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SUBJECT: Instructions to Bidders

Dear Prospective Bidders:

Invitation to Bid 16-020R, Inspection and Repair of Fire Sprinkler Systems

The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC) is interested in receiving bids in response to the attached Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Inspection and Repair of Fire Sprinkler Systems. Any questions regarding this ITB should be addressed to me, in writing, at the address stated above, via facsimile at 754-321-0504 or via e-mail to ian superville@browardschools.com. No other School Board staff member should be contacted in relation to this ITB. Any information that amends any portion of this ITB, which is received by any method other than an Addendum issued to the ITB, is not binding on SBBC.

In order to assure that your bid is in full compliance with all requirements of the ITB, carefully read all portions of the ITB document, paying particular attention to the following areas:

M/WBE CERTIFICATION/PARTICIPATION - SEE EXHIBIT A

SBBC has implemented a Minority/Women Business Enterprise Program as part of the SBBC's competitive solicitation and contracting activity in accordance with School Board Policy 7007-A Administrative Procedures for The School Board of Broward County, Florida's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program. The purpose of the program is to utilize available minority and women business enterprises (M/WBE's) within the Board's market area to compete for the award of SBBC purchasing contracts. M/WBE vendors utilized for this contract must be certified by SBBC, Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program Office. For information on M/WBE Certification, contact SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program at 754-321-0550.

SECTION 2. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2, Submittal Requirements, is a listing of all submittals that are required to be part of your bid package. Please make sure that all required submittals have been included as part of your bid package.

COMPLETION OF BIDS

The Bid Summary Sheets upon which the Bidder submits its prices shall be completed in ink or typewritten. The Bidder Acknowledgement Section should be completed in full and fully executed by an authorized representative of the Bidder. SBBC reserves the right to reject any bid which is not completed in full.

PRICING CORRECTIONS

If a price correction is necessary on the Bid Summary Sheet, draw a single line through the entered figure and enter the corrected figure or use an opaque correction fluid. All price corrections shall be initialed by the person signing the bid even when using opaque correction fluid. SBBC reserves the right to not tabulate any illegible entries, pencil bids or price corrections not initialed and to reject any bid containing any of these errors.

DUE DATE

Bids are due in Procurement and Warehousing Services on the date and time stated on Page 1 of the ITB. In order to have your bid considered, it must be received on or before the date and time due. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. ET on date due will not be considered.

STATEMENT OF "NO BID"

If you are not submitting a bid in response to this ITB, please complete Section 8, Statement of "No Bid" and return via facsimile to 754-321-0534 or scan and send via e-mail to ian superville@browardschools.com. Your response to the Statement of "No" Bid is very important to Procurement and Warehousing Services when creating future ITBs.

Thank you for your interest in SBBC. Again, if you have any questions, please contact me at the telephone number or email address stated above.

Sincerely

Ian Superville

Acting Purchasing Agent IV

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida PROCUREMENT AND WAREHOUSING SERVICES

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INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

