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INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

DBS26-001

Food Scraps and Compostables Collection and Hauling Services

ISSUED BY	Department of Purchasing & Supply Services
SOLICITATION NUMBER:	DBS26-001
RELEASE DATE:	Thursday, August 7, 2025
PRE-BID MEETING:	Not Applicable for this Solicitation
QUESTIONS DUE DATE/TIME:	Thursday, August 14, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.
BID DUE DATE/TIME:	Thursday, September 4, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.
DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:	vera2.jones@pgcps.org

To All Prospective Bidders:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is soliciting sealed bids from qualified vendors in response to this Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation No. **IFB DBS26-001 Food Scraps and Compostables Collection and Hauling Services**.

Solicitation Documents may be obtained by:

- Download the solicitation by accessing eMaryland Marketplace link: <https://ebidmarketplace.com/>
- Download the solicitation by accessing the Prince George's County Public School Board's website at the following link: <https://offices.pgcps.org/purchasing/bids.aspx>

Please respond according to the instructions provided in the IFB. Bidders are cautioned not to make changes to any of the terms and conditions or specifications in this solicitation, doing so may render a Bidder's bid unacceptable and subject to rejection.

The Department of Purchasing & Supply Services is not responsible for information obtained from sources outside the Prince George's County Purchasing Office, including downloads from the County web-site. Vendors are directly responsible for obtaining updates, changes or addendums either from the updated web-page or by contacting the Purchasing Office for instruction. **If the Bidder has questions, they must be in writing and directed to the point of contacts specified.** Failure to adhere to this requirement may subject the Bidder to immediate disqualification.



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PART I: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

The Board of Education of Prince George's County (The Board) serves the needs of public education in Prince George's County, covering approximately 1,789 square miles, with a residential population of more than 904,430. Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 208 schools and centers, has approximately 131,657 students and nearly 22,000 employees and an annual operating budget of \$2.3 billion.

The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion. The Central administration headquarters is located at 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

1. PURPOSE

The Board of Education of Prince George's County (The Board) is issuing this Invitation for Bids (IFB) to **Food Scraps and Compostables Collection and Hauling Services** defined in Part III, Scope of Work. These goods and services are to be performed principally for the Department of Building Services, however services may be requested by other Departments within the Prince George's County Public School system.

2. SUMMARY OF SCOPE

The BOARD requests bids for the work detailed and specified in the Invitation for Bid (IFB). This IFB will be used to **Food Scraps and Compostables Collection and Hauling Services on an as needed basis**. The bidder shall be fully qualified and properly licensed to serve as a ready supply source for the items listed in this IFB. Responses submitted must meet or exceed all requirements. Bids that do not meet all requirements will be considered non-responsive. All exceptions must be noted.

3. NON-EXCLUSIVE

The intent of this contract is to provide the Board with an expedited means of procuring supplies and/or services at the lowest cost. This contract is for the convenience of the Board and is considered to be a "Non-Exclusive" use contract. The Board does not guarantee any usage. The Board will not be held to purchase any particular Brand, in any groups, prices or discount ranges, but reserves the right to purchase any item/service listed in the price schedule submitted under **Attachment A – Cost Bid Form**.

4. BIDDERS IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS WITH PGCPS

PGCPS recognizes the significant costs and imposition on the time of personnel associated with legal proceedings. Accordingly, PGCPS has adopted a process stating that:



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“One factor, among others, that are to be considered when awarding a contract or purchase order is the existence of a pending legal dispute – whether in court or an alternative dispute forum – with any bidder or Bidder which has submitted a bid. Before including consideration of the legal dispute as a factor, the Procurement Officer shall seek the advice of the Office of General Counsel regarding the legal dispute and shall obtain the concurrence of the CEO or his designee.”

5. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The term of this Contract begins on the date the Notice of Award is signed by both the Bidder and The BOARD or date specified in the Notice of Award (the “Effective Date”) and shall continue for a period of three (3) years (“Initial Term”). In its sole discretion, The Board shall have the unilateral right to renew the Contract for two (2) one-year option periods successive (each a “Renewal Term”) at the prices established at contract award. “Term” means the Initial Term and any Renewal Term(s).

6. OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICE

The Board may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option to extend provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 12 months without the approval of the Board.

7. CONTRACT TYPE

The contract resulting from this solicitation shall be **Firm Fixed Price**. Vendors are encouraged to partner with local bidders or firms if they don't meet all the required expertise or MBE requirements.

8. SUBCONTRACTOR(S) / TEAMING PARTNER(S) – NOT APPLICABLE

Subcontractor and or teaming partner information **shall be included in response**. Unless otherwise stated within the IFB bid documents, the Contractor may not use any subcontractors to accomplish any portion of the services described within the IFB or the contract **without the prior approval** of The Board.

9. CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

The Bidder recognizes that the services under this contract are vital to PGCPS and must be continued without interruption and that, upon contract expiration, a successor, either the PGCPS or another Firm, may continue them. The Bidder agrees to exercise its best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor.

10. BONDING-[RESERVED]

The Bidder may be required to submit a Bid and or a Performance Bond as indicated below.

A. **BID BOND (Not Required)**

If applicable, the bid bond will be in the amount of five percent (5%) as determined by the BOARD and specified in the RFP, to ensure the satisfactory completion of the work for which a contract or purchase order is awarded that may exceed \$100K. (COMAR 21.06.07.10). The bond must be made in favor of the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND 20772-9983.



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B. PERFORMANCE AND LABOR BOND (Not Required)

The awarded vendor(s) will be required to submit a performance and/or labor bond, Cashier's or Certified Check in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the project cost as determined by the BOARD and specified herein to ensure all phases of the project are satisfactory complete for which a contract or purchase order is awarded that exceeds 100K. (COMAR 21.06.07.10). When applicable, the Board reserves the right to request performance and labor bond for amount over or under \$100K. The bond, cashier or certified check must be made in favor of the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY and mailed to 13300 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772-9983 prior to the start of performance.

11. POINT OF CONTACTS

PGCPS Purchasing and Supply Services and the Designated Procurement Contact is the Issuing Office and the sole PGCPS Point of Contact responsible for the solicitation prior to contract award. Correspondence and communication throughout the solicitation, evaluation and contract award shall be limited to the PGCPS Issuing Office, the sole point of contact for purposes related to the services included within this solicitation and/or preparing a proposal in response to the solicitation.

All inquiries related to this procurement must be handled by PGCPS Purchasing and Supply Services officials. Failure to comply with this directive may, at the sole discretion of the Board, result in the disqualification of an offeror from the procurement process.

Performance under an awarded contract will be under the direction of PGCPS Purchasing and Supply Services for all matters related to an awarded contract and contract compliance. The Technical Point of Contact(s) department and information will be provided upon contract award. Offer shall be accountable to the PGCPS Technical Representatives within the end user department for management of daily activities of the contract, contract scope, and project coordination.

PROCUREMENT CONTACTS

Vera Jones, Sr. Procurement Specialist

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TECHNICAL CONTACT

Provided upon Contract Award



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PART II: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. BIDDER KNOWLEDGE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Before submitting bids, bidders are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting a bid. Bidder shall acquaint themselves with all conditions, requirements, and specifications, State and Federal governing laws, ordinances, etc. and familiarize themselves with all matters, which may affect the bid. The act of submitting a bid shall be considered as meaning that the bidder has so familiarize themselves; therefore, there shall be no misunderstanding or lack of information. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's own risk and Bidder cannot secure relief on the plea of error. Neither law nor regulations make allowance for errors of omission or commission on the part of Bidders.

All correspondence concerning the bid and contract, including Notice of Award, copy of Contract, and Purchase Order, will be provided **electronically**.

2. BID SCHEDULE

The Solicitation milestones are listed with target dates. Please adhere to the schedule unless notified by way of an Addendum.

Solicitation Milestones	Milestone Date and Time
Issue IFB Solicitation	Thursday, August 7, 2025
Pre-Bid Conference	Not Applicable
IFB Questions Due Date and Time	Thursday, August 14, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.
IFB Addendum Posted (Approximate)	Thursday, August 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
IFB Sealed Bid Due Date and Time	Thursday, September 4, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.
IFB Bid Opening	Thursday, September 4, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.
Contract Award (Approximate)	September 2025

Note: The above dates are estimated and are subject to change.

3. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications or other documents will be made to any Supplier orally. Questions shall be submitted in writing to vera2.jones@pgcps.org. To be given consideration, the questions must be received **NO LATER THAN 2:00 p.m., EST on Thursday, August 14, 2025**. Questions that are deemed to be substantive in nature will be responded to in the form of an addendum and posted on PGCPS website www.pgcps.org/Purchasing and www.emarylandmarketplace.com. Please do not submit questions in PDF format. Use "QUESTIONS: DBS26-001" in the subject line of your email.

4. BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible, bids must be received via eMaryland MarketPlace Advantage (eMMA) no later than **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2025**.



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5. eMARYLAND MARKETPLACE ADVANTAGE (eMMA)

The eMaryland Marketplace law became effective on June 1, 2008 and requires units of State government, including those otherwise exempt from State procurement law, and all local government entities, **to publish notices** of procurement and procurement awards on the State's ecommerce website eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA).

The electronic bid submission shall show the full business address, telephone number, email and fax number of the Bidder and be **signed by the person or persons legally authorized to sign contracts and commit the company.**

6. BIDDER MARKINGS

All bids shall be submitted without redactions. All sections of the bid that are considered confidential or proprietary shall be clearly marked within the bid. The Bidders' shall provide justification for any and all confidential or proprietary information. Justification must be on a separate piece of paper and submitted with the Technical Bid.

7. BIDDER SUBMISSION LAYOUT

The completed bid documents(s) should be without interlineations, alterations, or erasures. The bid should present all information in a concise manner, neatly arranged, legible, and in terms understandable for evaluation. All information requested is to be addressed directly and completely. It is more desirable to give additional information than less when the answer could be misinterpreted. **The submission layout will include four (4) parts.**

Each part shall be submitted as a SEPARATE FILE:

- Volume I - Technical
- Volume II - Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Volume III – Cost Bid
- Volume IV - Appendices

8. BIDDER DELIVERY

The bidder shall deliver their bid electronically through eMMA. Bidders shall **retain** one (1) original copy of the bid for their files. PGCPS *may* request the original notarized documents that were posted electronically before final award execution.

Only bids that are submitted via eMMA will be utilized during the evaluation process. Bids that are not submitted via this portal will be ruled non-responsive.

a. VOLUME I – TECHNICAL

The Technical Bid shall be submitted in **PDF** format. Bidders shall not include any pricing. Bidder shall include a table of contents and all pages in the technical proposal must be numbered, consecutively from beginning to end and separated by tabs as described below:

1) TAB A – TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Bidder shall include a brief transmittal letter prepared on the Bidders' letterhead, and signed by an individual who is authorized to commit the Bidder to the services and requirements in the IFB and Bid. This transmittal letter shall include:

- The name, title, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address of the person authorized to bind the Bidder to the contract and the person who will receive all official notices concerning this IFB.
- The Bidders' Dunn and Bradstreet ID Number.
- A brief statement of the Bidders' understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work, and a statement of why the firm believes it is best qualified to perform the work specified in IFB.
- A statement that the Bid is a firm and irrevocable offer for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days following the closing date for receipt of initial bids or the closing date for receipt of a best and final offer, if applicable.

