shall mail thirty (30) days in advance of the cancellation date notice to the certificate holder."

NOTE: ALL other wording shall be deleted.

5.3.2 In addition to with insurance requirements as stipulated within: PART I: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SECTION 12 INSURANCE, Award Bidder(s) shall comply with the following:

- .1 The Vendor shall maintain Worker's Compensation in the statutory amount in accordance with the laws of the state in which the work of this contract is to be performed.
- .2 The Vendor shall also maintain Employer's Liability Insurance with a limit of at least \$100,000 for each occurrence to cover diseases and injuries excluded under the Worker's Compensation Act.

- .3 Prior to the commencement of any work, or at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Vendor may be required to submit a certificate of insurance evidencing Worker's Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance in the amounts required above. This certificate will indicate the amounts of insurance carried by the Vendor of the following types: Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Insurance, Excess Liability Insurance, Professional Liability Insurance, and any other insurance coverage maintained by the Vendor. The Certificates of Insurance will state that such insurance is in force and cannot be canceled or released except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Board of Education of Baltimore County. The Certificate of Insurance must name the Board of Education of Baltimore County as an additional insured.
 - .4 All required insurers allowed to do business in the State of Maryland and acceptable to the Board must underwrite insurance coverage. The insurers must also have a policyholders' rating of "A-" or better, and a financial size of "Class VII" or better in the latest evaluation by A.M. Best Company. The Board hereby grants specific approval for the acquisition of workers compensation and employer's liability insurance from the Chesapeake Employers Insurance Company.
- 5.3.3 Cost of Insurance shall be included in the bid amount.
 - 5.3.4 If Award Bidder fails to execute and deliver the signed Contract and Certificates of Insurance within ten (10) business days from receipt of the Contract, BCPS reserves the right to rescind award.

6.0 Small Business and/or Certified Minority Business Enterprises

- 6.1 It is the intent of BCPS to achieve a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the total dollar value of the contracts resulting from this solicitation to be made to Small Business and/or certified Minority Business Enterprises either directly or indirectly.
 - .1 Definitions:
 - .1 Minority Business: Any legal entity, other than a joint venture, organized to engage in commercial transactions and which is (1) at least 51% owned and/or controlled by one or more minority interest persons, or (2) a non-profit entity organized to promote the interests of the physically or mentally disabled. Minority Groups identified are:

African Americans

Asians
 Hispanics
 American Indians
 Women
 Physically or Mentally Disabled Individuals

- .2 Certified MBE: A minority business that holds a certification issued by the Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT) or other recognized municipalities or minority associations.
- .3 Small Business (SBE): A business which meets criteria (see form 6.2.1) regarding number of employees **OR** an annual revenue limit. BCPS reserves the right to request tax documents to support such a claim. Form 6.2.1 allows a company to self-certify as an SBE.

- 6.2 The following documentation must be considered as part of the contract and must be furnished **with your proposal/bid**. All of these forms must be completed or acknowledged within the "FORM of PROPOSAL".
Note that some forms may not apply: they can be marked "**N/A**" on the top, and the form left blank. Reference the chart directly below:

BIDDER STATUS	6.2.1 SBE Affidavit	6.2.2 Utilization Affidavit	6.2.3 Statement of Intent	6.2.4 Waiver Request
SBE/MBE	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Not SBE/MBE and <u>IS</u> MEETING Goal	N/A	Y	Y	N/A
Not SBE/MBE and <u>IS NOT</u> MEETING Goal	N/A	Y	N/A	Y

- 6.2.1 **Small Business Enterprise Affidavit:** A separate form completed and signed **by the prime contractor** to self-certify the bidder company as an SBE firm.
- 6.2.2 **Small/Certified Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Affidavit:** A separate form completed and signed by the prime contractor acknowledging the goal.
- 6.2.3 **Small and Minority Business Enterprise and Bidder's Statement of Intent:** A separate form completed and signed by the prime contractor and each SBE/MBE firm.

Note that the SBE/MBE firm may be the bidder company.

A corporate diversity statement showing a company-wide use of SBE/MBE firms in the regular performance of business may be accepted.

NOTE: An SBE bidder **may count** their own company efforts as meeting the goal. They will List their company as both the 'A. Bidder ____' and 'B. SBE/MBE ____'.

If the bidder is not naming any firm to meet the goals, then mark the form at the top as 'N/A', and do not complete the rest of the form.

6.2.4 **Request for Waiver** (if necessary): If the bidder is unable to achieve the full contract goal for SBE/MBE participation, they may submit a written Request for Waiver, which shall include the following:

- .1 A detailed statement of the efforts made by the bidder to identify portions of the work proposed to be performed by subcontractors in order to achieve the stated goal;
- .2 An explanation of why the stated goal is not possible;

If the bidder is meeting the goal, then mark this form 'N/A'.

6.3 The MBE Liaison will review and accept or reject the SBE/MBE material that is submitted and may obtain legal advice or assistance from its attorney.

6.4 The MBE Liaison may assist the apparent low bidder in identifying certified minority businesses that could participate in the contract.

7.0 **Bid Submission**

7.1 Bids must be submitted electronically via the following link:

[Bid/Proposal Submissions](#)

Emailed, Mailed or hand delivered bids will be rejected and/or not accepted.

7.1.1 All bids must be delivered to the above link by the specified due date and time. **Bids returned to any other address or location will not be considered.**

7.1.2 **Submit one complete bid submission only.** If multiple submissions are received, BCPS will accept only the most recent submission and any previous submission will not be considered.

7.2 Proposals shall include all of the following, as outlined within "SECTION 004000-FORM OF PROPOSAL":

7.2.1 Section 004000-1: "Cover Page".

- 7.2.2 Section 004000-2: "Price Proposal – Instructions"
- 7.2.3 Section 004000-3: "Price Proposal Page". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.4 Section 004000-4: "Subcontractor Form". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.5 Section 004000-5: "Electrician Form". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.6 Section 004000-6: "References". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.7 Section 004000-7: "Addenda". Bidders are reminded that the "Addenda" page must be completed and returned whether or not an actual addenda page was issued for this bid. Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.8 Section 004000-8: "Proposal Sheet". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.9 Section 004000-9: "State of Maryland Anti-Bribery Affidavit" & "State of Maryland Tax Certification" (on same page). Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.10 Section 004000-10: "Certification Regarding U.S. Government Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.11 Section 004000-11: "Small Business Enterprise Affidavit". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.12 Section 004000-12: "Small and Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Affidavit". Complete, sign, and return with bid.
- 7.2.13 Section 004000-13: "SBE/MBE Statement of Intent". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.14 Section 004000-14: "SBE/MBE Request For Waiver". Complete, sign and return with bid".
- 7.2.15 Section 004000-15-16: "Applicant Screening Affidavit". Complete, sign and return with bid.
- 7.2.16 Section 004000-17: "No Bid Page". This page should only be returned if not participating in the bid.

- 7.2.17 All other information and/or forms and/or affidavits specified in Specifications Part II, Technical Specifications, and/or Addenda issued.
- 7.3 Bids received after the published due date/due time will be rejected as non-responsive.
- 7.4 Bids submitted improperly and/or incompletely may be deemed as non-responsive.

8.0 Bidder Registration

- 8.1 Bidders are invited to register on the BCPS "Vendor Self-Service" (VSS). Award Bidder(s) are required to register. Please follow the registration instructions below:
 - 8.1.1 Type the following into your browser:
http://businessservices.bcps.org/departments/fiscal_services/purchasing/
 - 8.1.2 Select: "Vendors"
 - 8.1.3 Select: "Vendor Self Service". (VSS supports the following browsers only: Microsoft Internet Explorer v8 or higher and Mozilla Firefox v2.2 or higher)
 - 8.1.4 Complete the application. Record your UserID and Password for future use.
- 8.2 Entering your corporate information into the VSS website is the first step in doing business with BCPS. If you have already done business with BCPS in the past, much of your information may already be present. You may only have to confirm or update the existing information.
- 8.3 Parties interested in conducting business with BCPS are encouraged to visit the Office of Purchasing website:
http://businessservices.bcps.org/departments/fiscal_services/purchasing/
Click onto "BCPS Invitation to Bid". The list is updated on a weekly basis.

9.0 Pre-Bid Meeting

- 9.1 There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on the date and time on the cover. It would be beneficial to have a representative from your firm attend.
- 9.2 Bidders must visit the Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Meeting Response link to confirm attendance. Teleconference information will only be sent to those email addresses submitted via the smartsheet link.

10.0 Inquiries

- 10.1 No interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications, or other contract documents will be made to any bidder orally. To be given consideration, inquiries must be received at least seven (7) business days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids, so that they may be responded to in a timely fashion.

- 10.2 Any inquiries regarding the “SPECIFICATIONS” and/or the “SOLICITATION DOCUMENT” shall be IN WRITING and submitted via the following link:

[Bidder Inquiries](#)

- 10.3 Any inquiries regarding the “MBE and/or SBE PARTICIPATION” in this bid shall be directed to Melanie Webster at e-mail: SBE_MBE@bcps.org.

11.0 Addenda and/or Explanation of Bid Documents

- 11.1 All changes to the bid specifications and/or drawings will be made through the appropriate addenda. Any and, all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be available to all bidders who pick up a copy of the bid. Addenda will be issued at least five (5) business days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids, unless the addendum issued extends the due date of the bid.
- 11.2 It is the bidders’ responsibility to verify receipt of all addenda. Failure of any bidder to receive any addenda or interpretation shall not relieve that bidder from any obligations under this bid and as amended by all addenda. All addenda so issued shall become a part of the award and contract documents.

12.0 Bid Opening

- 12.1 At the bid opening, the bidders’ names and prices will be read. Each participating bidder will be e-mailed a copy of the posting of prices upon verification of prices by BCPS. This process will take several days (or longer depending upon the number of bidders).
- 12.2 Complete evaluation of the bids will not take place at the opening and no indication of award will be made at the opening. The recommended award(s) will be available in the Office of Purchasing after the completed evaluation.
- 12.3 Bids will not be available for review by bidders at the bid opening. BCPS reserves the right to review all materials and present a recommendation to the Board of Education prior to bids being available for review. Bid documents will only be available for review after approval of the contract by the Board. Bidders may call the Office of Purchasing to set up a date and time for reviewing bid documents.

13.0 Award of Contract

- 13.1 Method of award will be to the responsive and responsible bidder offering the most favorable “COMPUTED ITEM COST”. BCPS reserves the right to make awards of contract to multiple bidders.