PURCHASING RELEASE DATE ? ITB NO.: DUE DATE: Bids due at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET): AGENT: 16-020R August 28, 2015 **September 21, 2015** Ian Superville 754-321-0541 Bids must be submitted to Procurement and Warehousing Services and BID TITLE: received on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on the date due. Bids may not be withdrawn for 90 days after due date. Faxed bids are not allowed and will INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS not be considered. Only the names of Bidders will be read at bid opening. Bid prices will not be read at bid opening (Florida Statute 119.071 2.) **SECTION 1, Bidder Acknowledgement** IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL CONDITION 1, THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY INCLUDING THE SIGNATURE OF AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE WHERE INDICATED BELOW AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENT, WITH THE BID, WILL RESULT IN BID BEING CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE. "REMIT TO" ADDRESS FOR PAYMENT: If payment(s) is/are to be Bidder's Name and state "Doing Business As", where applicable: mailed to address other than as stated on left, please complete section below. Check this box if address is the same as stated on the left. P.O. Address: Address: City: State: Zip Code: City: State: Zip Code: Telephone Number: Toll Free Number: Contact: Fax Number: Telephone Number: Toll Free Number: E-Mail Address of Authorized Representative: Fax Number: E-mail Address to Send Purchase Orders: Federal Tax Identification Number: hereby certify that: I am submitting the following information as my firm's (Bidder) bid and am authorized by Bidder to do so. Bidder agrees to complete and unconditional acceptance of the contents of all pages in this Invitation To Bid (ITB), and all appendices and the contents of any Signature of Authorized Representative (Manual) Addenda released hereto; Bidder agrees to be bound to any and all specifications, terms and conditions contained in the ITB, and any released Addenda and understand that the following are requirements of this ITB and failure to comply will result in disqualification of bid submitted; Bidder has not divulged, discussed, or compared the bid with other Bidders and has not colluded with any Name of Authorized Representative (Typed or Printed) other Bidder or party to any other bid; Bidder, its principals, or their lobbyists has not offered campaign contributions to School Board Members or offer contributions to School Board Members for campaigns of other candidates for political office during the period in which the Bidder is Title attempting to sell goods or services to the School Board. This period of limitation of offering campaign contributions shall commence at the time of the "cone of silence" period for any solicitation for a competitive procurement as described by School Board Policy 3320, Part II, Section GG as well as School Board Policy 1007, Section 5.4 - Campaign Contribution Fundraising. Bidder acknowledges that all information contained herein is part of the public record as defined by the State of Florida Sunshine and Public Records Laws; all responses, data and information contained in this bid are true and accurate. agree that this bid cannot be withdrawn within 90 days from date due. **SECTION 2, Submittal Requirements** SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: In order to assure that your bid is in compliance with bid requirements, please verify that the submittals indicated by the 🖂 below have been submitted. ■ Material Safety Data Sheets ☐ Bid Bond Descriptive Literature □ Licenses Special Condition 31 Special Condition ___ Special Condition ___ Special Condition ___ Manufacturers Authorization References ☐ Bidder Questionnaire □ Price List/Catalog Special Condition 34 Special Condition Special Condition ___ Special Condition Bidder's Preference Statement

Note: If your firm wishes to not submit a bid in response to the ITB, please complete and return, via mail or fax, the Statement of No Bid attached as the last page of this ITB.

Special Condition 18

SECTION 3, GENERAL CONDITIONS

- SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS: The "Bidder Acknowledgement Section" must be completed, signed and returned with the bid. The Bid Summary Sheet pages on which the Bidder actually submits a bid, and any pages, upon which information is required to be inserted, must be completed and submitted with the bid. The School Board of Broward County (SBBC) reserves the right to reject any bid that fails to comply with these submittal requirements.
 - a) BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY: It is the responsibility of the Bidder to be certain that all numbered pages of the bid and all attachments thereto are received and all Addendum released are received prior to submitting a bid without regard to how a copy of this ITB was obtained. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein on the attached bid documents and on any Addenda issued thereto.
 - b) BID SUBMITTED: Completed bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope with bid number and name clearly typed or written on the front of the envelope. Bids must be time stamped in Procurement and Warehousing Services on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on date due for bid to be considered. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. ET on date due. Bids submitted by telegraphic or facsimile transmission will not be accepted.
 - c) EXECUTION OF BID: Bid must contain an original manual signature of an authorized representative in the space provided above. All bids must be completed in ink or typewritten. If a price correction is necessary, draw a single line through the entered figure and enter the corrected figure or use an opaque correction fluid. All price corrections must be initialed by the person signing the bid even when using opaque correction fluid. SBBC reserves the right to reject any bid or bid item completed in pencil or any bid that contains illegible entries or price corrections not initialed.
 - d)