2) TAB B – LEGAL CLAIMS

Bidder shall identify any claims during the past three (3) years and provide information on any pending litigation, lawsuits etc. The failure to provide accurate information may be determined to be a material breach of any future agreement or contract with The Board. **If applicable, the Bidder must state no claims exist.**

3) TAB C – EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES

Bidder shall prepare and present a Technical Bid in such a way as to demonstrate the degree to which the bidder has actually performed similar work and has the technical expertise, capacity, staffing, experience and capabilities to perform and satisfy the requirements of the IFB as outlined under **Part III, Scope of Work.** Bidder technical experience and capability shall include but is NOT limited to the items below.

- Bidder shall outline its **capacity to provide** after-hours answering service for Priority Call dispatch.
- Each bidder shall provide a qualifications statement to indicate they meet or exceed all requirements listed and submit with the Technical Bid. Qualifications include:
 - a. Bidder shall be a **business firm with not less than five (5) years of experience.**
 - b. Bidder must demonstrate staff members have experience with five (5) or more years.
 - c. The bidder shall have **experience of a similar type and size to PGCPS to fulfill the material requirements on demand** and such experience shall be based upon projects that have been completed by the bidder within the last five (5) years.
- Bidders must submit an Attachment A – Cost Bid Form and Attachment B – Composting Services Schedule and Attachment C – Composting Monthly Tonnage Data Template with their bid (See attached). Bids that do not meet



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all requirements will be considered non-responsive. All exceptions must be noted.

b. VOLUME II – COST BID

The **Cost Bid shall consist of the Financial Stability documentation and the Cost Bid Form- Attachment A**. Bidders shall not include any portion of their Technical Bid in its Cost Bid. Bidders that include pricing with their technical response may have their response deemed non-responsive and their entire response rejected.

Pricing must include all labor, delivery, materials, tools, and equipment to perform work. Items or costs required to provide the services and deliverables as bid, but not identified in the bidder pricing proposal will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

The Cost Bid shall consist of Tab A - Financial Stability documentation and Tab B- the Cost Bid Form, Attachment A. Bids that do not include both will be ruled non-responsive.

1) **TAB A- Financial Stability** is demonstrated through a commonly-accepted method that prove the bidder's fiscal integrity. If available, the Bidder shall include Financial Statements, preferably a Profit and Loss (P&L) statement and a Balance Sheet, for the last two (2) years (independently audited preferred). **The Bidder may supplement** its response to this Section by including one or more of the following with its response:

- a. Dun & Bradstreet Rating;
- b. Standard and Poor's Rating;
- c. Lines of credit;
- d. Evidence of a successful financial track record; and
- e. Evidence of adequate working capital.

2) **TAB B- Cost Bid**. Bidders shall provide the Cost Bid in **Microsoft Excel** format (**Attachment A**). Bidders should not include any portion of their Technical Bid in its Cost Bid. Do not amend, alter, or leave blank any items on the Bid Form or include additional clarifying or contingent language on or attached to the Bid Form. Items or costs required to provide the materials, services, and or deliverables as proposed, but not identified will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder. All pricing shall remain fixed for the full contract term, including renewals thereto unless an escalation or adjustment is included herein. The Cost Bid shall include all-inclusive rates.

c. VOLUME III - MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) – NOT APPLICABLE

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) is defined as any legal entity, other than a joint venture, that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more minority person(s), organized to engage in commercial transactions.

Minority business firms will be considered as minority business contractor or subcontractor, if certified by any of the following: Prince George's County Government and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).



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The MBE goal of **0%** has been established for the contract representing a percentage of the total Contract dollar value, including all renewal option terms.

By submitting a response to this IFB, the Bidder acknowledges the overall MBE participation goal and commits to achieving the overall goal by utilizing certified minority business enterprises.

- 1) If the Bidder is NOT MBE certified by PG County Government or MDOT, a waiver may be granted by the Board of Education. Any request for a waiver must be submitted with the Bid using Request for Waiver (**Download MBE Attachment 4 to A.P. 3325**). The bidder will present a reasonable demonstration that MBE participation was impossible to obtain or was not obtainable at a reasonable price, and that the public interest is served by a waiver.
- 2) The Minority Business(es) must be identified in an Affidavit at time of bid submission and cannot be changed without prior approval of the Director of Purchasing and Supply Services. Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Affidavit must be submitted as part of the bid (**Download MBE Attachment 2 to A.P. 3325**).
 - To access ALL MBE Attachments, click the follow link to view **MBE Administrative Procedures (AP) 3325**.

County Funded

- A minimum MBE goal of **15%** has been established in the contract that will result from this solicitation (See MBE Administrative Procedures 3325 and Attachments). The MBE information shall be submitted in PDF format. Offerors may submit Volume III MBE electronically on eMMA under the Technical Proposal folder in a separate file. Offeror should not include any portion of their technical or financial proposal in its MBE Proposal
 - MBE - A- Offerors shall include all documents that apply as required in Part IV, General Terms and Conditions and 19.0 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.
 - MBE - B - Offerors shall outline how they will meet or exceed the MBE goal during the contract period of performance.

State Funded

- An overall minimum MBE goal of **15%** % with a minimum 0% African American-owned businesses, and 0% Women-owned businesses has been established in the contract that will result from this solicitation (See MBE Administrative Procedures 7419 and Attachments). The MBE information shall be submitted in PDF format. Offerors may submit Volume III MBE electronically on eMMA under the Technical Proposal folder in a separate file. Offeror should not include any portion of their technical or financial proposal in its MBE Proposal.



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- MBE - B - Offerors shall outline how they will meet or exceed the MBE goal during the contract period of performance.

d. VOLUME IV - Appendices

The Bidder shall sign, date, and notarize where applicable all appendices identified. **All Appendices shall be packaged together as one (1) file.**

- o Appendix A – Bid and Addendum Acknowledgement
- o Appendix B – Past Performance References
- o Appendix C – Non-Collusion Certificate
- o Appendix D – Debarment Affidavit
- o Appendix E – Anti-Bribery Affidavit
- o Appendix F – Certificate of Insurance Coverage
- o Appendix G – Financial Bid Form
- o Appendix H – MBE Form
- o Appendix I – State of Maryland Tax Certification
- o Appendix J – Certification of Compliance
- o Appendix K – Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
- o Appendix L – State of Maryland Certificate of Good Standing

Failure to provide any of the requested information or documents in this solicitation may render the bid non-responsive.



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PART III: SCOPE OF WORK

1. OVERVIEW

The Board requests sealed bids to **Food Scraps and Compostables Collection and Hauling Services on an as needed basis**. The need for service and or materials will be assigned to the contractor as the job/project develops/ or occurs during the term of this contract. The contractor shall provide all necessary labor, materials, equipment, services, care and supervision as required in compliance with the recommended manufacturers standards and laws in accordance with manufactures guidelines throughout Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

The term Bidder shall be defined as an individual, partnership, or corporation which submits a bid in response to this IFB.

PGCPS reserves the right to award to multiple bidders to fulfill the anticipated requirements. All subcontractors are at the responsibility of the Prime Bidder.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

In alignment with its Climate Change Action Plan, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) has established strategic objectives to achieve zero food waste and zero landfill waste by reducing food waste and increasing diversion of materials from landfills. To support these goals, PGCPS has an off-site composting program to divert food scraps and other compostable materials from the landfill. In addition to supporting the school system's environmental sustainability goals, the program also enhances student engagement by providing hands-on learning opportunities that promote waste reduction and environmental stewardship.

Prince George's County Public Schools is soliciting bids from qualified contractors to collect, haul, and report food scraps and compostable materials generated at district locations. All collected materials shall be transported to the Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility, located at 6550 Maude Savoy Brown Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

As part of the PGCPS composting program, schools separate food scraps and other compostable items directly into 32-gallon rollout carts. PGCPS collects food scraps for composting, including: meats, cheese, bones, breads, cereal, fruits, vegetables, grains, starches, and other food items. PGCPS also collects compostable food packaging items from school meals such as uncoated paper (paper trays, napkins, etc.), items with the Biodegradable Products Institute certification, and/or #7 PLA items, which may include compostable spork packets, cups and lids, clamshell containers, and other items.

PGCPS is seeking services for approximately 31-45 locations in SY 2025-2026. PGCPS anticipates beginning with 31 participating locations across the district and aims to continue expanding the program up to 45 locations for SY25-26 and anticipates adding up to 10 schools each subsequent year. Each location will utilize 32-gallon rollout carts. Collections will occur twice per week at each



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location during the school year. Site location information is listed in **Attachment B: Composting Service Schedule**.

COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall provide all labor, vehicles, and equipment required to collect, haul, and provide data reports for the food scraps and compostable materials collected from designated PGCPS locations and brought to the designated composting facility. Carts must be thoroughly emptied and returned to their assigned locations.

The Contractor shall collect compostable materials on a schedule approved by the Recycling Technician. The Contractor shall provide a dedicated route to service only PGCPS locations and materials. All collections will occur Monday through Friday unless otherwise directed by the Recycling Technician via email.

Some PGCPS sites may have limited access hours; access times for such sites will be provided by PGCPS. No pick-ups may be made at sites within 200 yards of residential areas before 6:00 A.M. or after 8:00 P.M.

The safety of students and staff is critical. The Contractor shall avoid servicing close to school start/end times and during school bus embarkation/disembarkation, including early dismissals. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to be aware of school start and end times, scheduled and unscheduled closings, and other events that could affect site access. The PGCPS calendar and school schedules are available at www.pgcps.org.

Once a collection schedule is established, changes must be approved in writing by the PGCPS Recycling Technician at least two weeks in advance.

Collections services may be altered at any time by PGCPS. Service collections may be suspended or reduced during school closures and/or days when school is not in session, such as winter, spring, and summer breaks. The PGCPS calendar is available at www.pgcps.org.

Before a scheduled holiday, the Contractor will coordinate with the Recycling Technician to reschedule any pickups affected by the holiday closure. Rescheduled pickups shall occur on the weekday before or following the missed regularly scheduled collection day to assure continuation of service through the holiday period.

The Contractor must notify the PGCPS Recycling Technician via email of any missed collections on the same day and make up the missed collection within 24 hours or face liquidated damage fees. Repeated missed collections may result in the termination of the contract.

In the event of inclement weather that prevents a collection on the scheduled day, the Contractor shall notify the Recycling Technician and make the collection on the next succeeding scheduled workday when collection becomes possible. During inclement weather when schools are closed for



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more than two (2) days, pick-up shall be suspended and no charge shall be assessed for these days. The Contractor shall resume the normal pick-up schedule when schools reopen.

Before commencing work, the Contractor shall email the Recycling Technician a list of all non-service days such as national holidays that the Contractor will not provide services to PGCPS.

The Contractor must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience collecting and hauling food waste and compostable materials.

All vehicles must be watertight, covered, clearly marked with the contractor's name and phone number, kept clean, and well-maintained.