- 13.2 BCPS shall develop a price scenario formula to calculate the "COMPUTED ITEM COST". This pre-determined price scenario formula will apply a multiplier to each "ITEM". The sum of which will be combined to determine the "COMPUTED ITEM COST". The BCPS formula applied to award computation shall be available upon request anytime after the posted Due Date/Time.
- 13.3 Responsive and responsible bidders responding to the solicitation shall be ranked, based upon their "COMPUTED ITEM COST".
- 13.4 While pricing will be given primary consideration in evaluation of all proposals meeting specifications, successful bidder(s) must be able to document their ability to service an account of this size and, also, be able to guarantee completion of work on time. BCPS reserves the right to award to bidder(s) receiving the most favorable proposal evaluation and providing best in class, overall value to BCPS per ITEM.
- 13.5 **Bidders are required to submit pricing for every "ITEM" contained within the Form of Proposal Price Proposal Sheet(s). Bidders not responding to every "ITEM" contained within the Form of Proposal Price Proposal Sheet(s) shall be deemed non-responsive.** BCPS is not obligated to contract for all "ITEMS" as listed on the Price Proposal Sheet(s).
- 13.6 Time is of the essence. Submission of a proposal/bid, in response to this solicitation, shall mean that the Bidder can complete all work "as specified" within the specified time frame.
- 13.7 BCPS does not guarantee that all or any work will be done and reserves the right to reject all bids and to re-bid at its discretion. BCPS reserves the right to issue separate formal bids for any repair and/or installation services.
- 13.8 BCPS reserves the right to add award bidder(s) to this contract if the initial award bidders cannot fulfill all of the requirements.

14.0 Term of Contract

- 14.1 The term of the contract shall commence from the day of signing of the contract after the Board of Education of Baltimore County's approval, and all terms and conditions shall remain in effect for **five (5) years from the date of Board of Education contract approval.**
- 14.2 BCPS reserves the right to terminate the contract for convenience at any time by providing the Award Bidder thirty (30) days prior written notice. The Award Bidder does not have a right to termination for convenience.
- 14.3 On an annual basis, BCPS and the Award Bidder(s) shall meet and confer regarding performance and modifications to the contract.

- 14.4 BCPS reserves the option to extend this contract for an additional period upon mutual agreement and under the same terms, conditions, and pricing.
- 14.5 Award Bidder(s) shall be granted the option to request an adjustment to Hourly Labor Rates **within 30 days of each contract anniversary date (Board approval date) after year one of contract approval by the Board of Education.** All adjustment requests affecting hourly labor rates must be made in writing to the Office of Purchasing and in accord with the conditions outlined herein.
- 14.5.1 Award Bidder(s) shall follow the instructions below to determine the proposed Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment prior to submitting a request for adjustment which may be applied to the "Monthly/Annual Rate". The request must be on Award Bidder's letterhead accompanied by a detailed justification for the adjustment. The Award Bidder's request must reflect the current Monthly/Annual Rate and the proposed Monthly/Annual Rate. The Office of Purchasing shall verify the proposed CPI adjustment.
- .1 Access the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website at the following internet address:
<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm>
 - .2 Select "Data Tools", then select "Top Picks" for "Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers (Current Series)".
 - .3 Select from list "U.S. All items, 1982-84=100 – CUUR0000SA0". Select "Retrieve data".
 - .4 Select "More Formatting Options". Select "12 Months Percent Change". Click "Retrieve Data"
 - .5 Use the chart: 12 Months Percent Change, Series Id: CUUR0000SA0, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Area: U.S. city average, Item: All items, Base Period: 1982-84=100 (Note: The file can be downloaded into an excel worksheet.)
 - .6 Adjustments shall be based on the average of the 12 months percentage change published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at the time of request. For example, an adjustment request is submitted by Award Bidder to BCPS on December 10, 2018. The contract anniversary date is January 1. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has published data up to October 2018. Price adjustment would be based on the average from November 2017 to October 2018. This calculation shall include monthly U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data labeled as "Preliminary".

- 14.5.2 The CPI adjustment is NOT automatic. BCPS reserves the right to accept or reject the adjustment request within sixty (60) days of receipt of request.
- .1 If the request is rejected, the contract for that item shall be terminated thirty (30) days from the date of BCPS rejection letter.
 - .2 If adjustment request is rejected, BCPS reserves the right to purchase services and/or goods from the next most favorable responsive and responsible bidder, as the requested adjustment may change the award position. If the next most favorable responsive and responsible bidder(s) does not have service available within the requested timeframe, BCPS reserves the right to purchase from any source.
 - .3 Award Bidder whose price adjustment has been rejected by BCPS shall be granted the right of first refusal and shall be given an opportunity to match the item pricing of next most favorably ranked responsive and responsible bidder within ten (10) days of receipt of BCPS rejection notification.
- 14.5.3 BCPS reserves the right to decrease rate if such downward adjustment is reflected within CPI data.
- 14.5.4 BCPS reserves the right to cap pricing adjustments. Increases shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the price for the immediately preceding year.
- 14.5.5 If Award Bidder requests a force majeure pricing adjustment, BCPS shall either accept or reject such on a case by case basis. Any such request must be made in writing (on corporate letterhead) to the Office of Purchasing and substantially justified.
- 14.6 This is a multi-year contract and is subject to periodic performance reviews. If BCPS determines insufficiencies in contract performance, the award bidder shall meet with BCPS representatives to review the concerns and issues and develop a mutually agreed period of time for correction of service deficits. Failure to resolve service deviations shall result in cancellation of contract.

15.0 Assignment of Work

- 15.1 At its sole discretion, BCPS reserves the following rights:

- .1 To perform any work at any site utilizing "in-house/BCPS personnel" for any project
 - .2 To issue a new solicitation for these services at any one or combination of sites, separate from this bid
 - .3 To obtain the work from any source, if for any reason, none of the Award Bidders can complete the services within the time frame required by BCPS.
- 15.2 This contract is to be utilized for projects with an estimated value not exceeding \$300,000. If a project estimate exceeds this threshold, the Office of Purchasing reserves the right to issue a formal solicitation.
- 15.3 BCPS reserves the right to utilize Hourly Labor Rates (Regular, Off Hours, Emergency) submitted by Award Bidder(s) in response to this solicitation for work and for projects that are less than \$30,000.
- 15.4 For projects under \$30,000, BCPS shall reserve the right to obtain in writing, "Request for Quote" (RFQ) from Award Bidder(s). BCPS reserves the right to award the project to the company offering the most favorable quote (as determined by BCPS). It is important to note that the most favorable quote may not be the one offering the lowest price. BCPS may evaluate the quote based on the starting and completion dates provided by the bidders with their quote for that project and the subsequent effect this will have on the school curriculum. Time is of the essence.
- 15.5 For projects exceeding \$30,000, BCPS will obtain in writing, "Request for Quote" (RFQ) from all Award Bidder(s). BCPS reserves the right to award the project to the company offering the most favorable quote (as determined by BCPS). It is important to note that the most favorable quote may not be the one offering the lowest price. BCPS may evaluate the quote based on the starting and completion dates provided by the bidders with their quote for that project and the subsequent effect this will have on the school curriculum. Time is of the essence.
- 15.6 For projects exceeding \$30,000, the cost of performance and payment bonds shall be included in the quote amount. Performance and payment bonds must be submitted to the Project Manager by the RFQ Award Bidder.
- 15.7 The type of "Request for Quote" (RFQ) shall be communicated to Award Bidder(s) by BCPS. Pricing methodology to be utilized by Award Bidder(s) will be specified in writing by BCPS at time of RFQ issuance. Some examples of RFQ types include:
- Not to Exceed
 - Lump Sum/ Firm Fixed Price/Base Bid
 - Cost-plus-fee

- Design-build/Turnkey
- Informational Budget Estimate

- 15.8 BCPS reserves the right as a component of future RFQs, to accept Award Bidder's use of Hourly Labor Rate(s) equal or below those which were submitted in response to this solicitation.
- 15.9 BCPS reserves the right to request that Award Bidder(s) utilize the Hourly Labor Rate(s) submitted in response to this solicitation as a component of the RFQ.
- 15.10 BCPS reserves the right to request that Award Bidder(s) provide breakout costs as an attachment to the RFQ invoice.
- 15.11 Award Bidder(s) will not be paid for visiting a BCPS site to provide RFQ, and/or for any pre-examination of work.
- 15.12 Award Bidder(s) must include contract number on all quotes.
- 15.13 To maintain Award Bidder status, Award Bidder(s) shall respond to EVERY RFQ. If a contractor is unable to provide a quote for ANY reason, they must submit a "NO QUOTE"/"No Bid" response. FAILURE to respond may result in termination of the contract with that Award Bidder.
- 15.14 All RFQ's provided by Award Bidder to BCPS **must** include the contract number.

16.0 Hourly Rates

- 16.1 **"Regular Hourly Labor Rate"** for repair services, installation services, and/or testing services. In effect from 7:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. EST Monday through and including Friday. The rate is for one (1) certified technician, on-site working. Inclusive of all overhead, including but not limited to: driving time to and from the job site, materials, proper disposal, paperwork, salary of employees, and profit. The hourly rate must include overseeing and providing the work. The rate shall not include special equipment rental charges (i.e. aerial lifts, boom lifts, scissor lifts). Award Bidder shall respond as specified and required by BCPS when the request for service is placed. Reference Part II: Specifications—General Requirements, Section 20.0 Response Time, for detailed response time requirements.
- 16.2 **"Regular Hourly Labor Rate – Off Hours"** for repair services, installation services, and/or testing services. In effect Monday through and including Friday from 5:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. EST and Saturday from 7:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. EST. The rate is for one (1) certified technician, on-site working. Inclusive of all overhead, including but not limited to: driving time to and from the job site, materials, proper disposal, paperwork, salary of employees, and profit. The hourly rate must include overseeing and providing the work. The rate shall not include special equipment rental charges (i.e. aerial lifts, boom lifts, scissor lifts). Award Bidder shall respond as specified and required by BCPS when the

request for service is placed. Reference Part II: Specifications–General Requirements, Section 20.0 Response Time, for detailed response time requirements.