 BIDDING PREFERENCE LAWS: ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE LEGAL OPINION OF BIDDER'S PREFERENCE FORM IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDRED FOR AWARD. The State of Florida provides a Bidder's preference for Florida vendors for the purchase of personal property. The local preference is five (5) percent. Bidders outside the State of Florida must have an Attorney, licensed to practice law in the out-of-state jurisdiction, as required by Florida Statute 287.084(2), execute the "Opinion of Out-of-State Bidder's Attorney on Bidding Preferences" form and must submit this form with the submitted bid. Such opinion should permit SBBC's reliance on such attorney's opinion for purposes of complying with Florida Statute 287.084. Florida Bidders must also complete its portion of the form. Failure to submit and execute this form, with the bid, shall result in bid being considered "non-responsive" and bid rejected.
- PRICES QUOTED: Deduct trade discounts and quote firm net prices. Give both unit
 price and extended total. Prices must be stated in units to quantity specified in the
 bidding specification. In case of discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the
 Unit Price quoted will govern.

All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination and freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears freight charges). Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions. Discounts for prompt payment: Award, if made, will be in accordance with terms and conditions stated herein. Each item must be bid separately and no attempt is to be made to tie any item or items in with any other item or items. Cash or quantity discounts offered will not be a consideration in determination of award of bid(s). If a Bidder offers a discount or offers terms less than Net 30, it is understood that a minimum of 30 days will be required for payment, and if a payment discount is offered, the discount time will be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery at place of acceptance and receipt of correct invoice at the office specified.

- a) <u>TAXES</u>: The School Board of Broward County, Florida does not pay Federal Excise and State taxes on direct purchase of tangible personal property. The applicable tax exemption number is shown on the Purchase Order. This exemption does <u>not</u> apply to purchases of tangible personal property made by contractors who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for the improvement of School Board owned real property as defined in Chapter 192 of the Florida Statutes.
- b) MISTAKES: Bidders are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedules, bid prices and extensions, and all instructions pertaining to supplies and services. Failure to do so will be at Bidder's risk.
- c) CONDITION AND PACKAGING: It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this bid shall be new (current production model at the time of this bid) unless otherwise specified. All containers shall be suitable for storage or shipment and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging.
- d) UNDERWRITERS' LABORATORIES: Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid, all manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall be UL listed where such has been established by UL for the item(s) offered and furnished. In lieu of the UL listing, Bidder may substitute a listing by an independent testing laboratory recognized by OSHA under the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL) Recognition Program.