It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that no liquid/food waste is spilled from the vehicle or the carts during collection. The Contractor shall immediately clean up any leaks, spillage, or litter caused at PGCPS sites. Carts must be thoroughly emptied and returned to their assigned locations. PGCPS will utilize its own 32-gallon rollout carts.

PGCPS may ask the contractor to provide 32-gallon rollout carts for select sites. All carts provided by the vendor must be green, have an attached lid to deter pests and prevent rainwater accumulation, attached wheels, leak-proof bottom, and clearly labeled as 'compostable materials only' or similar marking on the carts. Prior to delivery, all carts to be provided to PGCPS must be approved in advance by the Recycling Technician. The contractor will be responsible for maintaining their own carts and delivering or exchanging carts that are damaged or otherwise deemed unacceptable within 5 business days of notification from PGCPS.

The Contractor shall work with PGCPS to periodically evaluate service levels for cost efficiency. PGCPS may alter the service frequency, cart quantity, service locations, cart size, and/or number of sites receiving service at any time. These changes may be temporary or permanent. The contractor must comply within five (5) calendar days of notice.

The contractor is responsible for visually inspecting carts for contamination and reporting occurrences via email to the PGCPS Recycling Technician within 24 hours of the observation. The contractor shall document and submit the site name, date, specific contamination items observed, and photographs of the contaminated materials found in each cart.

The contractor will continue to service the carts unless the contamination poses a safety issue at the composting facility. If significant contamination is observed, the Contractor shall be responsible for documenting and reporting the contamination as described above and removing all materials from PGCPS property to separate and properly dispose of the contaminated material. 'Significant contamination' is defined as a large quantity of materials that are unacceptable in the PGCPS composting program and would cause rejection of the load at the composting processing facility. Contamination items not accepted in the PGCPS composting program include non-compostable plastics, metals, glass, or other waste items that compromise the integrity of the compost stream.



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PGCPS reserves the right to add or remove locations from the program during the term of this contract. PGCPS and the Awarded Offeror shall work together to modify the program as needed.

All communication from the Contractor to PGCPS shall be directed to the Recycling Technician. The Contractor shall assign an Account Manager who shall be available to respond to PGCPS regarding issues of billing, services, service requests, emergencies, problems, complaints, penalties, collection requirements, changes, and other issues as they arise. The Contractor shall provide the name, email address and phone number of the Account Manager who may be contacted at all hours in an emergency and who will promptly respond to calls from PGCPS.

Data Collection, Reporting, and Weighing Requirements

The Contractor shall be responsible for accurately collecting, recording, and reporting weight data for all compostable materials collected from Prince George's County Public Schools sites. The following requirements must be strictly adhered to:

1. Material Weights

The Contractor must weigh and document the actual weight of compostable materials collected from each cart at every service event. Tonnage reports shall be submitted monthly using the Excel reporting template provided by PGCPS (**Attachment C - Composting Monthly Tonnage Data Template**). Reports shall be submitted by the 5th of the month following the reporting period (ex: February Tonnage report due by March 5th).

For each collection event and each cart emptied, the Contractor must report the following information:

- Collection Driver Name
- Collection vehicle number
- Date of collection
- Time of collection
- PGCPS site name and address
- Cart size (gallons)
- Total number of carts serviced
- Collection weight (in pounds) for each cart – weight of the cart with materials
- For each collection event, the total weight of all materials delivered to the Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility.

2. Facility Weight Tickets

The Contractor shall obtain and retain a valid weight ticket for each PGCPS load delivered to the Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility.

Each weight ticket must include the following:

- Facility name and address
- Gross weight and net weight of the load
- Date and time of delivery
- Collection vehicle number



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- Percentage of contamination (if applicable for audited loads)
- Description of contamination items, if noted

Copies of all weight tickets shall be submitted via email to the PGCPS Recycling Technician monthly, along with the corresponding data report, by the 5th of the month following the reporting period (ex: February weight tickets due by March 5th).

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in delays in payment, liquidated damage fees, or contract non-compliance.

As part of the ongoing efforts of PGCPS to right-size carts and service levels, the Contractor shall notify the Recycling Technician of any carts that appear to be unused or less than 25% full for two (2) consecutive pickups or more during regularly scheduled service.

INVOICES

The Contractor will submit monthly invoices after completion of services. Invoices and supporting documentation must be submitted to Accounts Payable at 14201 School Lane, Room 130, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Invoices are to be submitted after the work has been completed.

The Contractor will submit monthly invoices, data reports and supporting documentation to the Recycling Technician via email, which will be provided upon contract award.

All Invoices will contain:

- Service period, including month and year
- Full name and address of each PGCPS location
- Purchase order number
- Number and size(s) of all carts at each PGCPS location (ex: 2 – 32-gallon carts)
- Number of pick-up collections completed for each location during the service period
- Cost per location for the service period
- Any deductions, credits, rebates or other adjustments, and
- Total amount billed for the service month.

With each monthly invoice, the Contractor shall provide data and reports as described in Section Data Collection, Reporting, and Weighing Requirements. PGCPS will not approve payment to the Contractor until the correct invoice, reports, and data (Section: Data Collection, Reporting, and Weighing Requirements) for the invoiced month have been accurately submitted to and received by the Recycling Technician. Failure to submit complete data and reports on time will result in liquidated damages, as specified.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS / LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall provide consistent service, submit all required data and reports within the time periods specified, and consistently provide accurate and correct information. The Contractor acknowledges that PGCPS will experience increased administrative and operational costs in the



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event of the Contractor's non-performance or poor performance of its contractual obligations or the Contractor's failure to adhere to the Contract's minimum performance standards. Accordingly, because of the difficulty in determining the actual losses that PGCPS will suffer by reason of the Contractor's non-performance, poor performance, or failure to adhere to minimum performance standards, and because the accumulated effect of repeated incidents will negatively affect the positive public image of the PGCPS composting program and because of the increase costs to PGCPS, the parties agree to the liquidated damages specified herein that shall be paid by the Contractor to PGCPS.

The amounts are established as liquidated damages and not as a forfeiture or penalty for the Contractor's failure to comply with the specified terms and provisions. The Contractor hereby waives any defense to the validity of any liquidated damages stated in this Agreement as they may appear on the grounds that such liquidated damages are void as penalties or are not reasonably related to actual damages.

Liquidated damages for each instance of non-performance or poor performance will be assessed with consideration of the specific circumstances and related events, as well as the Contractor's overall performance and efforts to mitigate impacts and maintain service levels. Any liquidated damages assessed shall be in addition to any reimbursement or other restitution required under the Contract.

The individual liquidated damages assessed will be documented by PGCPS in writing and shall be deducted by the Contractor from their monthly invoice for services under this Contract in accordance with the following schedule presented below.

- Failure to collect materials as scheduled, including missed collection not made up within 24 hours, \$250 per incident
- Failure to notify PGCPS of missed collection same day, \$100 per incident
- Early/late collection at residentially-adjacent schools, \$300 per incident
- Repeated missed collections at the same site (3 in 30 days) \$100/cart/location/day and contract review
- Unauthorized schedule change, \$250 per incident
- Failure to clean up spilled materials or liquids; littering of any kind on PGCPS property, \$100/incident/location/ day
- Carts not emptied completely, \$100/cart/location/day
- Damage to a collection cart \$250/cart
- Failure to provide accurate monthly reports and weight tickets on time as described in section Data Collection, Reporting, and Weighing Requirements, \$1000/day past due

3. INSPECTION

All materials shall be subject to inspection and approval by the PGCPS designated representative. All corrections shall be completed as soon as the Board notifies the contractor at no additional cost to the Board.



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PART IV: BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

1. BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY

Only bids that are submitted via eMaryland Marketplace (eMMA) will be utilized during the evaluation process. Bids that are not submitted via this portal will be ruled non-responsive. No Bidder, including any of their representatives, subcontractors, affiliates and interested parties shall contact any member of the Committee or any person involved in the evaluation of the bids. All inquiries related to this procurement must be handled by the procurement officials identified on the cover page. Failure to comply with this directive may, at the sole discretion of the Board result in the disqualification of a Bidder from the procurement process.

2. BID EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Bids will be evaluated based on the **Total Bid Price**. All responsive and responsible Bidders will be ranked from the lowest (most advantageous) to the highest (least advantageous) price based on the Total Bid Price as submitted on the Attachment A – Cost Bid Form. **Bidders must bid on all line items.** Partial or incomplete bids will be rejected unless otherwise stated in the solicitation.

The evaluation criteria include Bidder responsiveness, demonstration of capability to perform, price factors, and responsibility. The Board reserves the right to: (1) Waive any informality; (2) Reject any or all bids, or portions thereof; (3) Cancel an IFB and re-solicit bids; and/or (4) Negotiate with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to determine if that bid can be improved.

3. EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation will be based on the process described herein.

IFB Bids are not opened publicly, but in the presence of at least two Purchasing Office employees. Once the bids are opened, the Buyer will prepare a Bid Tabulation document that summarizes the bids received. This document will be available for inspection after issuance of Notice of Award.

The award will be issued without discussion to the responsible and responsive bidder(s) whose bid meets the requirements and evaluation criteria set forth in the IFB and is either the most favorable bid price or most favorable evaluated bid price.

The selection committee will review bids on a pass/fail basis

- a. **RESPONSIVE** means a bid or proposal submitted in response to an Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals that conforms to all material aspects of the requirements contained in the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals.



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b. RESPONSIBLE means a person or entity that has the capability in all respects to fully perform all aspects of the contract with integrity and reliability that shall assure good faith performance.

4. AWARD DETERMINATION

PGCPS reserves the right to limit the award to a single vendor or multiple vendors. The Award will be made to the responsible Bidder(s) who submit a responsive Bid that has the lowest total Bid Price.

PGCPS intends to make the award for this solicitation to as many Bidders as deemed necessary to fulfill the anticipated requirements. The award will be made **first to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder based on the lowest Total Bid Price as set forth in Attachment A, Cost Bid Form.**

All additional awards will be made to responsible Bidders submitting responsive Bids in ascending order starting with the second lowest Total Bid Price and continuing until, in the sole discretion of PGCPS, sufficient awards have been made to fulfill the anticipated requirements. The Board reserves the right to make the award by item, groups, groups of items, or Total Bid Price if it is in the best interest of the Board.

If for any reason, the bid cannot be awarded to the first lowest responsible and responsive bidder and continue in ascending order whose bid meets the requirements and is the most favorable evaluated bid price, the recommendation shall be approved by the Board prior to awarding the contract.



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PART V: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. PARTNERSHIPS

Bids by partnerships shall be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing, who shall also state the names of the individuals composing the partnership.

2. CORPORATIONS

Bids by corporations shall be signed with the name of the corporation, followed by the signature and designation of the officer having authority to sign. When requested, satisfactory evidence of authority of the officer signing on behalf of the corporation shall be furnished. Anyone signing the bid as agent shall file satisfactory evidence of authorization to do so.

3. CERTIFICATES AND AFFIDAVITS

All Bidders shall be required to complete the certificates and/or affidavits that are incorporated into the bid pages of this specification. Such documents are required by local, state, or federal funding agencies of The Board as part of the bidding process. The documents may include: Anti-Bribery Affidavit, Debarment Certificate, Sales Tax Certification, Minority Business Enterprise affidavit, and Small Business Enterprise affidavit.