- 16.3 **“Emergency Hourly Labor Rate”** for all emergency services. In effect twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Response time shall not be greater than (2) hours (as delineated within Part II: Specifications–General Requirements, Section 20.0 Response Time). The rate is for one (1) certified technician, on-site working. Inclusive of all overhead, including but not limited to: driving time to and from the job site, materials, proper disposal, paperwork, salary of employees, and profit. The hourly rate must include overseeing and providing the work. The rate shall not include special equipment rental charges (i.e. aerial lifts, boom lifts, scissor lifts).
- 16.4 **“Overtime Rate”** is 1.5 times the Regular Hourly Labor Rate and/or the Regular Hourly Labor Rate – Off Hours. Overtime will be paid for hours other than those specified in the Regular Hourly Labor Rate and/or the Regular Hourly Labor Rate – Off Hours. BCPS will not pay any overtime rates unless prior written authorization is received by Award Bidder(s). If overtime is requested by award bidder and approved by BCPS, award bidder may be responsible for paying BCPS custodial coverage fees on-site.
- 16.5 **“Holiday Hours” and/or “Double Time Rate”** are those hours worked on the following days: Christmas Day, New Years Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, July 4th, and Thanksgiving Day. Holiday hours will be paid at the rate of two (2) times the Regular Hourly Labor Rate or the Emergency Hourly Labor Rate.
- 16.6 **“Working Hours”**: are those hours the assigned employees are actually on site working, excluding lunch time and/or breaks.
- 16.7 All hourly labor rates include the cost of consumable materials utilized by Award Bidder to facilitate install and/or for repair services. Some examples of consumable materials shall include, but not be limited to: cable ties, fasteners, tape, tags. BCPS shall not reimburse for any additional materials unless agreed to by BCPS in advance of the work.
- 16.8 BCPS shall not reimburse for travel expenses, or vehicle mileage, nor shall BCPS reimburse for travel time to obtain parts.
- 16.9 BCPS shall not reimburse for cell phone usage.

17.0 **‘Percentage Off List’ Pricing**

- 17.1 All delivery/freight charges, packaging (including pallet), insurance, expenses, and/or overhead shall be included within unit pricing requested by BCPS. When parts/equipment is ordered by BCPS from Award Bidder(s), standard delivery charges shall be included by Award Bidder(s) within line-item pricing. BCPS may pay separate line-item shipping charges **only** when order has been requested by

BCPS to be expedited. Expedited delivery charges must be authorized by BCPS.

- 17.2 Manufacturer discount pricing provided by Bidders shall be for any quantity. No minimum quantity orders and/or shipments are guaranteed.
- 17.3 Manufacturer discount pricing submitted by bidders shall be non-direct, Governmental sales, where bidder is responsible for shipping and invoicing.
- 17.4 BCPS reserves the right to accept additional discount pricing if offered by the Award Bidders for bulk purchases, promotional pricing, and/or downward adjustments to discount pricing offered by manufacturer to Award Bidder(s).
- 17.5 Award Bidder(s) must have capability to accept BCPS Procurement Card (i.e. "VISA") as a method of payment. Bidders are prohibited from charging any additional cost to process orders.
- 17.6 BCPS may require Award Bidder(s) to provide documentation from manufacturer that authenticates actual manufacturer pricing.
- 17.7 Award Bidder(s) will have thirty (30) days prior to the contract anniversary date (Board approval date) to submit a request for an adjustment to each manufacturer discount pricing. If manufacturer represented by Award Bidder(s) issues a 'discount adjustment, BCPS may either accept or reject such on a case-by-case basis. The request must be on Award Bidder's letterhead accompanied by the manufacturer's letter providing a detailed justification for the discount adjustment. The Award Bidder's request must reflect the current discount and the proposed discount.
- 17.8 Award Bidder(s) must notify the Office of Purchasing of any change in discount pricing IN WRITING. Failure to provide all the following will result in the request not being considered.
 1. Provide the Solicitation Number or Contract Number
 2. Provide the existing discount
 3. Provide the new proposed discount. Increases shall be limited to the actual cost increase to the Award Bidder from manufacturer.
 4. Provide the supporting documentation. The Award Bidder shall provide bona-fide manufacturer's documentation reflecting the percentage change. BCPS shall validate the requested percentage adjustment.
- 17.9 Pricing adjustments are NOT automatic. BCPS reserves the right to accept or reject the adjustments within sixty (60) days of receipt of request.
 - .1 If the request is rejected, the contract for that item shall be terminated thirty (30) days from the date of BCPS rejection letter.

- .2 If adjustment request is rejected, BCPS reserves the right to purchase item from the next most favorable responsive and responsible bidder, as the requested adjustment may change the award position. If the next most favorable responsive and responsible bidder(s) does not have material available within the requested timeframe, BCPS reserves the right to purchase from any source.
 - .3 Award Bidder whose price adjustment has been rejected by BCPS shall be granted the right of first refusal, and shall be given an opportunity to match the item pricing of next most favorably ranked responsive and responsible bidder within ten (10) days of receipt of BCPS rejection notification.
- 17.10 BCPS reserves the right to cap pricing adjustments. Increases shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the price for the immediately preceding year.
- 17.11 BCPS reserves the right to decrease pricing, if such downward adjustment is reflected within manufacturer data.

18.0 Delivery

- 18.1 All deliveries shall be **FOB Destination (inside)**.
- 18.2 All deliveries shall be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance by calling the contact person designated on the Purchase Order.
- 18.3 Delivery shall be made Monday through Friday (excluding school holidays) between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. EST. Award Bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that deliveries are made during regular business hours and days.
- 18.4 BCPS requires that all items be delivered within ten (10) business days from receipt of order.
- 18.4.1 Failure of the Award Bidder to deliver within ten (10) business days of receiving an order may result in BCPS canceling the order with the Award Bidder and BCPS ordering the products from the next lowest bidder. The Award Bidder may then be pecuniarily responsible for the difference in cost.
 - 18.4.2 If there are extenuating circumstances, out of the control of the Award Bidder, that would extend the delivery past ten (10) business days, then, the Award Bidder agrees to notify BCPS immediately of these circumstances and to advise of when the delivery shall be made.

- 18.4.3 Award Bidder demonstrating habitual delivery deficiencies will be subject to termination of contract for cause.
- 18.5 Any damaged shipments will be replaced solely at the Award Bidder's expense. This shall include pick-up of damaged product and delivering replacement product. Delivery of replacement product shall be made within three (3) business days from receipt of notification of damage.
- 18.6 All "drop shipments" (direct from a manufacturer or wholesaler) must adhere to the terms specified within this solicitation.
- 18.7 A delivery ticket shall accompany all deliveries. The delivery ticket must include the BCPS purchase order number. Any delivery that does not identify the BCPS purchase order number will be rejected. The Award Bidder shall obtain a signature from BCPS employee on the delivery receipt for all items delivered. The supplier will be required to furnish proof of delivery in case of dispute.
- 18.8 It is the Bidder's responsibility to have material available for BCPS to pick up at a location within fifty (50) miles from the Baltimore County Public Schools, 9610 Pulaski Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21220. The determination of the mileage shall be obtained through on-line Internet tools, such as <http://maps.yahoo.com/> or <http://www.mapquest.com/> based upon the address provided by Bidder.
- 18.9 BCPS shall not pay restocking fee for any returned product.

19.0 Substitutions

- 19.1. Where a specific manufacturer or trade name is designated, it is to establish a standard of material, design function, finish, and quality. Only products of the named acceptable manufacturers and "or equal" (in quality, accessories, and attachments) shall be utilized.
- 19.2 The Award Bidder shall be responsible for determining what model or product of the acceptable manufacturer meets the specified standards. Other products which will perform equally the duties imposed by the general design will be considered providing submittal for substitutions is in strict accordance with requirements as indicated within the technical specifications of this solicitation.
- 19.3 All equipment and replacement components shall be new and unused. BCPS shall approve make and or model of replacement parts utilized.

20.0 Equipment

- 20.1 All equipment required to perform standard/typical work under this contract shall be owned by the Award Bidder and shall be normally available on the dispatched vehicle. BCPS shall not reimburse Award Bidder for equipment rental charges that are considered standard/typical equipment for services provided under this contract.

- 20.2 All equipment of the Award Bidder shall be in good working condition and shall conform to required safety standards.
- 20.3 The Award Bidder(s) shall NOT utilize rental equipment without the expressed prior consent of BCPS. Use of rental equipment prior to obtaining the expressed prior written consent of BCPS shall result in termination of the contract for cause.
- 20.4 Use of BCPS equipment is prohibited.
- 20.5 BCPS shall direct Award Bidder(s) as to the appropriate equipment, parts, and supplies that should be maintained on dispatched vehicles upon official signing of the contract after the Board of Education of Baltimore County's approval. It is understood that Award Bidders who have not dealt with BCPS in the past may need more direction than those Award Bidders who have provided service to BCPS in the past.

21.0 Response Time

21.1 Regular Service Calls:

- .1 Regular service requests shall be made in writing by BCPS and shall document the required service and time parameters for response. Response time shall be as specified and required by BCPS when the request for regular service is placed. BCPS may first notify Award Bidder via phone call; however, all requests for regular service shall be delineated in writing by BCPS.
- .2 Physical response times by Award Bidder for regular service calls shall not exceed seventy-two (72) hours from when request is made by BCPS. In some instances, BCPS may require a response time that exceeds the seventy-two (72) hour requirement. BCPS will make any such request in writing.
- .3 Notwithstanding the aforementioned above (".3"), a typical regular service call will provide the Award Bidder with a twenty-four (24) hour window of time in which to mobilize technicians.
- .4 Award Bidder is to physically show up at the site and perform services as required at the Regular Hourly Labor Rate at the time and/or day the service is requested and/or required by BCPS.
- .5 BCPS shall notify Award Bidder in writing if service request must be cancelled.

- 21.2 Award Bidder(s) is guaranteed a minimum of one (1) hour on site for each regular and/or off- hour service call.