- e) <u>BIDDER'S CONDITIONS</u>: Bid conditions and specifications shall not be changed, altered or conditioned in any way. The Board specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional bid.
- 3. <u>SAMPLES:</u> Samples of items, when required, must be furnished free of expense within five working days of request unless otherwise stated and, if not destroyed, will, upon request, be returned at the Bidder's expense, Bidders will be responsible for the removal of all samples furnished within 30 days after bid opening. All samples will be disposed of after 30 days. Each individual sample must be labeled with Bidder's name, bid number and item number. Failure of Bidder to either deliver required samples or to clearly identify samples as indicated may be reason for rejection of the bid. Unless otherwise indicated, samples should be delivered to Procurement and Warehousing Services, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, 7720 West Oakland, Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704.
- 4. <u>DELIVERY:</u> All deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination point. Unless actual date of delivery is specified (or if specified delivery cannot be met), show number of days required to make delivery after receipt of Purchase Order in space provided. Delivery time may become a basis for making an award (see Special Conditions). Delivery shall be within the normal working hours of the user, Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays and days during which the school district administration is closed.
- 5. INTERPRETATIONS: Any questions concerning conditions and specifications must be submitted in writing and received by Procurement and Warehousing Services no later than ten working days, or as stated in the Special Conditions, prior to the original bid opening date. If necessary, an Addendum will be issued.
- 6. AWARDS: In the best interest of SBBC, the Board reserves the right to: 1) withdraw this bid at any time prior to the time and date specified for the bid opening; 2) to reject any or all bids received when there are sound documented business reasons that serve the best interest of SBBC; 3) to accept any item or group of items unless qualified by Bidder; and 4) to acquire additional quantities at prices quoted on this ITB unless additional quantities are not acceptable, in which case, the bid sheets must be noted "BID IS FOR SPECIFIED QUANTITY ONLY." All awards made as a result of this bid shall conform to applicable Florida Statutes and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, and must have venue established in the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida or the United States Court of the Southern District of Florida.
- BID OPENING: Shall be public, on the date and at the time specified on the bid form.
 All bids received after that time shall not be considered.
- ADVERTISING: In submitting a bid, Bidder agrees not to use the results there from as a part of any commercial advertising without prior approval of the School Board.
- 9. INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE & TITLE: Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless otherwise provided. Title to/or risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the Awardee until acceptance by the buyer unless loss or damage resulting from negligence by the buyer. If the materials or services supplied to the Board are found to be defective or not conform to specifications, the Board reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and return product at Awardee's expense.
- 10. PAYMENT: Payment will be made by SBBC after the items awarded have been received, inspected, found to comply with award specifications and free of damage or defect and properly invoiced. All payments will be made by ACH (Automated Clearing House) for automatic deposits (credits).
- 11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP: Section 112.313 (3) and (7), Florida Statutes, sets forth restrictions on the ability of SBBC employees acting in a private capacity to rent, lease, or sell any realty, goods or services to SBBC. It also places restrictions on SBBC employees concerning outside employment or contractual relationships with any business entity which is doing business with SBBC. Each Bidder is to disclose any employees it has who are also SBBC employees by submitting Attachment 1, Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest and Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship, with its Bid. Any employees identified by the Bidder when completing Attachment 1 should obtain legal advice as to their obligations and restrictions under Section 112.313 (3) and (7), Florida Statutes.
- 12. INSURANCE: Bidder, by virtue of submitting a bid, shall be in full compliance with paragraph 20: LIABILITY INSURANCE, LICENSES AND PERMITS of the General Conditions. Insurance Requirements are shown in FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS Section of this ITB. Bidder shall take special notice that SBBC shall be named as an additional insured under the General Liability policy including Products Liability.

The insurance policies shall be issued by companies qualified to do business in the State of Florida. The insurance companies must be rated at least A-VI by AM Best or Aa3 by Moody's Investor Service. All policies must remain in effect during the performance of the contract.

- DISPUTES: In case of any doubt or difference of opinion as to the items to be furnished hereunder, the decision of the School Board shall be final and binding on both parties.
- 14. LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS: As of the Bid Opening Date, Bidder must have all Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required when performing the services as described herein, in order for Bid to be considered a responsive and responsible Bid. Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required for this Bid shall be as required by Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time; by the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF), latest version; and by Broward County, Florida. Bidder must submit a copy of all its current Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required as described herein, either with its Bid or within five working days of notification.

An Awardee who has any License, Certification or Registration either suspended, revoked or expired after the date of the Bid Opening, shall provide notice to the Director of Supply Management & Logistics within five working days of such suspension, revocation or expiration. However, such suspension, revocation or expiration after the date of the Bid Opening shall not relieve the Awardee of its responsibilities under a contract awarded under this bid.