4. SPECIAL SAMPLES WITH CERTIFIED APPROVAL

Bidders may be required to submit samples of each product awarded with an affidavit stating that the chemical composition of the sample submitted is identical with the composition tested prior to the bid and all remain unchanged during the period of the contract. This requirement shall be part of the specifications of the product or products requested if applicable.

5. BID PREPARATION FEES

The Board will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a Bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to a bid.

6. BID EVALUATION FACTORS

While the specifications are intended to describe the principal features of the items bid, Bidders are notified that the proposed items will be evaluated for compliance with detailed specifications. The bid specifications shall vary with each individual bid issued, and the award shall be made in accordance with the IFB. Bids shall consider the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder in relation to the quantities, time required for delivery, purpose of the goods/services, competency and responsibility of the Bidder, and the ability of the Bidder to perform satisfactorily. Evaluation may also be made for other factors such as serviceability, functional suitability, workmanship, safety in use, and overall product quality, where acceptability may be determined on the basis of professional judgment and educational application. The Board will consider the Bidder's record and performance of any prior contracts with The Board, federal departments or agencies, or with other public bodies.



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7. BID AWARD APPROVAL

The contract is to be awarded to the responsible and responsive bidder(s) whose bid meets the requirements and evaluation criteria set forth in the invitation for bids, and is either the most favorable bid price or most favorable evaluated bid price (as referenced in COMAR 21.05.02.13) for providing the goods and services as specified in this IFB. Bidders must bid all line items. Partial or incomplete bids will be rejected unless otherwise stated in the solicitation. The award may be subject to final review and approval by the Board.

Upon acceptance and approval of the bid(s) by the Board, the Board may grant its approval subject to such conditions as it may deem appropriate. In such cases, a Notice of Award will not be issued until the award has been approved by the Board. The Award of this contract will not be final and complete until after: (1) Registered in PGCPS iSupplier, (2) the Bidder submits complete and satisfactory documentation required under the Contract and/or documentation required by the Procurement Officer; and (2) the Contract is signed by the Department following any required approvals of the Contract, including approval by the Board, if such approval is required.

8. RIGHT TO PROTEST

The Director of Purchasing and Supply Services shall attempt to resolve informally all protests of bid award recommendations. Vendors are encouraged to present their concerns promptly to the Buyer and/or Purchasing Supervisor for consideration and resolution. The Director of Purchasing shall inform the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) upon receipt of the protest. Open dialogue is helpful for all parties and disputes are often only a misunderstanding of the evaluation and recommendation process. A vendor who does not file a timely protest before the contract is executed by the Board is deemed to have waived any objection.

- a. An interested party (bidding or standing or bidder) must file a protest with the Purchasing Office within five (5) calendar days of the recommendation of award or notification to the bidder or bidder that their bid or bid will be rejected.
- b. Purchasing and Supply Services a proposed award of a contract for supplies, equipment, services, or maintenance. A bidder of standing is a bidder who would be directly next in line for an award should the protest be supported.
- c. The protest shall be in writing addressed to the Purchasing Supervisor with a copy to the Director and shall include the following:
 - i. The name address and telephone number(s) of the protester.
 - ii. Identification of the solicitation
 - iii. Statement of reasons for the protest
 - iv. Supporting documentation to substantiate the claim
 - v. Proposed remedy to resolve

9. APPEAL OF CONTRACT AWARD DECISION:

The Director of Purchasing shall confer with the general counsel prior to issuance of a decision regarding disputes of contracts or awards.



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- a. The Director of Purchasing shall issue a decision in writing. Any decision of a bid award protest may be appealed to the CFO within two (2) days of issuance of the decision by the Director of Purchasing.
- b. Any decision of a bid award protest may be appealed to the Board of Education within thirty (30) days of issuance of the decision by the CFO.
- c. A vendor who remains unsatisfied after following the procedures may contest a contract awarded by the Board by filing an appeal to the Maryland State Board of Education as provided by Maryland's public-school law.
- d. The Board reserves the right to award during protest and or during an appeal, if a determination that execution of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial State and Board interest.
- e. The Bidder shall refer to the General Terms and Conditions attached to the bid for details regarding the Term of Contract for this bid.

10. COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES

The Board shall have no obligation to pay for services performed before the Notice of Award is executed; Board approves the contract or after the contract ends. The Board shall have no obligation to pay for services in excess of the monetary amount of the award. The Board shall have no obligation to pay for services before a purchase order is issued.

11. ADDENDA

- a. No interpretation of the meaning of the specification or other documents will be made to any Supplier orally. To be given consideration, inquiries must be received in writing via email to the Procurement Department points of contacts identified on the cover page. The subject field of the e-mail must include "INQUIRY" and the Bid name and number.
- b. Any changes to the bid specifications will be made through the appropriate addenda. Failure of any Bidder to receive such addenda or interpretation shall not relieve any Bidder from any obligations under this bid as amended by all addenda. All addenda so issued shall become part of the award.
- c. Failure of any Bidder to receive or acknowledge receipt of such addenda or interpretation shall not relieve any Bidder from any obligations under this IFB as amended by all addenda. All addenda so issued shall become part of the award

12. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

It is understood and agreed that all information pertinent to this solicitation may contain trade secrets, which are confidential and proprietary. The selected vendor agrees not to disclose or knowingly use any confidential or proprietary information of The Board of Education of Prince George's County and/or third-party participants.

Bid submissions are subject to the Maryland Public Information Act (Education Article, Maryland Annotated Code, §10-611, et seq.). In accordance with the Act, certain information is subject to public disclosure. Please be advised that should you deem any portion of your bid as confidential



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or proprietary, it must be conspicuously indicated on those portions so deemed. However, and in accordance with the Act, you are hereby notified that every portion may still be subject to disclosure under the Act.

13. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The anticipated initial term of this contract shall be **three (3) base years**. The term of renewal shall not exceed **two (2) one-year option periods**.

- a. The bidder warrants that prices for the bid under this IFB are not higher than prices currently extended to any other governmental agency for the same product or service.
- b. Upon satisfactory service and by mutual agreement the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY reserves the right to renew the contract.
- c. The Board expects all vendors to provide cost reductions recommendations.
- d. Price decreases are acceptable at any time, need not be verifiable, and are required should the bidder/producer/processor/manufacture experience a decrease in costs associated with the execution of the contract.
- e. Price adjustments from the bidder/producer/processor/manufacture for any/all items may be considered at renewal. The request is subject to approval by the Contracting Officer. The request must be submitted in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the renewal term and shall be accompanied by supporting documentation.
- f. Should the awarded vendor, at any time during the life of the contract, sell materials of similar quality to another customer, or advertise special discounts or sales, at a price below those quoted within the contract, the lowest discounted prices shall be offered to Prince George's County Public Schools.

14. PRE-BID MEETING

A pre-bid meeting will not be scheduled for this Solicitation.

15. PAYMENT TERMS

The Bidder shall submit an invoice detailing the services provided and the actual costs incurred. Payment shall be in accordance with line item price on the Purchase Order and made within 30 days after the date on the invoice and confirmation of receipt of services and or goods.

The Board reserves the right to reduce or withhold contract payment in the event the Bidder does not provide the Department with all required deliverables within the timeframe specified in the contract or in the event that the Bidder otherwise materially breaches the terms and conditions of the contract.

Invoices and supporting documentation must be submitted to Accounts Payable at 14201 School Lane, Room 130, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Invoices are to be submitted after the work has been completed.

Invoices must be submitted within 30 days of services being rendered. Invoices must contain the following minimal information, or they will be returned, and payment will be delayed:

- a. Purchase Order Number



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- b. Location of Service
- c. Description of Product/Service
- d. Time on Job
- e. Material(s) Cost, if applicable
- f. Inspection Fee, per location
- g. Total amount of invoice

Invoices lacking detailed billing information and confirmation of receipt of goods and or services will be returned to the contractor for corrections; thus, causing a delay in payment.

16. DURATION OF OFFER

A bid submitted in response to this solicitation is binding upon the Bidder and is considered irrevocable for a minimum of 120 days following the closing date for receipt of initial bids or the closing date for receipt of a best and final offer, if applicable.

17. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The Board of Education of Prince George's County Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Administrative Procedure No. 3325 requires bids for materials, supplies, equipment, and services, other than materials of instruction, be listed as deliverables. Information about this program and forms can also be downloaded. **See MBE Administrative Procedures (AP) 3325.** <https://www.pgcps.org/offices/general-counsel/administrative-procedures/3000---business--non-instructional-operations/ap-3325---minority-business-enterprise-procurement-procedures>

- a. The Minority Business Enterprise program is to inform prospective bidders that the bid of the initially deemed lowest responsive bidder, if not a "Certified" Minority Business Enterprise, is subject to being matched by a "Certified" Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) entitled to do so by the provisions of the Administrative Procedure.
- b. Only those businesses registered in the Oracle database and listed in the Minority Business Enterprise Office directory for the Board of Education of Prince George's County as a certified minority vendor at the time of any respective bid opening, shall be recognized as a "Certified Minority Business". If not listed, evidence of acceptable certification from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), Prince George's County Government and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) must be provided to the Board's Purchasing Office prior to any respective bid opening.

18. LOCAL MBE INITIATIVE

In accordance with Prince George's County School goals promoting minority and locally based purchases, if all other factors are equal, priority shall be given to a locally based firm. "Locally based firm" in this instance refers to a company or firm with a primary business address located within the geographical boundaries of Prince George's County.

19. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROHIBITIONS

State Law HB 389 and SB 611, Prime Bidders are prohibited by law from including a certified MBE in a bid or proposal without requesting, receiving, or obtaining the MBE's authorization. The



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bidder must also use the MBE's services to perform the contract. In addition, the bidder may not pay the MBE solely for the use of its name in the bid or proposal.

Prime Bidder may be prosecuted if they fail to comply with the law. The Board is required under the law to report the violation.

20. E-COMMERCE

The eMaryland Marketplace law became effective on June 1, 2008 and requires units of State government, including those otherwise exempt from State procurement law, and all local government entities, to publish **notices** of procurement and procurement awards on the State's ecommerce website eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA). All Bidders are required to register with eMaryland Marketplace Advantage, so that the award notice can be properly published.

21. INSURANCE

All Bidders shall complete and sign the attached Certificate of Insurance with their technical bid per the attached insurance requirement form (See Appendix F, "Certificate of Insurance Coverage").

22. CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE

All Bidders shall maintain and pay for Cyber Liability Insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence when applicable, including coverage for data breach, media liability and third-party cyber liability.

23. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

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

24. FINGERPRINT CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE CLEARANCES, AND SAFE SCHOOLS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- a) Pursuant to [Administrative Procedure 4215](#) - *Criminal History Checks, Employee Self-Reporting of Arrests, Criminal Charges, CPS Investigations and Findings & Incarceration*, any and all Vendors, which includes Independent Contractors, Subcontractors, Outsourced Agency Employees and Outsourced Temporary Staffing, who have uncontrolled access to students must complete a fingerprint criminal history background check, child protective service (CPS) clearance and required online Safe Schools training course(s).
- b) All fingerprint background checks and CPS clearances must be completed 15 business days prior to beginning work in and around PGCPS property or engaging in any authorized activities involving PGCPS students. The fingerprint background checks and CPS clearances must be completed through Prince George's County Public Schools at one of the authorized locations



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listed on the PGCPS website (<https://www.pgcps.org/fingerprinting/#service>). **No person may begin working in PGCPS until fingerprint background check results are received.**

- c) Required online Safe Schools training course(s) must be completed before providing contractual services in PGCPS schools and can be accessed through the PGCPS website (<https://www.pgcps.org/offices/compliance/student-safety/required-training-for-contractors>).
- d) Safety Management System (reserved).
- e) Pursuant to Md. Education Code Ann. §6-113.2 (Code), a contractor of a Board of education who provides a service to a school or the students of a school shall meet the requirements set forth for screening its employees assigned to work at a school site to determine whether such employees have a history of child sexual abuse and/or sexual misconduct. The Vendor shall be solely responsible for completing the screening set forth in the Code, shall maintain records of employee screenings, and shall make such records available to PGCPS upon request.
- f) Prior to initiating any work at a school building, current and future employees of Vendor must sign in and sign out via the Raptor Visitor Management System, which requires a copy of their government issued identification.
- g) Prior to initiating any work at a school building, the Vendor agrees to provide the designated PGCPS representative and the PGCPS Purchasing Department with a list of all current employees and an immediate update of changes in personnel, employees, contractors, subcontractors, agents, volunteers, outsourced temporary staff and any instructors. It is the responsibility of the Vendor to make certain that its employees, contractors, subcontractors, agents, volunteers, outsourced temporary staff, consultants and any instructors meet the background check and training requirements specified. All correspondence should include the following information as applicable:
 - i. title of the project
 - ii. school/office
 - iii. solicitation number
 - iv. contract number; and
 - v. PGCPS representative/project manager

25. EDUCATIONAL/MEDICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL RECORDS

If applicable, the Bidder acknowledges its responsibility to ensure compliance with the confidentiality provisions of the Family Educational Records Privacy Act (34 CFR §99);

- a. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E, and Code of Maryland Regulations §13A.08, with respect to school records provided by the Board, if applicable.



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- b. Any confidential information provided by THE BOARD to Bidder, including all copies thereof must be used by Bidder only as provided for by this Agreement and only for the purposes herein described. Such information shall not be disseminated or disclosed to any third party, not a party to this Agreement, without the expressed written consent of THE BOARD and can only be done in accordance with applicable privacy laws. Bidder agrees to return to THE BOARD all such information within fifteen (15) days of the expiration of termination of this Agreement or with the express consent of THE BOARD. Bidders may destroy such information within fifteen (15) days of termination or expiration of this Agreement, certifying to THE BOARD in writing that the information has been destroyed.

26. PROTECTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Bidder and its affiliates or subcontractor, at their expense, have a duty to and shall protect from disclosure any and all Student Records which they may come to possess or control, wherever and however stored or maintained, in a commercially reasonable manner in conformance with current industry standards.

If required in support of the contract, the Bidder or its affiliates or subcontractor shall implement and maintain a comprehensive data – security program for the protection of Student Records whether the Records are stored electronically and/or in hard copy form. The safeguards contained in such program shall be consistent with and comply with the safeguards for protection of Student Records, and information of a similar character, as set forth in all applicable federal and state law and written policy of THE BOARD or the Maryland State Board of Education (“MSBE”) concerning the confidentiality of Student records. Such data-security program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. A security policy for employees related to the storage, access, and transportation of data containing Student Records;
- b. Reasonable restrictions on access to records containing Student Record information, including access to any locked storage where such records are kept;
- c. A process for reviewing policies and security measures at least annually;
- d. Creating secure access controls to Student Records, including but not limited to passwords; and
- e. Encryption of Student Records that are stored on laptops, portable devices, or being transmitted electronically Bidder and its subcontractors or affiliates shall notify THE BOARD as soon as is practicable, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours, after they become aware of or suspect that any Student Records which Bidder or subcontractors or affiliates possess or control have been subject to a Student Records breach. The Bidder shall incorporate the requirements of this Section in all subcontracts requiring each of its affiliates to safeguard Student Records in the same manner as provided for in this Section. Nothing in this Section shall supersede in any manner Bidder or its affiliate’s obligations pursuant to HIPAA, FERPA, or the provisions of this Agreement concerning the obligations of the Bidder as a service provider to THE BOARD.

27. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- a. It shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to insure they are compliant with all applicable federal, state, and city laws, rules, ordinances, statutes, etc., that may impact this contract.



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Bidder shall comply in all respects with Federal, State (including Maryland Motor Vehicle laws) and Local Regulations, including laws regarding eligibility to work in the United States. The provisions of this Contract shall be governed by the laws of Maryland. Any disputes, legal cases or other controversies shall be pursued in Maryland Courts consistent with and subject to Maryland State Law. Additionally, if applicable, all materials, supplies, equipment, or services supplied, as a result of this Contract shall comply with the applicable U.S. and Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act Standards.

- b. Specifically, bidders shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the employment of aliens, such failure, shall constitute a material breach of contract. It is a mandatory requirement of this contract that employees of bidder and bidder's subcontractor are screened through the Federal Government's E-Verify system, found at www.dhs.gov/E-Verify. This is a "no fee" service.
- c. The Board shall bear no responsibility for monitoring the Bidder's compliance with said legal requirements. Bidders' violation of any of these laws, statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations constitutes a breach of this Contract and entitles the Board to terminate this Contract immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to Bidder.
- d. In the event of conflict between this IFB and any of the General Terms and Conditions proposed by any bidder, or incorporated in any acknowledgement of contract awarded to the successful bidder, then, and in such event, the terms and conditions stated herein shall take precedence unless modified in writing by the Director of Purchasing & Supply Services, Prince George's County Public Schools.
- e. The Parties agree that all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall only be amended in writing, signed by both parties.

28. EPA COMPLIANCE

Materials, supplies, equipment, or services shall comply in all respects with the Federal Noise Control Act of 1972, where applicable.

29. BONDING-[RESERVED]

- a) Bidder is not required to submit a Bid bond
- b) Bidders will be required to submit a Performance bond for each project at or over \$100,000. The Board reserves the right to request performance and labor bond for amount over or under \$100,000.00

PERFORMANCE AND LABOR BOND The successful respondent is required to submit a performance and/or labor bond, Cashier's or Certified Check in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) as determined by the BOARD and specified in the awarded project, of all phases of the contract to ensure the satisfactory completion of the work (COMAR 21.06.07.10). The bond, cashier or certified check must be made in favor of the **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND 20772-9983.**

30. STATE OF MARYLAND CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

Bidder shall submit a State of Maryland Certificate of Good Standing or other State of Maryland issued documentation verifying the bidder is in Good Standing with the Department of



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Assessment and Taxation of Maryland and/or registered to do business in the State of Maryland. Certificates of Status may be obtained online at <http://www.dat.state.md.us>.

This requirement applies to both Domestic and Foreign (out of state) Bidders. Foreign entities should contact the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, to determine and apply for the appropriate documentation.

- a. Bidder shall complete and submit an Appendix J, "State of Maryland Tax Certification", provide a current State of Maryland Certificate of Good Standing or other filing verifying the Bidder is in Good Standing with the Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland. Certificates of Status may be obtained online at <http://www.dat.state.md.us>. This requirement applies to both Domestic and Foreign Bidders (out of state).
- b. Foreign entities should contact the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, to determine and apply for the appropriate documentation.

31. PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION (PII)

Personally Identifiable Information includes any information that can be associated with or traced to any individual, including an individual's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, credit card information, social security number, or other similar specific factual information, regardless of the media on which such information is stored (e.g., on paper or electronically) and includes such information that is generated, collected, stored or obtained as part of this Agreement, including transactional and other data pertaining to users. The parties will comply with all applicable privacy and other laws and regulations relating to protection, collection, use, and distribution of Personally Identifiable Information. In no event may PII be sold or transferred to third parties, or otherwise provide third parties with access thereto. If there is a suspected or actual breach of security involving Personally Identifiable Information, the parties will notify each other within twenty-four (24) hours of a management-level employee becoming aware of such occurrence.

32. BIDDER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

PGCPS will complete an annual evaluation of the supportive program and related services provided. A copy of the evaluation will be provided upon receipt of request.

33. TIE BIDS

Tie Bids will be decided pursuant to COMAR 21.05.02.14.



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PART VI: SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These Terms and Conditions shall apply unless otherwise noted in General Terms and Conditions attached to individual bid requests. It shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to insure they are compliant with all applicable federal, state, and city laws, rules, ordinances, statutes, etc., that may impact this contract. The Board shall bear no responsibility for monitoring the Bidder's compliance with said legal requirements. If the Bidder fails to maintain legal compliance, The Board may find said Bidder in default.

1. INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

- a. DIRECTIONS: The Board of Education of Prince George's County (The Board) invites all interested and qualified vendors to submit bids to this IFB in accordance with directions specified in the attached General Terms and Conditions and these Special Terms and Conditions.
- b. DEFINITIONS: For the purpose and clarity of this document only, "The Board" will mean The Board of Education of Prince George's County. Also, for the purpose and clarity of this document, "Vendor" will mean any reliable and interested broker, vendor, supplier, bidder, and/or manufacturer that wants to respond to this IFB.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. AUTHORIZED DEALERS: Only authorized dealers may submit a bid on requested equipment. At the discretion of The Board, a certificate, executed by the manufacturer, may be requested stating that the Vendor is an authorized agent of the manufacturer and is duly authorized to service and maintain the equipment.
- b. INSPECTIONS: The Board reserves the right to have inspectors on the premises of the manufacturer during the process of manufacture of any products being furnished under this IFB for as long as may be considered necessary by The Board. All expenses of the inspectors shall be borne by The Board. The presence of the inspectors at the site of manufacture of the products shall not relieve the Awarded Vendor of responsibility for faulty workmanship of materials that 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 The Board, every facility shall be afforded inspectors by the manufacturers for the pursuance of their work.
- c. TYPES OF PURCHASES: These specifications are intended to cover the various types of purchases of equipment, materials, supplies, or services as shown to any or to each of the various public and charter schools, offices, or to any designated warehouse or warehouses in Prince George's County.
- d. SINGLE PRICE: Unless otherwise specified in the General Terms and Conditions table attached to this IFB, the Vendor will not be allowed to offer more than one price on each item even though the vendor may feel that it has two or more types or styles that will meet specifications. Vendor must determine which to offer. If said Vendor should submit more than one price on any item, all prices for that item will be rejected.