- 21.3 If Award Bidder fails to meet the response times herein specified, the Award Bidder will issue an invoice credit to BCPS. Such credit shall be based on the Award Bidder's hourly labor rate. For example, the Award Bidder was scheduled to commence services (regular service call) at 1:00 P.M. and the certified technician does not physically show up at the BCPS site until 1:30 P.M. The Award Bidder's Regular Hourly Labor Rate is \$50. The credit amount would be \$25. Credits owed to BCPS shall be reflected in the next billing cycle following the event. Failure to respond within timeframe requested at time of placing service call may result in termination of the contract for cause with that Award Bidder.
- 21.4 Award Bidder(s) must make every effort to expedite any and, all repairs in accordance with set time limits. Where limits may need to be exceeded, any deviations shall be verified and approved in advance by BCPS. The Award Bidder will notify BCPS Department of Facilities Management in writing of any delays in repairs which exceed the above set time limits. Excessive delays in repairs which cannot be explained by the Award Bidder to the satisfaction of BCPS, will be considered as unsatisfactory service under the terms of the contract. Any excessive number of instances of unsatisfactory service, as determined by BCPS, will be cause for BCPS to consider the Award Bidder in default and the contract terminated for cause.

22.0 Warranty

- 22.1 The Award Bidder shall unconditionally guarantee the materials and workmanship of all equipment and materials furnished by the Award Bidder, its subcontractors or suppliers for a period of at least two (2) year from the date of acceptance of the installation by BCPS. If the manufacturer warrants equipment for a period longer than two years, the Award Bidder shall pass through this time frame to BCPS.
- 22.2 All warranty work shall be done within seventy-two (72) hours of notification of the work to be done.
- 22.3 Award Bidder shall not charge BCPS for any repeat visit for the same problem occurring within thirty (30) days of the original visit.

23.0 Hazardous Material Information

- 23.1 No new, replacement or restoration materials shall contain asbestos or asbestiform minerals in an amount greater than 0.0% as determined by polarized light microscopy (PLM) as prescribed in Federal Regulation 40 CFR 763.87. For materials that are tightly bound (e.g. floor tile, roofing asphalt and felts, adhesive/mastic, caulk, glaze, etc.) and for which PLM analysis is not conclusive, transmission electron microscopy must be used for analysis. If no commercially available material meets this criterion, written authorization for use of the material shall be obtained from the BCPS Project Manager. All materials delivered to or

used on BCPS property must be accompanied by a manufacturer's certification to be asbestos free, based upon criterion above. The Material Safety Data Sheet may not be used for this purpose.

- 23.2 No new, replacement or restoration materials shall contain lead in an amount greater than 0.00 milligrams per liter or 0.00 milligrams per kilogram. If no commercially available material meets either criterion, written authorization for use of the material shall be obtained from the BCPS Project Manager.
- 23.3 Award Bidder(s) shall not be responsible for performing any asbestos abatement services. BCPS will have all asbestos containing material abated prior to commencement of work by Award Bidder(s). Award Bidder(s) will not initiate any work which will disturb any asbestos containing material. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in termination of the contract for cause.
- 23.4 Building materials in BCPS facilities may contain asbestos and/or lead paint. To prevent contamination or exposure, no work shall be performed by Award Bidder(s) that would disturb any building material(s). This shall include, but not be limited to the following activities: cutting, drilling and/or moving ceiling tiles. Award Bidder(s) shall notify the BCPS Project Manager in writing as soon as it is known that approval will be needed for a specific activity. BCPS shall respond to Award Bidder(s) request in writing to approve or deny the specific activity.

24.0 Occupancy Requirements

- 24.1 Full BCPS Occupancy: BCPS will occupy the site and existing building during the entire work period. The Award Bidder(s) shall cooperate with BCPS during the work to minimize conflicts and facilitate BCPS usage. To the satisfaction of the school, the Award Bidder is to move and/or protect all school equipment, furnishings and occupied areas from work-related debris and noise. The Award Bidder shall perform the work so as not to interfere with BCPS operations. The Award Bidder is aware that this work shall be performed on school grounds, where students, staff, and parents will be present and is responsible for maintaining a safe clean worksite.
- 24.2 Use of Premises:
 - .1 Limit use of premises to work in areas indicated. Confine operations to areas within contract limits indicated. Do not disturb portions of the site beyond the areas in which the Work is indicated.
 - .2 Keep driveways and entrances serving the premises clear and available to BCPS, BCPS's employees and emergency vehicles at all times. Do not use these areas for parking or storage of materials.
 - .3 Award Bidder is responsible for all clean up related to their work. The school's custodial staff is not responsible for cleaning debris left from the Award Bidder's work.

- .4 The Award Bidder shall protect all BCPS property, materials, equipment, improvements, utilities, structures, and vegetation, at all times during the contract. Any property or incidentals damaged during the term of the contract must be repaired or replaced by Award Bidder to the satisfaction of BCPS.
 - .5 Deliveries of equipment and other materials must be done with the Award Bidder present and stored on site as indicated by the Department of Facilities Management. Equipment and material shall not be delivered to the site prior to their installation, unless approved by the Department of Facilities Management.
 - .6 Award Bidder(s) must not sound alarm devices during regular class hours, unless authorized by BCPS.
 - .7 Award Bidder(s) must comply with specific considerations in regard to the sounding of alarm devices for BCPS sites that serve students who have multiple disabilities. BCPS liaison shall provide direction to Award Bidder(s) in regard to required special provisions for these sites (Reference "Attachment A: BCPS Sites").
- 24.3 Failure to become familiar with the site will not relieve a successful bidder of his obligation to furnish all materials, labor, and services necessary to carry out the provisions of the plans and specifications and to complete the contemplated Work for the consideration set forth in his bid.

25.0 Professionalism

- 25.1 BCPS requires all work to be completed utilizing "Professional Workmanship". BCPS will very closely monitor and examine the services provided and will only accept a "Professional Workmanship". The following will be considered some reasons for immediate termination of a company:
- 25.1.1 Failure of the Award Bidder to have the required materials and equipment with them to execute a project without undue delay to leave the project and pick up supplies and/or equipment. BCPS reserves the right to bring in any other contractor in order to complete work that is not completed in a timely fashion.
 - 25.1.2 Failure of the Award Bidder to mobilize certified technicians to provide an adequate response for simultaneous/multiple site emergencies.
 - 25.1.3 Failure of the Award Bidder to have all personnel sign into and out of the main office of any school, whenever that school's office is open.
 - 25.1.4 Failure of the Award Bidder to utilize qualified personnel to do the work for BCPS sites. The individuals doing the work at the BCPS sites shall:

1. be on the "list" of assigned employees being utilized by that Award Bidder for work on any BCPS site.
 2. be properly trained and experienced to perform services as specified.
 3. refrain from any comments and/or gestures to the students and/or staff; and, refrain from making any comments and/or gestures to fellow workers that could be interpreted as inappropriate and/or obscene.
 4. be dressed appropriately to work in a "school environment" with student, teacher, staff, and parents present. The assigned employee shall prominently display the name of their company on a shirt and/or hat.
 5. abide by the BCPS no smoking and alcohol policy. BCPS maintains a Tobacco-Free environment. Furthermore, BCPS policy prohibits gambling, alcohol, drugs and obscene/abusive language.
- 25.2 Immediate termination of a company for not providing "Professional Workmanship" as determined by BCPS, using criteria determined by BCPS and not necessarily industry standards, shall result in:
- 25.2.1 Award Bidder being paid for all work completed to date. Any monies required to complete the repairs and/or installations in progress shall be deducted from those owed, prior to final payment. In the event the monies due exceed the amount BCPS owes that Award Bidder, the monies required to complete services in progress shall be owed BCPS by that Award Bidder.
- 25.2.2 Award Bidder being unable to bid any BCPS project for up to twelve (12) months from the date of termination.

26.0 Background Checks and Fingerprinting Requirements

- 26.1 BCPS requires that all Award Bidder(s) personnel assigned under this contract, who will be accessing any BCPS property, must comply with BCPS background check and fingerprinting requirements.
- 26.2 All Award Bidder(s) personnel assigned under this contract working on BCPS property are required to be fingerprinted by the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System, or by an authorized private provider acceptable to BCPS (BCPS must give authorization in writing). The fingerprint-based background check must be "for childcare." The cost will be borne by the Award Bidder(s) and all records sent directly to BCPS for final review and approval. BCPS reserves

the right to reject the Award Bidder(s) employees based on information received from said background investigations. In accordance with Md. Ed. Code Ann., § 6-113 (b), the contractor shall not knowingly assign any employee to work on school premises if the employee has been convicted of a crime identified in Md. Ed. Code Ann., § 6-113 (a).

- 26.3 Award Bidder(s) personnel assigned under this contract who have unsupervised, uncontrolled or direct access to children or who are assigned duties in a school where unsupervised contact with children is likely are required to have a complete fingerprint-based background check at BCPS's direction, which could include fingerprinting conducted by its in-house fingerprint Award Bidder(s) or at a site chosen by BCPS. The cost will be borne by the Award Bidder(s) and all records will remain in the custody of BCPS. In accordance with Md. Ed. Code Ann., § 6-113 (b), the contractor shall not knowingly assign any employee to work on school premises if the employee has been convicted of a crime identified in Md. Ed. Code Ann., § 6-113 (a).
- 26.4 Maryland Law requires certain child sex offenders to register with the State and with the local law enforcement agency in the county in which they will reside, work and/or attend school. Section 11-722© of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland states, "[a] person who enters into a contract with a County Board of Education or a non-public school may not knowingly employ an individual to work at a school if the individual is a registrant. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both." If a child sex offender, sexually violent predator, or sex offender, as defined in the Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Articles of the Annotated Code of Maryland, is employed by the Award Bidder(s), the Award Bidder(s) is prohibited from assigning that employee to perform management, delivery, installation, repair, construction or any other type of services on any BCPS property, including the project property. Violation of this provision may result in immediate Termination for Cause.
- 26.5 Additionally, in accordance with Md. Ed. Code Ann., §6-113 (b), the Award Bidder(s) and any of its subcontractors will not knowingly assign any employee to work on school premises with direct, unsupervised and uncontrolled access to children, if that employee has been convicted of a crime identified in Md. Ed. Code Ann., §6-113(a).
- 26.6 Please visit this link [[Fingerprinting - Division of Human Resources \(bcps.org\)](https://www.bcps.org/fingerprinting)] to obtain instructions on background checks and fingerprinting.

27.0 Subcontractors

The Award Bidder(s) shall NOT utilize the services of any subcontractor without the expressed prior consent of BCPS. Use of a subcontractor prior to obtaining the expressed prior written consent of BCPS shall result in immediate termination of the contract for cause.