- 15. PATENTS & ROYALTIES: The Awardee, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless The School Board of Broward County, Florida and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by The School Board of Broward County, Florida. If the Awardee uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent, or copyright, it is mutually understood and agreed without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device or materials in any way involved in the work.
- 16. <u>OSHA:</u> The Awardee warrants that the product supplied to The School Board of Broward County, Florida shall conform in all respects to the standards set forth in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended, and the failure to comply with this condition will be considered as a breach of contract.
- 17. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: The Superintendent or Designee has the authority to issue Special Conditions and Specifications as required for individual bids. Any and all Special Conditions that may vary from these General Conditions shall have precedence.
- 18. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION: The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Executive Director, Benefits & EEO Compliance at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.
- 19. QUALITY: All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any supplies, materials or equipment covered by this bid shall be new unless otherwise specified. The items bid must be new, the latest model, of the best quality and highest grade workmanship.
- 20. <u>LIABILITY INSURANCE, LICENSES AND PERMITS:</u> Where Awardees are required to enter or go onto School Board property to deliver materials or perform work or services as a result of a bid award, the Awardee agrees to The Hold Harmless Agreement stated herein and will assume the full duty obligation and expense of obtaining all necessary licenses, permits and insurance. The Awardee shall be liable for any damages or loss to the School Board occasioned by negligence of the Awardee (or agent) or any person the Awardee has designated in the completion of the contract as a result of their bid.
- 21. BID BONDS, PERFORMANCE BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE: Bid bonds, when required, shall be submitted with the bid in the amount specified in Special Conditions. Bid bonds will be returned to non-Awardees. After acceptance of bid, the School Board will notify the Awardee to submit a performance bond and certificate of insurance in the amount specified in Special Conditions. Upon receipt of the performance bond, the bid bond will be returned to the Awardee.
- 22. CANCELLATION: In the event any of the provisions of this bid are violated by the contractor, the Superintendent shall give written notice to the contractor stating the deficiencies and unless deficiencies are corrected within five days, recommendation will be made to the School Board for immediate cancellation.

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- 23. <u>BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:</u> Invoices, unless otherwise indicated, must show Purchase Order numbers and shall be submitted in duplicate to The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Accounting and Financial Reporting Department, Attn: Accounts Payable, 600 S.E. 3rd Avenue, 7th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301. Payment will be made a minimum of 30 days after delivery, authorized inspection and acceptance. When vendors are directed to send invoices to a school, the school will make direct payments to the vendor.
- NOTE TO VENDORS DELIVERING TO MATERIALS LOGISTICS CENTRAL (WAREHOUSE): Receiving hours are Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays and days during which the school district administration is closed) 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.
- 25. SUBSTITUTIONS: The School Board of Broward County, Florida WILL NOT accept substitute shipments of any kind. Awardees are expected to furnish the brand quoted in their bid once awarded by the School Board. Any substitute shipments will be returned at the Awardee's expense.
- 26. FACILITIES: SBBC reserves the right to inspect the Awardee's facilities at any time with prior notice. SBBC may use the information obtained from this in determining whether a Bidder is a responsible Bidder.
- 27. BID ABSTRACTS: Bid tabulations are available at www.demandstar.com.
- 28. ASBESTOS AND FORMALDEHYDE STATEMENT: All building materials, pressed boards, and furniture supplied to SBBC shall be 100% asbestos free. It is desirous that all building materials, pressed boards and furniture supplied to the School Board also be 100% formaldehyde free. Bidder, by virtue of bidding, certifies by signing bid that, if awarded this bid, only building materials, pressed boards, and/or furniture that is 100% asbestos free will be supplied.
- 29. ASSIGNMENT: Neither any award of this bid nor any interest in any award of this bid may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent from the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services. There shall be no partial assignments of this "Bid/RFP" including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.
- 30. **EXTENSION:** In addition to any extension options contained herein, SBBC is granted the right to extend any award resulting from this bid for the period of time necessary for SBBC to release, award and implement a replacement bid for the goods, products and/or services provided through this bid. Such extension shall be upon the same prices, terms and conditions as existing at the time of SBBC's exercise of this extension right. The period of any extension under this provision shall not be for a period in excess of six months from (a) the termination date of a contract entered into as a result of this bid or (b) the termination date under any applicable period of extension under a contract entered into as a result of this bid.
- 31. OMISSION FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of this specification and any Addendum regarding any details or the omission from the specification of a detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best available units shall be provided and the best commercial practices are to prevail, and that only materials and workmanship of first quality are to be used. All interpretations of this specification shall be made upon the basis of this agreement.
- 32. SUBMITTAL OF INVOICES: All Bidders are hereby notified that any invoice submitted as a result of the award of this bid must be in the same format as any Purchase Order released as a result of the award of this bid. Each line of the invoice must reference a corresponding single line shown on the Purchase Order. A single invoice line must not correspond to or commingle the cost shown on multiple Purchase Order lines. An invoice submitted that does not follow the same format and line numbering as shown on the Purchase Order will be deemed to be not correct, and may be returned to the vendor by the Accounts Payable Department for correction. Address for submitting invoices is included on Purchase Order.
- 33. PURCHASE AGREEMENT: This bid and the corresponding Purchase Orders will constitute the complete agreement. SBBC will not accept proposed terms and conditions that are different than those contained in this Invitation to Bid, including pre-printed text contained on catalogs, price lists, other descriptive information submitted or any other materials. By virtue of submitting a bid, vendor agrees to not submit to any SBBC employee, for signature, any document that contains terms and conditions that are different than those contained herein and that in the event any document containing any term or condition that differs from those contained herein is executed, said document shall not be binding on SBBC.
- 34. SBBC INFORMATION SECURITY GUIDELINES: It is the responsibility of the vendor to read and adhere to the SBBC Information Security Guidelines when using any device connected to the SBBC's network. Following the conclusion of the contract term, all of SBBC's confidential information must be removed from vendor's equipment and all access privileges must be revoked. Final payment will be withheld until the vendor has confirmed, in writing, that all SBBC's confidential information has been purged from any and all electronic technology devices that were used during this contract and were connected to the SBBC's network.