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- e. **AGGREGATE BIDS:** Where provision is made on the bid 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 Board. When an aggregate bid is requested, the unit prices for each item shall be identified in the response. The unit prices in an aggregate bid should be consistent with the total quoted price for an aggregate bid. No bid or a combination of items will be permitted except as noted in the General Terms and Conditions.
- f. **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** Whenever mention is made of any article, material, or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's code, A.S.M.E. regulations, or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed as to the minimum requirements of these specifications. In case of any apparent conflict between the specifications and such laws, ordinances, etc., the Awarded Vendor shall call said conflict to the attention of the Board Director of Purchasing & Supply Services for a decision before proceeding with any work.
- g. **USE OF BRAND NAMES:** Brand names and model numbers are offered as a reference for Vendors 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 to be 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 the Board.
- h. **PRODUCT OFFERED BY THE VENDOR:** The product offered by the Vendor shall be new, not used, and the latest version of the product. Should a product be discontinued and/or upgraded during the course of the contract, the Vendor shall offer to The Board a new alternate product that meets and/or exceeds the established specifications, under the same terms, conditions, and prices as the originally offered item.
- i. **COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS:** The Vendor 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 decided by the Director of Purchasing & Supply Services. Where the requirements of the specifications call for higher grades and are not in conflict with the laws, ordinances, etc., the specifications shall govern. Where the requirements of the laws, ordinances, etc., are mandatory, they shall govern. The successful Vendor, after award and before manufacture and/or shipment, may be required to submit working drawings or detailed descriptive data identified as acceptable to The Board, which would provide sufficient data to enable The Board to judge the Vendor's compliance with the specifications.
- j. **DEVIATIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS:** Any deviation from the specifications must be noted in detail by the Vendor, in writing, as a separate attachment to the response. The absence of a written list of specification deviations attached to the response will hold the Vendor strictly accountable to The Board to the specification as written. Any deviation by the Awarded Vendor from the specifications, without prior documented approval, will be grounds for rejection of the goods and/or equipment when delivered.



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- k. **SUB-CONTRACTOR:** The Awarded Vendor shall give its constant personal attention to the faithful execution of this contract, shall keep the same under its own control, and shall not assign by power of attorney or otherwise, the work or any part thereof without the previous written consent of the Board. The Awarded Vendor shall provide the name of the sub-bidder(s) it intends employing, the portion of the materials/labor to be furnished, their place of business, and such other information as requested by the specifications and/or the Director of Purchasing & Supply Services or his or her designee prior to any work performed. The information may be used in considering the potential performance capabilities of the sub-bidder(s). The Awarded Vendor shall not, without prior written consent of The Board, assign any of the monies payable under the contract.
- l. **COOPERATIVE PURCHASING:** The Board 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/bidder 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.

Each participating jurisdiction or agency shall enter into its own contract with the Awarded 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 Awarded Bidder. The Board does not assume any responsibility other than to obtain pricing for the specifications provided.

- m. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST, LOBBYING AND ETHICS REVIEW PANEL**
- In accordance with ' 15-811 through 15-815 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of Education of Prince George's 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.
 - All bidders should review carefully the conflict of interest policies. Specific attention should be accorded to the Board Ethics Policies (Board Policy 0107) prohibiting Prince George's County Public Schools employees from benefiting from business with the school system.
 - 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 0107.



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3. PRICES

- a. **UNIT PRICES:** Unit Prices must be rounded off to no more than two (2) decimal places, unless so specified in the General Terms and Conditions included with the IFB. All unit prices on items shall be completed on the bid sheet(s). A NO BID notation must be completed for each item not being bid. In case of error in extension of prices in the bid response, the unit price shall govern.
- b. **UNITS OF MEASURE:** Wherever The Board indicates the unit of measure required and the Vendor's price is based on a different unit of measure, it shall be at the sole discretion of The Board to determine whether the Vendor's price will be recalculated. The Board will not accept any bids with Vendor escalator clauses, unbalanced figures, or irregular features.
- c. **DELIVERY CHARGES:** All prices shall include FOB Destination.
- d. **CASH DISCOUNTS:** Cash discounts will not be taken into consideration in determining a contract award. All discounts, other than prompt payment, are to be included in the bid price.
- e. **PRICE REDUCTIONS:** The Board reserves the right to accept price reductions from the Awarded Vendor during the term of this contract to occur no less than thirty (30) days from the approval of the contract.
- f. **TAXES:** The Board is exempt from the payment of the Maryland Sales Tax (Tax Exempt Number 30002539) and Federal Excise Tax (Tax Identification Number 52-2064-235). Prices quoted shall not include State Sales and Use Tax or Federal Excise Tax.

4. ITEM DELIVERY

- a. **GENERAL DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:** All materials, supplies, and equipment for The Board shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination. All deliveries must be inside the building. Delivery hours shall be Monday through Friday with the exception of holidays, to offices - between **7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** The Awarded Vendor(s) shall be held responsible for clean-up and removal of all packing cartons, boxes, crates, packing materials, etc., from the premises after delivery and set up of any furniture and equipment. Drivers must be bonded, have a clean driving record and have the appropriate training to handle hazardous items. Vendors will have the ability (including all applicable permits and licenses) to handle all types of shipments ranging from letters to multi-carton shipments, including bulky and fragile items. Delivery must include a current MSDS for each hazardous chemical or chemical compound delivered or used by the Vendor at a The Board worksite. The Awarded Vendor shall be liable for the full replacement value of any delivery item lost or damaged.
- b. **SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:** Special Instructions for delivery dates, delivery of heavy equipment, materials or machinery requiring special handling, to schools/sites under construction and/or renovation, or refrigerated goods will be defined in General Terms and Conditions.



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- c. **PACKING:** All materials must be securely packed in accordance with accepted trade practices. The Board Purchase Order number must be plainly visible on the exterior of each container. A packing slip and/or delivery ticket shall be included in each shipment. This ticket shall contain the following information: Purchase Order Number, Vendor Name, Name of the Article, Item Number, Quantity, and Delivery Location (Example: ABC Elementary School Library) and Bid/Contract Number. Failure to comply with this condition may be considered sufficient reason to refuse to accept the goods.
- d. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** The Awarded Vendor shall provide all equipment and machinery furnished and delivered to The Board complying with the Safety regulations as required by OSHA and the Maryland State Safety Health Act known as MOSHA. The Vendor shall sign the safety section, if attached in the bid response, certifying that the regulations for the type of equipment furnished shall meet all regulations applying to this type equipment meeting the CFR-1910 OSHA Standard. The Vendor shall submit Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all items awarded to that vendor provided under the terms of this bid in accordance with OSHA Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.101, 29 CFR 1910.1200 and 29 CFR 1926.58 or any other applicable state, federal, or local regulation. Prior to delivery of the items awarded, the vendor must submit MSDS sheets to: Board of Education of Prince George's County, Director of Safety, 13300 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

5. GUARANTEE AND WARRANTIES

- a. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:** Payment shall be based upon acceptance of goods or services by The Board. Vendor expressly warrants that: (a). The merchandise to be furnished and services performed will be free from defects in material and workmanship and will be in full conformity with the specifications, drawings, representation, or sample; that this warranty shall survive acceptance and payment of the merchandise; and that the Vendor will bear the cost of inspection of all goods and services rejected. (b). The Vendor hereby provides a warranty of authorization as to all goods and services. (c). The goods or services furnished must be or have been mined, manufactured, or produced in full compliance with at least the minimum conditions required under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, and all other applicable local state and federal laws, rules, and regulations to include Department of Transportation (DOT), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations, and the Equal Opportunity Clause contained in Executive Order 11246, as amended. If applicable to the goods or services purchased herein, vendors must also be in full compliance with the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) legislation and maintain a written Hazard Communication Plan.
- b. Awarded Vendor, its employees, agents, volunteers, and bidders who may have contact with students must be in compliance with Title 5, Subtitle 5, Part VI, of the Family Law Article of the Maryland Code. All costs thereof shall be borne by the Vendor.
- c. **GUARANTEE PERIOD:** The Vendor shall unconditionally guarantee all services, materials, and workmanship of all furniture, goods, and equipment furnished by it for a period of one year from the date of acceptance, i.e., delivery and installation, unless a longer period of warranty is specified in the General Terms and Conditions attached to the IFB.



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- d. **FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT:** If, within the guaranteed period, any defects or signs of deterioration are noted, which in the opinion of The Board are due to faulty design and installation, workmanship or materials, upon notification, the Vendor, at its expense, shall repair or adjust the equipment or parts to correct the condition, or it shall replace the part or entire unit to the complete satisfaction of The Board. These repairs and/or replacements shall be made at such times as will be designated by The Board to avoid any interruption to the instructional programs.
- e. **OFFICE EQUIPMENT (N/A):** Vendor agrees to provide on-site service of equipment within eight (8) hours of notification by school system personnel. Loaner equipment shall be supplied; free of charge, during the warranty period if the office equipment cannot be repaired within three (3) working days.
- f. **OTHER EQUIPMENT (N/A):** Certain pieces of equipment, machinery, and refrigeration will require guarantees other than detailed above. Refer to General Terms and Conditions for requirements on specific equipment.
- g. **MANUFACTURER'S AGENT:** The Vendor shall act as the manufacturer's agent for all warranty claims.

6. BID SUBMISSION

- a. **KNOWLEDGE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Vendors or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting a bid response. Failure to do so will be at the Vendor's own risk and Vendor cannot secure relief on the plea of error. Neither law nor regulations make allowance for errors of omission or commission on the part of Vendors.
- b. **VENDOR ADDRESS:** Each bid must show the full business address, telephone number, email address and fax number of the Vendor 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 emailed to the address shown on the bid in the absence of written instructions from the Vendor to the contrary.
- c. **SAMPLES:** If required as indicated in the General Terms and Conditions, a properly tagged sample and descriptive data shall be submitted to the address specified no later than the date specified in the Schedule of Events included in the General Terms and Conditions. The tag on the sample shall indicate the item number, the name of the company submitting the sample, and the IFB number. The Board will not be responsible for any samples not picked up within 30 days of the notification of Vendors to do so. Samples may be retained by The Board until Vendors are notified to remove them. Vendors agree that The Board will incur no liability for samples that are damaged, destroyed, lost, or consumed in testing processes. Failure to submit the above information when requested is sufficient grounds for rejection of the bid.
- d. **RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD:** Recommendation of an award of a contract will be made in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions.

7. ANNULMENTS AND RESERVATIONS

- a. **RIGHT TO REJECT:** The Board reserves the right to exercise its statutory option to reject any or all bids and re-advertise for other bids. The Board reserves the right to order the said equipment, materials, supplies or services as described within the specifications, and the Board also reserves the right not to order any items(s) within the specification.
- b. **WAIVER OF TECHNICAL DEFECTS:** The Board reserves the right to waive technical defects, if in its judgment the interest of The Board shall so require.
- c. **CONTRACT RESERVATIONS:** The Board 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 The Board materials, products and/or workmanship inferior to that required by the Vendor, and any action taken in pursuance of this latter stipulation shall not affect or impair any rights or claims of The Board to damages for the breach of any covenant of the contract by the Vendor(s). Should the Vendor(s) 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 its control, including, but not limited to, Acts of God, war, flood, governmental restrictions, or the inability to obtain transportation, The Board reserves the right to purchase the required articles in the open market or to complete the required work at the expense of the Vendor(s). Should the Vendor 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 its control, including but not limited to Acts of God, war, flood, governmental action, or the inability to obtain transportation, The Board reserves the right to withdraw such items or required work from the operation of this contract without incurring further liabilities.
- d. **AUTHORITY TO DEBAR OR SUSPEND** The Director of Purchasing & Supply Services shall have the authority to debar a person or company for cause from consideration for award of contracts

8. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- a. **TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:** The Board may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, due to insufficient funding or non-appropriation of funds with written notice to the Vendor. The Board shall pay for all of the purchases, if any, incurred up to the date of the termination notice.
- b. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:** When the Vendor has not performed or has unsatisfactorily performed the contract, payment shall be withheld at the discretion of The Board. Failure on the part of a Vendor to fulfill contractual obligations shall be considered just cause for termination of the contract, and the Vendor is not entitled to any costs incurred up to the date of termination. In the event of a default by the vendor, this Contract may be terminated.