28.0 Interruption of Service

- 28.1 Planned interruption of telephone, security alarm, and/or fire alarm service under this contract shall be coordinated with BCPS Department of Facilities Management at least five (5) business days in advance of the expected occurrence.
- 28.2 Schools and/or Offices will require a temporary electric power source, during any interruption, to maintain the security system, fire alarm system and telephone system.
- 28.3 This temporary power shall be available and maintained by the Award Bidder(s) until power/service is restored.
- 28.4 If an on-site generator is provided by Award Bidder, an Award Bidder assigned employee shall also be on site 24 hours per day until power is restored.
- 28.5 Award Bidder(s) shall be responsible for repairing accidental interruption(s) of utilities, caused by the Award Bidder, at the Award Bidder's expense.

29.0 Permits

Award Bidder(s) shall make application for permits, as required for the work under this contract. BCPS shall reimburse Award Bidder(s) for the direct cost of application fee, as required for the work under this contract. Award Bidder is required to schedule inspections by Baltimore County Public Works and/or other State/Local agencies as required and is responsible to meet or exceed all codes.

30.0 Applicable Standards and Guidelines

- 30.1 Award Bidder(s) shall assume full responsibility and liability for the compliance with all applicable federal/state/county laws, regulations, standards, licensing requirements and patented systems pertaining to all work practices.
- 30.2 All work is to be handled in complete compliance with OSHA and MOSHA requirements. Every effort is to be made to ensure the safety of all individuals during work, as well as, during operation.
- 30.3 Award Bidder(s) shall assume full responsibility and liability for the protection of workers, visitors to the work site and persons occupying areas adjacent to the work site.
- 30.4 Award Bidder(s) shall have available, copies of all applicable codes, regulations, standards, documents and this specification.

- 30.5 Where conflicts among the requirements of the codes, regulations, standards, documents and this specification exist, the most stringent requirement shall be utilized by the Award Bidder(s).

31.0 Invoicing and Payment

Award Bidder(s) shall submit Original Invoice (include all Work Tickets related to invoice) to FacAcct@bcps.org, and to a pre-approved BCPS liaison. Award Bidder(s) shall invoice BCPS within thirty (30) days after the completion date and the invoice shall contain the following:

1. BCPS Purchase Order Number, Work Order Number, Release Number, Name of Facility.
2. Award Bidder's Invoice number, Invoice date, Completion date
3. All labor rates shall be paid in one half (1/2) hour increments after the first full hour. Labor rates should be itemized with date of service, total number of "working" hours, labor rate, and a subtotal of labor costs.
4. A total reimbursement amount for all material. Attach an itemized listing which includes the approved materials provided and installed. Materials shall be priced at the Award Bidders cost (including tax) plus 15% markup. Proof of cost by receipt, for materials over \$100, must accompany the invoice, unless approved otherwise by BCPS. The formulas for the Award Bidder's Cost of materials Reimbursement Amount is as follows:

Award Bidder's Cost of materials = (Price of item) plus (Applicable Taxes)

Reimbursement Amount = (1.15) times (Award Bidder's cost of materials)

Note: Cost of part(s) shall include all applicable manufacturer discounts and rebates.

5. If multiple facilities are listed on one invoice, charges must be listed separately for each facility where work was performed.
6. Service Ticket(s) attached to invoice. Assigned employee names and the number of hours each assigned employee worked on site must be listed. Date(s) of service shall be included, which must correspond to the sign in/out sheet located in the school office.
7. Total dollar amount due.
8. BCPS will not pay for rented or leased equipment fees in addition to the hourly rate quoted, unless, approved specifically by the designated BCPS liaison, in advance of their use. All freight charges, packaging (including pallets) shall be included within unit pricing requested by BCPS. BCPS may pay separate line item shipping charges only when the order has been requested by BCPS to be expedited. Expedited delivery charges must be authorized in advance by BCPS.

BCPS shall not reimburse for: travel expenses, vehicle mileage, phone usage, or traveling to pickup parts (Reference: Part II, Section 15.0 Hourly Rates).

9. The Award Bidder(s) are to have an invoice format approved by BCPS.
10. Only one invoice shall be submitted per BCPS Work Order unless authorized by the BCPS representative.

32. Contract Kick-Off Meeting

After the Board of Education of Baltimore County has approved the contract and upon receipt of the signed contract and certificate of insurance from the Award Bidder(s), the Office of Purchasing will arrange a **mandatory** Contract Kick-Off Meeting. The intent of the meeting is to review/discuss the contract terms and conditions and all the requirements in the performance of this contract. A Microsoft Teams link will be provided by the Purchasing Agent for your attendance.

END OF PART II: SPECIFICATIONS--GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SOLICITATION NUMBER: NTA-521-23

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF PURCHASING

6901 CHARLES STREET, BUILDING "E", 1ST FLOOR
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
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PART III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1.0 General Scope & Services

The specifications that follow are being offered to qualify and select contractor(s) to provide skilled, certified, licensed electricians to perform, repairs (regular and/or emergency), installation, modifications, upgrades, inspections and preventive maintenance to exterior and interior electrical systems and components at various locations (approximately 200 schools and offices) for Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS). The Award Bidder(s) shall furnish: all supervision, tools, consumable materials, parts, equipment, and labor necessary to complete repairs and maintain systems. Services shall be performed in accordance with this contract, the appropriate commercial practices, and/or specifications and drawings, and with all governing safety and fire code regulations.

2.0 Typical Installation

- 2.1 All equipment shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) and the National Fire Alarm Code (NFPA 72), and other contract and code requirements.
- 2.2 The equipment supplier's technician shall supervise location and actual installation of all equipment and final wiring connections, and shall perform all final testing, tuning, and adjusting to make the system operable.
- 2.3 Award Bidder shall provide 120 volt power as required.
- 2.4 Award Bidder shall provide 12 or 24 volt DC power supplies as needed to maintain DC power requirement of the system.

3.0 Technical Installation Guidelines

- A. Comply with NECA 1 for application of hangers and supports for electrical equipment and systems, except if requirements in this Section are stricter.
- B. Support spacings in NECA 1, Table 1, in first paragraph below are more detailed and specific and generally more strict than those permitted by NFPA 70 for EMT, IMC, and RMC. Edit to suit Project, and consider retaining reference to NECA table for critical projects and for those subject to seismic design requirements.

- C. Maximum Support Spacing and Minimum Hanger Rod Size for Raceway: Space supports for EMT required by NFPA 70. Minimum rod size shall be 1/4 inch (6 mm) in diameter.
- D. Multiple Raceways or Cables: Install trapeze-type supports fabricated with steel slotted or other support system, sized so capacity can be increased by at least 25 percent in future without exceeding specified design load limits.
- E. Secure raceways and cables to these supports with two-bolt conduit clamps.
- F. Spring-steel clamps designed for supporting single conduits without bolts may be used for 1-1/2-inch (38-mm) and smaller raceways serving branch circuits and communication systems above suspended ceilings and for fastening raceways to trapeze supports.

3.1 SUPPORT INSTALLATION

- A. Comply with NECA 1 for installation requirements, except as specified in this Solicitation.
- B. Raceway Support Methods: In addition to methods described in NECA 1, EMT may be supported by openings through structure members, as permitted in NFPA 70.
- C. Strength of Support Assemblies: Where not indicated, select sizes of components so strength will be adequate to carry present and future static loads within specified loading limits. Minimum static design load used for strength determination shall be weight of supported components plus 200 lb (90 kg).
- D. Mounting and Anchorage of Surface-Mounted Equipment and Components: Anchor and fasten electrical items and their supports to building structural elements by the following methods unless otherwise indicated by code:

To Wood: Fasten with lag screws or through bolts.

To Masonry: Approved toggle-type bolts on hollow masonry units and expansion anchor fasteners on solid masonry units.

To Existing Concrete: Expansion anchor fasteners. Instead of expansion anchors, powder-actuated driven threaded studs provided with lock washers and nuts may be used in existing standard-weight concrete 4 inches (100 mm) thick or greater. Do not use for anchorage to lightweight-aggregate concrete or for slabs less than 4 inches (100 mm) thick.

To Steel: Beam clamps (MSS Type 19, 21, 23, 25, or 27) complying with MSS SP-69.

To Light Steel: Sheet metal screws.

- E. Drill holes for expansion anchors in concrete at locations and to depths that avoid reinforcing bars.

3.2 CONDUCTOR AND INSULATION APPLICATIONS

- A. Concealed Branch Circuits in Ceilings and Walls: Type THHN-THWN, single conductors in raceway with flexible "Greenfield" connections to light fixtures. Greenfield flexible conduit shall not exceed 6 feet in length when making connections to light fixture(s).
- B. Exposed Branch Circuits: Type THHN-THWN, single conductors in EMT raceway.

3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Conceal cables in finished walls, ceilings, and floors, unless otherwise indicated.
- B. Use manufacturer-approved pulling compound or lubricant where necessary; compound used must not deteriorate conductor or insulation. Do not exceed manufacturer's recommended maximum pulling tensions and sidewall pressure values.
- C. Use pulling means, including fish tape, cable, rope, and basket-weave wire/cable grips, that will not damage cables or raceway.
- D. Install exposed cables parallel and perpendicular to surfaces of exposed structural members, and follow surface contours where possible.

3.4 CONNECTIONS

- A. Tighten electrical connectors and terminals according to manufacturer's published torque-tightening values. If manufacturer's torque values are not indicated, use those specified in UL 486A and UL 486B.
- B. Make splices and taps that are compatible with conductor material and that possess equivalent or better mechanical strength and insulation ratings than unspliced conductors.

3.5 RACEWAY APPLICATION

- A. Exposed: EMT.
- B. Concealed: EMT.
- C. Boxes and Enclosures: NEMA 250, Type 1, except as follows:
- D. Select one of two options in subparagraph below; add other specific box and enclosure requirements to suit Project.
- E. Minimum Raceway Size: 3/4-inch trade size (DN 21).
- F. Raceway Fittings: Compatible with raceways and suitable for use and location.

3.6 INSTALLATION

- A. Keep raceways at least 6 inches (150 mm) away from parallel runs of flues and steam or hot-water pipes. Install horizontal raceway runs above water and steam piping.
- B. Complete raceway installation before starting conductor installation.
- C. Install temporary closures to prevent foreign matter from entering raceways.
- D. Make bends and offsets so ID is not reduced. Keep legs of bends in the same plane and keep straight legs of offsets parallel, unless otherwise indicated.
- E. Conceal conduit and EMT within finished walls, ceilings, and floors, unless otherwise indicated.
- F. Install concealed raceways with a minimum of bends in the shortest practical distance, considering type of building construction and obstructions, unless otherwise indicated.
- G. Install exposed raceways parallel or at right angles to nearby surfaces or structural members and follow surface contours as much as possible.
- H. Run parallel or banked raceways together on common supports.
- I. Make parallel bends in parallel or banked runs. Use factory elbows only where elbows can be installed parallel; otherwise, provide field bends for parallel raceways.

- J. Join raceways with fittings designed and approved for that purpose and make joints tight.
- K. Insulating bushings exceed code requirements.
- L. Use insulating bushings to protect conductors.
- M. Tighten set screws of threadless fittings with suitable tools.
- N. Terminations: Where raceways are terminated with locknuts and bushings, align raceways to enter squarely and install locknuts with dished part against box. Use two locknuts, one inside and one outside box. Where raceways are terminated with threaded hubs, screw raceways or fittings tightly into hub so end bears against wire protection shoulder. Where chase nipples are used, align raceways so coupling is square to box; tighten chase nipple so no threads are exposed.
- O. Install pull wires in empty raceways. Use polypropylene or monofilament plastic line with not less than 200-lb (90-kg) tensile strength. Leave at least 12 inches (300 mm) of slack at each end of pull wire.
- P. Flexible Connections: Use maximum of 72 inches (1830 mm) of flexible conduit for recessed and semi recessed lighting fixtures; for equipment subject to vibration, noise transmission, or movement; and for all motors. Install separate ground conductor across flexible connections.

3.7 PROTECTION

- A. Provide final protection and maintain conditions that ensure coatings, finishes, and cabinets are without damage or deterioration.
- B. Repair damage to galvanized finishes with zinc-rich paint recommended by manufacturer.

3.8 CLEANING

After completing installation of exposed, factory-finished raceways and boxes, inspect exposed finishes and repair damaged finishes.

4.0 Journeyman: Definition

Basic Function: Performs tasks and scheduled assignments to ensure that projects/tasks are skillfully executed. Journeyman shall possess at least five (5) years of specialized trade experience and/or maintain current certifications within

their specialty. Journeyman shall be trained/trainable, qualified and knowledgeable within their trade.

Essential Duties: Responds to customer service calls and performs duties as required. Coordinates with other specialty trades and/or contractors at job site as required. Completes and submits written service orders and reports covering all aspects of each assignment and activity. Completes and submits

timesheets and other necessary information as agreed and needed. Other duties as assigned.

5.0 Apprentice: Definition

Basic Function: Performs tasks and scheduled assignments within a specialized trade as requested by BCPS and directed by supervisor/journeyman. Apprentice shall be trainable and striving to achieve official certification within his/her specific trade.

Essential Duties: Responds to customer service calls with Journeyman and performs duties as required/directed. Coordinates with other specialty trades and/or contractors at job site as required. Other duties as assigned.

END OF PART III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Division of Support Services

Office of Purchasing

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SECTION 004000 "FORM OF PROPOSAL"

Bidders shall complete and return all the following forms with their bid.
(*except this form)

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SECTION 004000 - FORM OF PROPOSAL

DATE: _____

SOLICITATION TITLE: ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, REPAIRS, UPGRADES, PARTS
AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

BCPS BID NUMBER: NTA-521-23

BID SUBMITTED BY: _____
(Company Name as reflected on your company's W-9 Form)

SUBMITTED TO: Please follow the instructions within the Solicitation Documents for
Bid Submission.

As the duly authorized representative of the firm, I hereby declare that I have carefully examined the Part I: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, PART II: SPECIFICATIONS--GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, PART III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS and all addenda issued. I have received clarification on all items upon which any doubt arose, understand that all these form a part of the contract. The undersigned hereby agrees to furnish all services, equipment, components, accessories and/or software as required and specified.

(Signature of Bidder) (Date)

PRICE PROPOSAL - INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) **BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT PRICING FOR EVERY "ITEM" CONTAINED WITHIN THIS FORM OF PROPOSAL.**
- 2) **BIDDERS NOT RESPONDING TO EVERY "ITEM" SHALL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- 3) **Bidders are invited to provide "Percentage off" discount pricing for electrical materials, parts, equipment, supplies, and/or accessories that are typically utilized by commercial customers similar to BCPS.** Bidders may provide as an attachment to this proposal the "Percentage off" discount pricing listing. Such listing should be formatted as instructed below:

List the name of the manufacturer, followed by the discount percentage.

For example: Square D 40%

DO NOT provide "percentage off" discount pricing that would increase cost above the most recent manufacturer price. **DO NOT** provide "percentage off" discount pricing of 0%.

Do not alter the proposal pages. Bidders that alter the proposal pages may be deemed non-responsive.

If a Bid amount contains contradictory terms, handwritten terms prevail over typewritten terms, and words prevail over numbers. The dollar amount expressed in words shall govern.

(Signature of Bidder)

(Date)

PRICE PROPOSAL PAGE

ITEM GROUP 1 – JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN HOURLY RATES

ITEM 1A: **“REGULAR HOURLY LABOR RATE”** for one (1) Journeyman Electrician:

ITEM 1A BID: \$_____ (IN DOLLARS)

ITEM 1A BID: _____ (IN WRITING)

ITEM 1B: **“REGULAR HOURLY LABOR RATE – OFF HOURS”** for one (1) Journeyman Electrician:

ITEM 1B BID: \$_____ (IN DOLLARS)

ITEM 1B BID: _____ (IN WRITING)

(Signature of Bidder) (Date)

ITEM GROUP 2 – APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN HOURLY RATES

ITEM 2A: **“REGULAR HOURLY LABOR RATE”** for one (1) Apprentice Electrician:

ITEM 2A BID: \$_____ (IN DOLLARS)

ITEM 2A BID: _____ (IN WRITING)

ITEM 2B: **“REGULAR HOURLY LABOR RATE – OFF HOURS”** for one (1) Apprentice Electrician:

ITEM 2B BID: \$_____ (IN DOLLARS)

ITEM 2B BID: _____ (IN WRITING)

ITEM 3: PERCENTAGE MARK-UP:

ITEM 3 BID: \$_____ (IN PERCENTAGE)

ITEM 3 BID: _____ (IN WRITING)

**NOTE: The percentage mark-up provided within ITEM 3 above shall not exceed 15%.
Reference Part II, Section 31.0 Invoicing and Payment, "4".**

(Signature of Bidder) (Date)

ELECTRICIAN FORM:

- 1. Complete and return this form with your bid. Do not provide the information on any other form or paper. Make as many copies of this form as needed to accommodate all employees who may be used for BCPS projects.
- 2. Provide the name, position (title) and date of hire for each worker on staff as a full time, not contractual employee. Bidders are required to submit minimum of five (5) Journeyman Electricians and a minimum of two (2) Apprentice Electricians.

EMPLOYEE #1	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #2	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #3	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #4	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #5	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #6	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #7	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #8	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #9	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire
EMPLOYEE #10	_____	_____
	Name/Title of Worker	Date of hire

I affirm that the above are full time, properly trained, experienced, and qualified employees and not part time, contractual, or temporary employees, and that the Bidder agrees that these are the only employees to be used for work at BCPS sites.

(Signature of Bidder) (Date)

REFERENCES

List at least 3 references (preferably school systems) -- one may be with BCPS, customers of your organization over the last three (3) years. References--should include items of similar scope and size for which your firm has provided service. Make additional copies of this page if necessary.

Reference #1

 Customer/Client Name

 Description of Product or Services Provided to Customer/Client

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Representatives Name	Representative's Phone #	Fax Number	Email

Reference #2

 Customer/Client Name

 Description of Product or Services Provided to Customer/Client

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Representatives Name	Representative's Phone #	Fax Number	Email

Reference #3

 Customer/Client Name

 Description of Product or Services Provided to Customer/Client

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Representatives Name	Representative's Phone #	Fax Number	Email

 (Signature of Bidder) (Date)

ADDENDA

(If applicable) Please complete and return with your bid response.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of the following addenda to this solicitation.

Addendum #1 - Date Issued _____

Addendum #2 - Date Issued _____

Addendum #3 - Date Issued _____

Addendum #4 - Date Issued _____

Signature

Title

Supplier Name

PROPOSAL SHEET

- _____
I / We certify that to the best of my/our knowledge, that neither this firm, nor any of its officers, directors to partners nor any of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts with Federal, State or Local Agencies have been found in violation or attempting to violate procurement articles of the Annotated Code of Maryland (S.F. Section 16.202).
- _____
I / We certify that this bid is made without any previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a bid for the same supplies, materials, and equipment, and (contracted) services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.
- _____
I / We certify that all material and equipment bid by this firm, to be supplied to the Baltimore County Public Schools meets all safety and health standards as prescribed by the rules and regulations of the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act (MOSHA). MOSHA STANDARDS 29 CFR 1910.
- _____
I / We certify that all materials delivered to, and/or used or brought on to BCPS property is accompanied by a manufacturer's certification verifying/confirming item(s) to be "asbestos free."
- _____
I / We certify that this firm adheres to or follows non-discriminatory practices with respect to the employment or promotion of personnel without regard to color, creed, race, sex, or national origin.
- _____
I / We propose to furnish, package, mark, and deliver to the Baltimore County Public Schools, the supplies, materials or equipment as required in the accompanying specifications at the unit prices indicated.
- _____
I / We certify that this firm is aware of and adheres to Section 11-722(c) of the Criminal Procedure Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and, Md. Ed. Code Ann., §6-113.

Is your company a certified Minority Business Enterprise with the State of Maryland? ____ Yes ____ No MDOT # _____

Please indicate which group qualifies the business as a Minority Business Enterprise:

(African American) (Alaskan Native) (Asian) (Women) (Hispanic) (American Indian) (Physical or Mental Disabled Individual)

Is your business located within Baltimore County, Maryland? ____ Yes ____ No

As the duly authorized representative of the bidder and having the legal authority to make this proposal, I hereby declare that I have carefully examined Terms, Conditions, Requirements, Specifications and Drawings (including all Addenda), forming a part of the Contract and agree to furnish all permits, inspections, labor, equipment, and materials to complete work as specified for the price as indicated for the Baltimore County Public Schools. **PLEASE LIST COMPANY'S LEGAL NAME AND INCLUDE D/B/A IF APPLICABLE.**

Company: _____

Federal Tax ID (EIN): _____ (Required)

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Typed Name/Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Date _____

e-mail: _____

Additional Company Representative (Required):

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

STATE OF MARYLAND ANTI-BRIBERY AFFIDAVIT

I HEREBY CERTIFY that

1. I am the _____ and the duly authorized representative of the firm
of _____ who 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.
2. Except as described in paragraph 3 below, neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, the above firm, nor any of its officers, directors, or partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts with the State or any county, bi-county, or multi-county agency, or subdivision of the State have been convicted of, or have pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, or have during the course of official investigation or other proceeding admitted in writing or under oath acts or omissions committed after July 1, 1997, which constitute bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the provisions of Article 27 of the Annotated code of Maryland or under the laws of any state or federal government.
3. (State "none" or, as appropriate, list any conviction, please, or admission described in paragraph 2 above, with the date; court, official, or administrative body; and the sentence or disposition, if any.)