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- c. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The Board has the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, without any liability, upon five (5) days prior written notice to Vendor, provided that Vendor shall be compensated for services rendered prior to the date of termination.
- d. Each participating jurisdiction and/or local educational agency (LEA) public school district has the right to withdraw from the terms of the contract without showing cause, by providing thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the vendor(s). The participating jurisdiction/ LEA shall pay all reasonable costs incurred by the vendor(s) up to the date of termination. The vendor(s) shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits which have not been earned up to the date of termination.
- e. Language to support Termination for Convenience by the vendor(s) shall be so stipulated in the contract document between jurisdiction/ LEA and the vendor(s). Such language, when included, shall take precedence over the language of this specification.

9. GOVERNING LAW & VENUE

- a. The IFB shall be construed in accordance with, and interpreted under, the laws of the State of Maryland. Any lawsuits arising out of such IFB shall be filed in the Circuit Court of Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

10. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SUBMISSION OF INVOICES: Supplier agrees to accept the line item price on the purchase order as final payment. All invoices are to be submitted promptly showing Purchase Order number, cost breakout to include labor rate (hours) and material (cost and markup), and name and address of recipient and mailed to Board of Education of Prince George's County, Accounts Payable Office, Room 14201 School Lane, RM 130 Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 (unless otherwise noted).

- a. **INCORRECT INVOICES:** Incorrect invoices will be returned for correction or paid in accordance with the purchase order. Each invoice shall identify the Board Purchase Order Number, line item number and item descriptions or services shall be listed in the same order as on the Bid and/or Purchase Order.
- b. **PARTIAL PAYMENTS:** Payment in full will only be made upon final acceptance of items as shown on Purchase Order. Partial payments are permissible.
- c. **LATE SUBMISSION OF INVOICES:** The parties acknowledge and agree that the Vendor's invoices are to be submitted in a timely manner, per the terms of the purchase order, after the services have been provided or the goods and materials have been provided. If invoices are submitted after one calendar year after the Vendor's services have been rendered or the last date when goods and materials were accepted by the Board, then the Board shall have no obligation to pay for the stale invoices.
- d. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Vendor acknowledges and agrees to hold all Confidential Information in the strictest confidence as a fiduciary and will not make any press release or public



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announcement, or voluntarily sell, transfer, publish, disclose, display or otherwise make available to any third persons such Confidential Information or any portion thereof without the express written consent of the Board. Vendor and its employees, agents, volunteers and bidders shall maintain the confidentiality of all medical, psychological, and student records in compliance with federal and state laws. Additionally, Vendor shall procure from the parent or guardian of each student receiving services hereunder a written consent in favor of Vendor and The Board for the mutual disclosure of such records by and among the Vendor, The Board and The Board's employees, agents, volunteers and bidders.

- e. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Vendor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Board of Education, CEO and their respective elected/appointed officials, employees, departments, agencies, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, demands, suits, and actions, including attorney's fees, litigation expenses and court costs, connected therewith, brought against the Board and their respective elected/appointed officials, employees, departments, agencies, agents, and volunteers, arising as a result of direct or indirect, willful, or negligent act or omission of the Bidder or its employees, agents, or volunteers.
- f. **NON-ASSIGNABILITY:** This contract shall not be assigned or services subcontracted in whole or in part without the written consent of the Board. Any attempt to do so without such written consent shall be null and void of no effect.
- g. **INDEPENDENT VENDOR:** Vendor is furnishing its goods and/or services hereunder as an independent Vendor, and nothing herein shall create any association, partnership or joint venture between the parties hereto or any employer-employee relationship.
- h. **GENERAL RECORDS CLAUSE:** Vendor's contracts, files, accounts, records, and other documents related to this Contract shall be open to examination and/or audit by the Board and made available by the Vendor to the Board and/or its designated agents at any time upon reasonable prior notice, during performance under this Contract and for a period of four (4) years after final payment or such longer period of time as required by law or rule or regulations.
- i. **SOLE AGREEMENT:** This Contract constitutes the sole agreement between the parties hereto and no amendment, modification or waiver of any of the terms and conditions hereof shall be valid unless in writing and executed by both parties. Any prior verbal agreements or bids shall not be considered a part of this Contract.
- j. **PROTECTION OF PROPERTY:** Vendor will use reasonable care to avoid damaging existing buildings, equipment, and property at The Board sites and all material furnished by The Board ("Property"). If the Vendor's failure to use reasonable care causes damage to any property, Vendor must replace or repair the damage at no expense to the Board as directed by the Contracting Officer. If the Vendor fails or refuses to make such repair or replacement, the Vendor will be liable for the cost, which may be deducted from payments due Vendor.
- k. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS:** Vendor shall not use or reference the Name or Emblem of The Board Of Education of Prince George's County in issuing any press releases or otherwise making



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any public statement with respect to this Contract (unless such press release or statement is required by applicable law regulation or the requirements of any listing agreement with any applicable stock exchange) without the prior written consent of The Board, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Purchase by the Board of any articles, material, merchandise, or service does not imply that the Board has either adopted or endorsed the product of service, and the use by any manufacturer, Vendor, merchant or other person of the name or emblem of the Board in any advertisement that they are furnishing products or services is not authorized. The unauthorized use of the name or emblem of the Board is prohibited by the United States Criminal Code - Section 706.

11. CHANGES IN TERMS OR DELIVERY

After award of individual contracts, any questions or correspondence related but not limited to the following matters must be directed to the PURCHASING OFFICE, BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND 20772-9983, in writing:

In the event of strikes, Acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the bidder's control which prevent completion of service or delivery, the bidder must secure temporary contractual relief. The circumstances and duration must be stated by the bidder in writing and be forwarded to the PURCHASING OFFICE within ten (10) days after their development. Contractual relief shall be only that which is acceptable to and in agreement with the PURCHASING OFFICE, for those goods and services which are necessary for the day to day needs of the BOARD.

Please Note: ALL OVERTIME MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE



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APPENDIX A – BID AND ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Note: When submitting your bid, please use this page as a cover sheet for your proposal.

In compliance with your invitation for bidders, the undersigned proposes to furnish and deliver all labor and materials in accordance with the accompanying specifications and "Instructions and General Conditions" for the price as listed on the enclosed Proposal Sheet(s).

I/We certify that this bid/proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm, or corporation submitting a bid/proposal for the same goods/services and is, in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that none of this company's officers, directors, partners or its employees have been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or federal government; and that no member of the Board of Education of Prince George's County, Administrative or Supervisory Personnel or other employees of the Prince George's County Public Schools, has any interest in the bidding company except as follows:

COMPANY: _____

dba: _____

REGISTERED MARYLAND BIDDER NUMBER: _____

FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION: _____ DATE: _____

The undersigned has familiarized themselves with the conditions affecting the work, the specifications, and is legally authorized to make this proposal on behalf of the Bidder listed above.

NAME (please print): _____ TITLE: _____

SIGNATURE OF ABOVE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE # _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (for correspondence): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (for receiving Purchase Orders): _____



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA (when applicable)

The company/firm acknowledges the receipt of the following addenda for **IFB DBS26-001**. Bidder must sign below to acknowledge receipt for each Addendum. Bidders are directly responsible for obtaining updates, changes or addendums either from eMMA web-page or by contacting the Purchasing Office for instruction.

Vendor Name: _____

Name and Title: _____

(Authorized to sign on behalf of the Company)

Addendum No. 1 _____

Signature

Addendum No. 2 _____

Signature

Addendum No. 3 _____

Signature

Addendum No. 4 _____

Signature

Addendum No. 5 _____

Signature

END OF APPENDIX A



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APPENDIX B – PAST PERFORMANCE REFERENCES

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Bidders shall provide **three (3) references** with rendering services similar in size and scope to those in this IFB.

Bidder shall include references shall be based upon projects that have been **completed by the bidder within the last five (5) years.**

This description shall include:

Summary of the services offered including the number of years the Bidder provided these services;
a) the Bidders' ability to manage similar contracts, b) the quality and breadth of services provided by the Bidder under similar contracts.

RECENT/PAST PERFORMANCE REFERENCES

Client Name: _____

Contract #: _____

• Date(s) of services _____

• Contract Awarded Value: _____

• Describe Scope of Work Performed: _____

• Describe Size of Project (Qualitative or Quantitative) _____

• Describe Level of Complexity _____

Reference Contact Name & Title (must be available to validate information):

Email Address: _____

Phone No: _____

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APPENDIX C - NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the _____ and the duly
authorized representative of

_____ whose address is
_____ and

THAT NEITHER I nor, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above
firm nor any of its other representatives I here represent:

- (a) Have agreed, conspired, connived or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the IFB or offer being submitted herewith;
- (b) Have in any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion to fix the IFB price or price Bid of the bidder or Bidder herein or any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the Contract for which the within IFB or offer is submitted.

In making this affidavit, I represent that I have personal knowledge of the matters and facts herein stated.

Signature of:

X _____

Bidder, if the bidder is an individual

X _____

Partner, if the bidder is a partnership

X _____

Officer, if the bidder is a corporation

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

X _____

Notary Public

My commission expires



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APPENDIX D - DEBARMENT AFFIDAVIT

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_____ being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is an

officer in the _____ and the party making a certain
bid or

IFB dated, _____ 20____, to the Board of Education of Prince George's County:

I further affirm that: Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension): _

I further affirm that: (1) The business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and (2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification):

In making this affidavit, I represent that I have personal knowledge of the matters and facts herein stated.

Signature of:

X _____
Bidder, if the bidder is an individual

X _____
Partner, if the bidder is a partnership

X _____
Officer, if the bidder is a corporation

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

X _____
Notary Public

My commission expires

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APPENDIX E - ANTI-BRIBERY AFFIDAVIT

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the _____ and the duly authorized representative of the firm of _____ whose address is _____, and that I possess the legal authority to make this affidavit on behalf of myself and the firm for which I am acting.

Except as described below, neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, the 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.

(State "none" or, as appropriate, list any conviction, please, or admission described in paragraph 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 representatives 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 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.

Signature of:

X _____
Bidder, if the bidder is an individual

X _____
Partner, if the bidder is a partnership

X _____
Officer, if the bidder is a corporation

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

X _____
Notary Public

My commission expires

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APPENDIX F - CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

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The successful bidder will be required to provide insurance coverage as shown in General Conditions of IFB and Contract, prior to beginning any work. This insurance coverage must be maintained throughout the life of the contract. **PROOF THAT COVERAGE IS EITHER CURRENTLY IN PLACE OR WILL BE PROVIDED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID.**

This can be done by one of the two following methods:

- Complete form "CERTIFICATION OF INSURANCE COVERAGE" (OR) Submit a Certificate of Insurance on a form provided by your Insurance Agent.