I acknowledge that this affidavit is to be furnished to the requesting agency, to the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning of Maryland, and, where appropriate, to the Board of Public Works and the Attorney General under 16-202, S.F. of the Annotated Code of Maryland. I acknowledge that if the representations set forth in this affidavit are not true and correct, the State may terminate any contract awarded and take any other appropriate action. I further acknowledge that I am executing this affidavit in compliance with 16-203, S.F. of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that certain persons who have been convicted or have admitted to bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe may be disqualified, either by operation of law or after a hearing, from entering into contracts with the State or any of its agencies or subdivisions.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct.

Witness_____
Signature_____
Date**STATE OF MARYLAND TAX CERTIFICATION**

At the time a bid or proposal for a State procurement contract of \$10,000 or more is submitted, the bidder or offeror shall certify to the procurement officer that the bidder or offeror has paid all taxes, unemployment insurance contribution, reimbursement payments, and interest not barred by limitations and payable to the comptroller, the Department of Assessments and Taxation or the Department of Economic and Employment Development or has provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection; and if the bidder or offeror is a vendor of tangible personal property, the bidder or offeror possesses a valid sales and use tax license under Title 11, Subtitle 7 of the Tax - General Article.

I acknowledge that this certificate is to be furnished to the requesting agency, and to the Comptroller of the Treasury, Sales and Use Tax Division under 13-222, S.F. of the Annotated Code of Maryland. I acknowledge that, if the representations set forth in this certificate are not true and correct, the State may terminate any contract awarded and take any other appropriate action.

BIDDERS SHALL PROVIDE STATE OF MARYLAND TAX CERTIFICATION NUMBER ON THE LINE DIRECTLY BELOW:

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this certificate are true and correct.

Witness_____
Signature_____
Date_____
Name/Title (please type or print)_____
Name/Title (please type or print)_____
Date

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING U.S. GOVERNMENT DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR, part 85, Section 85.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988, Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

(1) The prospective participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statement in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name and Title of Authorized Agency/Organization Representative

Signature

Date

Agency/Organization

*Above certification instituted by the U.S. Department of Education for all grantees and sub grantees as of fiscal year 1990.

Baltimore County Public Schools
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AFFIDAVIT

____ **N/A** *If the bidder firm is not an SBE, then mark the blank, and do not complete any further.*

The undersigned does hereby make the following Affidavit. I affirm that my company or I am a Small Business Enterprise (SBE). A Small Business is a for-profit business, other than a broker, that meets the following criteria:

1. it is independently owned and operated;
2. it is not a subsidiary of another business;
3. it is not dominant in its field of operation;
4. its wholesale operations did not employ more than 50 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$4,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years
5. its retail operations did not employ more than 25 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$3,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years
6. its manufacturing operations did not employ more than 100 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$2,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years
7. its service operations did not employ more than 100 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$10,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years; and
8. its construction operations did not employ more than 50 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$7,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years
9. its architectural and engineering operations did not employ more than 100 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$4,500,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years
10. BCPS reserves the right to request tax documents to support such a claim

Name and Title: _____

Company: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____

 Signature/Date

 Witness/Date

 Print Name Signed Above

 Print Name Signed Above

¹Board of Education of Baltimore County Policy No. 3200; Board of Education of Baltimore County Superintendent's Rule No. 3200 (Policy Adopted 9/10/96).

Baltimore County Public Schools**SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned as a contractor does hereby make the following Affidavit. I acknowledge the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal of (15%) percent for the contract with the Baltimore County Board of Education, and commit to make a good faith effort to achieve this goal. In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offerors, all SBE and MBE subcontractors and suppliers were provided not less than the same information and amount of time to respond to the solicitations as non-Small Business Enterprise and Minority Business Enterprise subcontractors.

The solicitation process was conducted in such a manner so as to otherwise not place SBE and MBE subcontractors at a competitive disadvantage to non- SBE and MBE subcontractors.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT THIS BID IS NON-RESPONSIVE.

I understand that I must submit the SBE/MBE documentation described in the bid documents at the time of bid. Furthermore, I understand that failure to comply with this contract requirement may result in a determination that my bid is non-responsive and therefore would not be awarded to me.

I understand and agree that, if awarded the contract, we will implement the provisions of the above paragraph with respect to subcontracts to be let after the award of the contract, but that such subcontracts will not be let until the Board of Education has reviewed and approved the SBE/MBE submittals.

I understand and agree that, if awarded the contract, I will and do hereby authorize representatives of the Baltimore County Board of Education to examine, from time to time, the books, records and files of this organization to the extent that such data relates and pertains to the affirmative action pursuant to this contract.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalty of perjury that the contents of the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Company Name

Signature

Address

Printed Name

Baltimore County Public Schools
SMALL BUSINESS AND CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND BIDDER'S
STATEMENT OF INTENT

____ **N/A** Mark here if there is no participation claimed. Proceed to the Request for Waiver.

SOLICITATION NAME: _____

____ BCPS System wide OR ____ Single Location _____
 (Location)

A. Name of Bidder: _____

B. Name of SBE/MBE: _____
 (Bidder if Qualified)

Indicate with and "X" SBE or MBE status: ____ MBE ____ SBE

SBE/MBE Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

1. Work or Services to be performed by SBE/MBE: _____

2. Subcontract Amount: \$ _____
3. SBE/MBE Commencement Date: _____ Completion Date: _____
4. This SBE/MBE subcontract represents the following percentage of the total value of the contract:
 _____ %

The undersigned subcontractor and potential award bidder will enter into a contract for the work/service/supplies indicated above subject to the bidder's execution of a contract for the above referenced project with the Baltimore County Board of Education. The undersigned subcontractor is a Small Business Enterprise and/or a Certified Minority Business Enterprise (certifying agency & no. _____). The terms and conditions stated above are consistent with our agreements.

 (Signature of Subcontractor/Date)

The terms and conditions stated above are consistent with our agreements.

 (Signature of Bidder/Date)

Baltimore County Public Schools
SMALL BUSINESS AND CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
REQUEST FOR WAIVER

____ **N/A** Mark here if the goals have been met in full and a waiver is not necessary.

Solicitation Name: _____ Solicitation No. _____

Total contract amount (with accepted alternates)	\$ _____
15% of total contract value	\$ _____
SBE/MBE participation in this contract	\$ _____ (____%)

I do hereby request that an exception be granted to the requirement that a minimum of ____% of the total value of this contract be placed with a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and/or Certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE).

I hereby certify that my position is _____ and I am the duly authorized representative of _____.
 (Company Name)

I do further certify that I have submitted a *Small Business Enterprise and Certified Minority Business Enterprise and Potential Award Bidder Statement of Intent* form which reflects the percentage and dollar value of SBE/MBE participation, which my company expects to achieve for this contract. That dollar value is \$ _____ and the percentage is ____%.

Therefore, the *Request for Waiver* is for \$ _____ and ____%.

To support this Request for Waiver, I include the following information as attachments, which I certify to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. A detailed statement of the efforts made to identify and select portions of the work to be performed by subcontracts in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the stated goal;
2. An explanation of why subcontracting is not possible;

 Signature Date

Reviewed and approved by the Baltimore County Board of Education MBE Liaison

 Signature Date

APPLICANT SCREENING AFFIDAVIT

I, (print name) _____ possess the legal authority to make this affidavit on behalf of (print company name) _____.

Effective July 1, 2019, Maryland Law requires contractors to screen all applicants for a position involving direct/routine contact with minors as defined in Section 6-113.2 of the Education Article, Maryland Annotated Code ("statute").

Screening requires the applicant to submit to the contractor the following:

1. Contact information of:
 - a. The current employer
 - b. All former school employers; and
 - c. All former employers of the applicant in which the applicant was employed in a position involving direct/routine contact with minors.
2. Written consent form signed by the applicant to release all records relating to child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct.
3. A written statement of whether the applicant:
 - a. Has been the subject of a child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct investigation by any employer, arbitrator, county board, state licensing agency, law enforcement agency, or child protective services agency, unless the investigation resulted in any of the findings listed in Section 6-113.2(B)(3)(i)(1-5), of the statute.
 - b. Has ever been disciplined, discharged, nonrenewed or asked to resign from employment, or has ever resigned from, or otherwise separated from, any employment while allegations of child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct were pending or were under investigation, or due to an adjudication or findings of child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct; or
 - c. Has ever had a license. Professional license or certificate suspended, surrendered, or revoked while allegations of child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct were pending, or under investigation, or due to an adjudication or findings of child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct.

Before hiring an applicant for a position involving direct/routine contact with minors, the Contractor shall:

1. Review an applicant's employment history by contacting employers listed by the applicant and requesting dates of employment and answers to questions regarding child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct required by the statute; and
2. Request a report from the Maryland Department of Education regarding the applicant's eligibility for employment or certification status to determine whether the applicant
 - a. Holds a valid and active certification appropriate for the position and is otherwise eligible for employment; and
 - b. Has been the subject of professional discipline related to child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct.

If the information from an applicant's employer includes an affirmative response to the child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct questions, and the Contractor wants to further consider the applicant for employment, the Contractor shall request additional information from the employer including records related to the child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct.

Contractor shall conduct the employment history review of the applicant:

1. At the time of initial hiring of the employee; or
2. Before the employee is assigned to work for the school entity in a position involving direct/routine contact with minors.

Contractor shall maintain a record of each employee's employment history review required by the statute; and provide to BCPS access to the employee's records upon request.

Before assigning an employee to perform work for BCPS in a position involving direct/routine contact with minors, Contractor shall provide notice to BCPS of any affirmative responses to the child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct questions required by the statute.

Contractor may not assign an employee to perform work for BCPS in a position involving direct/routine contact with minors if BCPS objects to the assignment after receiving notice required by the statute.

Notwithstanding any other remedies available under the Contract, Contractor may be subject to disciplinary action by the Maryland State Department of Education for willful violations of the statute.

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, the requirements of Section 6-113.2 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Violations of any of these provisions may result in immediate termination for cause.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____
(printed name of Authorized Representative and affiant)

(signature of Authorized Representative and affiant)

NO BID SHEET (use only when not participating in bid)

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEM/S

_____ 1. We wish to submit a NO BID at this time. The reason for submitting a NO BID is:

COMPANY	_____
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	_____
TYPED NAME/TITLE	_____
ADDRESS	_____
CITY/STATE/ZIP	_____
PHONE	_____ FAX _____
Return to:	Bid/Proposal Submissions

**SMALL AND CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE PROCEDURES**

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY FUNDED CONTRACTS

Baltimore County Public Schools

Focused on Quality, Committed to Excellence

Effective: April 2, 2001

Revised: April 1, 2018

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Darryl L. Williams, Ed.D., Superintendent

Towson, Maryland 21204-3711

Small Business Enterprise and Certified Minority Business Enterprise Document Check List For Baltimore County Funded Contracts

1. Small Business Enterprise Affidavit: A separate form completed and signed **by the bidder** to self-certify the bidder company as a SBE firm.
2. Small/Certified Minority Business Utilization Affidavit: A separate form completed and signed by the prime bidder acknowledging the goal. The bidder shall submit this affidavit with the bid proposal; failure to submit may result in the bid being determined non-responsive.
3. Small Business/Certified Minority Business Enterprise and Potential Award Bidder's Statement of Intent – This form shall be completed and signed by bidder and each SBE/MBE firm selected as part of the bidder's team.
4. Request for Waiver (if applicable) – This form shall be submitted by the bidder if necessary. See procedures for instructions.
5. Standard Monthly Contractor's Requisition for Payment – The potential award bidder shall complete this form with each requisition submitted for payment.

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Baltimore County Public Schools
**SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY FUNDED CONTRACTS**

1.0 Purpose

To attempt to achieve a minimum of 15 percent of the total dollar value of all contracts directly or indirectly with small business and/or certified minority enterprises when Baltimore County funds are utilized.

2.0 Effective Date

These procedures have been approved by Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS), and supersede previously approved Small Business and Certified Minority Business Enterprise procedures, and are in effect on or after April 1, 2018.

3.0 Definitions

1. Small Business: A for-profit business, other than a broker, that meets the following criteria:
 - a. it is independently owned and operated;
 - b. it is not a subsidiary of another business;
 - c. it is not dominant in its field of operation;
 - d. its wholesale operations did not employ more than 50 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$4,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;
 - e. its retail operations did not employ more than 25 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$3,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;
 - f. its manufacturing operations did not employ more than 100 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$2,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;
 - g. its service operations did not employ more than 100 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$10,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years; and
 - h. its construction operations did not employ more than 50 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$7,000,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years.
 - i. BCPS reserves the right to request tax documents to support such a claim.
2. Certified Minority Business Enterprise is any legal entity, other than a joint venture, which holds a certification issued by the Maryland State Department of Transportation or other recognized municipalities which identify the legal entity as a Minority Business Enterprise.
3. Minority Business Enterprise Liaison means the employee of the Board of Education designated to administer the Board's Small Business Enterprise and Certified Minority Business Enterprise Procedures.
 - a. The MBE Liaison may assist the potential award bidder in identifying SBE/MBE firms that could participate in the contract.
4. Potential Award Bidder means a bidder deemed responsive and responsible pending approval by the Board of Education.
5. Award Bidder means a responsive and responsible bidder approved by the Board of Education.
6. Failure to provide required SBE/MBE participation forms may result in the rejection of the proposal.

4.0 Implementing Procedures

1. EACH PROPOSAL SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Small Business Enterprise Affidavit: A separate form completed and signed **by the bidder** to self-certify the bidder company as a SBE firm.
- b. Small/Certified Minority Business Utilization Affidavit: A separate form completed and signed by the prime bidder acknowledging the goal.
- c. Small and Minority Business Enterprise and Bidder's Statement of Intent form for each SBE/MBE participating in the contract, that describes:
 - (1) The contract work to be performed, or items furnished by the SBE/MBE
 - (2) The proposed timetable for performance
 - (3) The agreed prices to be paid for the work or supplies; and
 - (4) The percentage of the total value of the contract

Note that the bidder company may be the SBE/MBE firm.

A corporate diversity statement showing a company-wide use of SBE/MBE firms in the regular performance of business will be accepted.

- d. If the bidder is unable to achieve the full contract goal for SBE/MBE participation, the bidder will submit a written Request for Waiver form which shall include the following:
 - (1) A detailed statement of the efforts made by the bidder to identify and select portions of the work to be performed by subcontractors;
 - (2) An explanation of why achieving the full stated goal is not possible.

2. BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. The bidder must ensure that SBE/MBE firms shall have the maximum practical opportunity to compete for subcontract.
- b. The bidder shall provide information and documentation as requested by the MBE Liaison.
- c. The bidder shall maintain the following records:
 - (1) All documents necessary to confirm compliance with SBE/MBE utilization.
 - (2) All written records that indicate the identity of the SBE/MBE subcontractors employed on the contract and the type/scope of work performed by the identified SBE/MBE.
 - (3) The actual dollar value of the work and/or services performed by the identified SBE/MBE.
 - (4) All records and documents concerning SBE/MBE participation must be retained by the potential award bidder/award bidder for a period of three (3) years after final completion of the contract.
 - (5) All records and documents will be available for inspection by the MBE Liaison.
- d. In the event the bidder decides to change SBE/MBE participating firms, the bidder shall submit in writing the proposed change to the MBE Liaison for approval. All written submissions must be delivered to the MBE Liaison forty-eight (48) hours in advance of proposed implementation of the change.

- e. At the completion of all work under the contract, the award bidder shall prepare a written summary of the final SBE/MBE participation. The final written report shall compare the proposed participation at the time of contract award with the actual participation. The written report shall include the dollar values of the proposed participation and the dollar values of the actual participation for each SBE/MBE. In the event the actual dollar amount varies from the dollar value of the proposed participation by more than one percent (1%) then the award bidder shall provide a written explanation of the difference.
- f. Failure of the potential award bidder/award bidder to provide required SBE/MBE participation may result in termination of this contract.

5.0 Monitoring

- 1. The MBE Liaison is responsible for reviewing and approving the SBE/MBE documentation.
- 2. The MBE Liaison reserves the right to review the SBE/MBE participation documents during the course of this contract.

Baltimore County Public Schools
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AFFIDAVIT

___ **N/A** *If the bidder firm is not an SBE, then mark the blank, and do not complete any further.*

The undersigned does hereby make the following Affidavit. I affirm that my company or I am a Small Business Enterprise (SBE). A Small Business is a for-profit business, other than a broker, that meets the following criteria:

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9. its architectural and engineering operations did not employ more than 100 persons, OR its gross sales did not exceed an average of \$4,500,000 in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years
10. BCPS reserves the right to request tax documents to support such a claim

NOTE: A Bidder who claims SBE status on this page, may name themselves on the Statement of Intent, Line B, as the SBE/MBE subcontractor, at 100% of the goal.

Name and Title: _____
Company: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Business Phone: _____

Signature/Date

Witness/Date

Print Name Signed Above

Print Name Signed Above

Baltimore County Public Schools

SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned as a contractor does hereby make the following Affidavit. I acknowledge the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal of (15%) percent for the contract with the Baltimore County Board of Education, and commit to make a good faith effort to achieve this goal. In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offerors, all SBE and MBE subcontractors and suppliers were provided not less than the same information and amount of time to respond to the solicitations as non-Small Business Enterprise and Minority Business Enterprise subcontractors.

The solicitation process was conducted in such a manner so as to otherwise not place SBE and MBE subcontractors at a competitive disadvantage to non- SBE and MBE subcontractors.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT THIS BID IS NON-RESPONSIVE.

I understand that I must submit the SBE/MBE documentation described in the bid documents at the time of bid. Furthermore, I understand that failure to comply with this contract requirement may result in a determination that my bid is non-responsive and therefore would not be awarded to me.

I understand and agree that, if awarded the contract, we will implement the provisions of the above paragraph with respect to subcontracts to be let after the award of the contract, but that such subcontracts will not be let until the Board of Education has reviewed and approved the SBE/MBE submittals.

I understand and agree that, if awarded the contract, I will and do hereby authorize representatives of the Baltimore County Board of Education to examine, from time to time, the books, records and files of this organization to the extent that such data relates and pertains to the affirmative action pursuant to this contract.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalty of perjury that the contents of the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Company Name

Signature

Address

Printed Name

Baltimore County Public Schools
SMALL BUSINESS AND CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND BIDDER'S
STATEMENT OF INTENT

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SOLICITATION NAME: _____

___ BCPS System wide OR ___ Single Location _____
(Location)

A. Name of Bidder: _____

B. Name of SBE/MBE: _____
(Bidder if Qualified)

Indicate with and "X" SBE or MBE status: _____ MBE _____ SBE

SBE/MBE Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

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2. Subcontract Amount: \$ _____

3. SBE/MBE Commencement Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

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The terms and conditions stated above are consistent with our agreements.

(Signature of Subcontractor/Date)

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(Signature of Bidder/Date)

Baltimore County Public Schools
SMALL BUSINESS AND CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
REQUEST FOR WAIVER

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Solicitation Name: _____ Solicitation No. _____
Total contract amount (with accepted alternates) \$ _____
15% of total contract value \$ _____
SBE/MBE participation in this contract \$ _____ (____%)

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Date

Reviewed and approved by the Baltimore County Board of Education MBE Liaison

Signature

Date

LEA: Baltimore County Public Schools DATE: _____

PROJECT NAME: _____ BID NO: _____

SCOPE of WORK: _____ REQ NO: _____

MDOT Certification Number and Classification can be located at [MDOT Directory](#)

African American Women = AAW
Hispanic American Women = HW
Native American Women = NW
Asian American Women = AW

Authorized Signature/Date _____

Prime MBE Classification # (if applicable)

Signature of MBE Liaison/Date