This form must include the following clauses:

- The Board Of Education of Prince George's County is hereby named as Additional Insured.
- The policy(s) cannot be reduced or canceled without at least forty-five (45) days' prior written notice to The Board Of Education of Prince George's County.
- The insurance company is prohibited from pleading government function in the absence of any specified written authority from The Board Of Education of Prince George's County.
- The policy(s) will automatically include and cover all phases of work, equipment, persons, et cetera which are normally covered while performing work under the above contract, whether specifically written therein or not.
- Regardless of the method used, the form **MUST** be totally complete, **MUST** show that all Limits of Insurance are or will be met, and **MUST** be signed by the Agent.
- Failure to provide the required insurance coverage by either of the two (2) methods described above when the IFB is submitted may result in rejection of your IFB as being non-responsive.



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**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FROM
YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW:**

BIDDER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF SURETY: (TYPE OR PRINT) _____

NAME OF AGENT: (TYPE OR PRINT) _____

AGENT'S PHONE NO: _____

TYPE OF COVERAGE	MINIMUM REQUIRED LIMITS	POLICY OR BINDER NUMBER	ACTUAL LIMITS PROVIDED	EXPIRATION DATE
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY OCC	\$1,000,000			
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY AGG	\$3,000,000			
BUSINES S AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY	\$1,000,000 PER OCCURRENCE			
WORKMAN'S COMP	MARYLAND STATE MINIMUM COMPENSATION STATUTORY			

() LIMITS ON ABOVE POLICY WILL BE INCREASED

() ABOVE POLICY NOW IN EFFECT

() POLICY WILL BE OBTAINED/ISSUED ON _____



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The following additional clauses will be considered a part of the above policy(s), the same as if specifically written therein, as pertains to the above stated contract.

- The Board of Education of Prince George's County is hereby named as Additional Insured.
- The policy(s) cannot be reduced or canceled without at least forty-five (45) days prior written notice to the Board of Education of Prince George's County.
- The insurance company is prohibited from pleading government function in the absence of any specific written authority by the Board of Education of Prince George's County.
- The policy(s) will be automatically included and cover all phases of work, equipment, persons, et cetera which are normally covered while performing work under the above contract, whether specifically written therein or not.
- The Board of Education of Prince George's County is hereby granted authority to contact the agency directly to confirm Board of Education of Prince George's County information or obtain copies of certificates of insurance. The Board of Education of Prince George's County bears no responsibility for premiums or other cost of insurance. If policy(s) is not currently in effect, it will be written immediately upon notice of award, and a copy of the binder or certificate will be sent directly to the Board of Education of Prince George's County. A properly executed copy of this document shall be legally binding as a Carrier Certificate of Insurance Form.

The below signed hereby certifies that the following information provided is true and correct.

Signature of:

X _____
(AUTHORIZED AGENT'S SIGNATURE)

X _____
(DATE)

(NAME)

(EMAIL)

END OF APPENDIX F



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APPENDIX G - FINANCIAL BID FORM

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Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

TO: Board of Education of Prince George's County

We propose to establish and maintain all services and goods identified by the Board of Education of Prince George's County in accordance with Scope of Work, General Terms and Conditions, and Special Terms and Conditions under **IFB DBS26-001**.

Instructions:

Each vendor shall provide a fixed labor rate as listed on **Attachment A – Cost Bid Form**. *Bidders must bid on all items listed or no bid*. Prices shall be fixed for the contract term and option period.

The undersigned agrees to furnish all labor, materials, and services necessary to provide Stage Curtains for The Board of Education of Prince George's County in accordance with the attached specifications, and other related contract documentation.

Signature of:

X _____
(AUTHORIZED AGENT'S SIGNATURE)

X _____
(DATE)

(NAME)

(EMAIL)

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APPENDIX H - MBE FORM

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This document must be completed by All Bidders, signed in blue ink by an authorized company official & submitted with your bid response.

Prime Contractor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

BID Identifier Number: _____

FOR LOCALLY BASED MINORITY USE ONLY

LOCALLY BASED MINORITY BUSINESS TYPE (check as applicable):

PGC MBE____ PGC MWE _____ MD MBE____ MD MWE_____

IF YOU ARE A LOCALLY BASED MINORITY BUSINESS, PROVIDE CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

P.G. COUNTY GOVERNMENT: Certification No.: _____

MD. STATE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION: Certification No.: _____

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APPENDIX I – STATE OF MARYLAND TAX CERTIFICATION

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At the time of bid or bid for a State procurement contract of \$10,000 or more is submitted, the bidder or Bidder shall certify to the procurement officer that the bidder or Bidder 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 Bidder is a vendor of tangible personal property, the bidder or Bidder 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.

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

Signature

Date

Name (please type or print)

Witness Signature

Date

Name (please type or print)



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APPENDIX J – CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

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All Contractors, subcontractors or vendors must abide by PGCPS Board policies and regulations while working on PGCPS property.

Maryland Law requires that any person who enters into a contract with a county board of education may not knowingly employ an individual to work at a school (or PGCPS facility) if the individual is a registered sex offender. Please reference §11-113 of the Criminal Procedure Article of Maryland Code for penalty.

Be advised that individuals who are registered sex offenders are not eligible to work on any PGCPS project. The Contractor must initially check the Maryland Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services' MARYLAND SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY and search for the name of any employee to be assigned to work on this project. This applies to subcontractors and material/equipment suppliers as well.

In the event that a registered sex offender is discovered to be working on a PGCPS project, whether through employment by the prime Contractor, subcontractor or vendor, the site superintendent will immediately remove the individual from the premises and permanently terminate his work assignment. PGCPS may terminate this contract as a result if the Contractor is unable to demonstrate he has exercised care and diligence in the past in checking the Maryland registry.

Effective July 1, 2015, amendments to §6-113 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code further require that a contractor or subcontractor or vendor for a local school system may not knowingly assign an employee to work on school premises with direct, unsupervised, and uncontrolled access to children, if the employee has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a crime involving:

A sexual offense in the third or fourth degree under §3-307 or §3-308 of the Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Code. Child sexual abuse under §3-602 of the Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Code or any other State; or a crime of violence as defined in §14-101 of the Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Code or any other State.

With the passing of Maryland Law MD. Code, Educ. 6-113.2, employers of all contracted staff must obtain background information relating to child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct. This means that all contracted staff having direct contact with students must meet all of the PGCPS and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requirements before doing business with PGCPS. See: [Maryland State Department of Education Website](#); [House Bill 486 Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention](#); [MSDE Guidelines For MD. Code, Educ. 6113.2](#); and [Employment History Review Form for Child Abuse and Sexual Misconduct](#) for additional information.



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In addition, there has been no change to the current PGCPS requirement, that all contracted staff who have contact with students are required to be fingerprinted in order to obtain a criminal background check. Fingerprints and background checks are still an enforced PGCPS requirement.

Under recent amendments to §5-561 of the Family Law Article of the Maryland Code, each contractor, subcontractor, or vendor shall certify by signing this affidavit that any individuals in its work-force including subcontractors, have undergone a criminal background check, including fingerprinting, if the individuals will work in a PGCPS school facility in circumstances where they have direct, unsupervised, and uncontrolled access to children.

By my signature below, I affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of this Certification of Compliance are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name and title of
Signatory _____

Print name of
Company _____

END OF ATTACHMENT J



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APPENDIX K – VENDOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

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All vendors interested in conducting business with Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) must complete and return the Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form, in order to be eligible to be awarded a contract with PGCPS. Please note that all vendors must comply with PGCPS's conflict of interest certification, as stated below. If a vendor has a relationship with a PGCPS employee or an immediate family member (spouse, child (stepchild or adopted), parent, or sibling) of a PGCPS employee, the vendor shall disclose the information required below.

Certification: I hereby certify, that to the best of my knowledge, there is no conflict of interest involving the vendor named below:

1. No PGCPS employee or the employee's immediate family member has an ownership interest in the vendor's company, or is deriving personal financial gain from this contract.
2. No retired or separated PGCPS employee who has been retired or separated from the organization for less than one (1) year has an ownership interest in the vendor's company.
3. No PGCPS employee is contemporaneously employed or prospectively to be employed with the vendor.
4. The vendor did not provide any information or criteria in the drafting of the solicitation prior to it being advertised for competitive pricing.
5. Vendor hereby declares it has not, and will not provide gifts or hospitality of any dollar value, or any other gratuities to PGCPS employees to maintain a contract.
6. Vendor hereby declares that in the process of preparing a quote/bid/bid for PGCPS, there have been no acts of bribery, extortion, trading, laundering of corrupt practices, and/or nepotism have transpired between PGCPS employee and the vendor.
7. Please note any other exceptions below.

Vendor Name & Email	Vendor Address & Phone Number
Conflict of Interest Disclosure	
Name of PGCPS employee or immediate family member with whom there may be a potential conflict of interest. <i>If there is no conflict of interest, write "N/A" and initial.</i>	Disclose the relationship to the employee or the immediate family member, their interest in the vendor's company, and any additional information

I certify that the information provided is true and correct by my signature below:

Signature of Vendor Authorized Representative _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Vendor Authorized Representative _____



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APPENDIX L – STATE OF MARYLAND CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

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Bidder shall submit a State of Maryland Certificate of Good Standing or other State of Maryland issued documentation verifying the bidder is in Good Standing with the Department of Assessment and Taxation of Maryland and/or registered to do business in the State of Maryland.

Certificates of Status may be obtained online at <http://www.dat.state.md.us>.

This requirement applies to both Domestic and Foreign (out of state) Bidders. Foreign entities should contact the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, to determine and apply for the appropriate documentation.

- a. Bidder shall complete and submit an Appendix I, "State of Maryland Tax Certification", provide a current State of Maryland Certificate of Good Standing or other filing verifying the Bidder is in Good Standing with the Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland. Certificates of Status may be obtained online at <http://www.dat.state.md.us>. This requirement applies to both Domestic and Foreign Bidders (out of state).
- b. Foreign entities should contact the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, to determine and apply for the appropriate documentation.



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ATTACHMENT A – COST BID FORM

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****Utilize the separate Excel Document for Response***

****Acknowledge Use of Cost Bid Form****

By my signature below, I affirm understanding and acknowledge receipt of Attachment A for the Cost Bid Form for the Food Scraps and Compostables Collection and Hauling Services project.

Signature_____ Date_____

Print Name_____ Title_____

Company Name_____ Email _____



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ATTACHMENT B – COMPOSTING SERVICE SCHEDULE

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****Acknowledge the Attachment B Composting Service Schedule****

By my signature below, I affirm understanding and acknowledge receipt of Attachment B for the Composting Service Schedule for the Food Scraps and Compostables Collection and Hauling Services project.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Company Name _____ Email _____



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ATTACHMENT C – COMPOSTING MONTHLY TONNAGE DATA TEMPLATE

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****Utilize the separate Excel Document for Response***

****Acknowledge the Attachment C Composting Monthly Tonnage Data Template****

By my signature below, I affirm understanding and acknowledge receipt of Attachment C for the Composting Monthly Tonnage Data Template for the Food Scraps and Compostables Collection and Hauling Services project.

Signature_____ Date_____

Print Name_____ Title_____

Company Name_____ Email _____