PROTESTING OF BID CONDITIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: Any person desiring to protest the conditions/specifications in this ITB, or any Addenda subsequently released thereto, shall file a notice of intent to protest, in writing, within 72 hours after electronic release of the competitive solicitation or Addendum and shall file a formal written protest within ten calendar days after the date the notice of protest was filed. Saturdays, Sundays, state holidays or days during which the school district administration is closed shall be excluded in the computation of the 72 hours. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which the school district administration is closed, the formal written protest must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. ET of the next calendar day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which the school district administration is closed. Section 120.57(3)(b), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that "The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based."

Failure to file a notice of protest or to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed by Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or a failure to post the bond or other security required by SBBC Policy 3320, within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. The failure to post the bond required by SBBC Policy 3320, Part VIII, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. Notices of protest, formal written protests, and the bonds required by SBBC Policy 3320, shall be filed at the office of the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services, 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704 (fax 754-321-0936). Fax filing will not be acceptable for the filing of bonds.

POSTING OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS/TABULATIONS: ITB Recommendations and Tabulations will be posted in Procurement and Warehousing Services and on www.demandstar.com on September 28, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. ET, and will remain posted for 72 hours. Any change to the date and time established herein for posting of ITB Recommendations/Tabulations shall be posted in Procurement and Warehousing Services and/or at www.demandstar.com (under the document section for this ITB). In the event the date and time of the posting of ITB Recommendations/Tabulations is changed, it is the responsibility of each Bidder to ascertain the revised date of the posting of ITB Recommendations/Tabulations. Any person desiring to protest the intended decision shall file a notice of protest, in writing, within 72 hours after the posting of the ITB tabulation and shall file a formal written protest within ten calendar days after the date the notice of protest was filed. Saturdays, Sundays, state holidays and days during which the school district administration is closed shall be excluded in the computation of the 72 hours. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which the school district administration is closed, the formal written protest must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. ET of the next calendar day that is not a Saturday or Sunday, state holiday or days during which the school district administration is closed. No submissions made after the Bid opening amending or supplementing the Bid shall be considered. Section 120.57(3)(b), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that "The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based". Any person who files an action protesting an intended decision shall post with SBBC, at the time of filing the formal written protest, a bond, payable to SBBC, in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of SBBC's estimate of the total volume of the contract. SBBC shall provide the estimated contract amount to the vendor within 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and other days during which SBBC administration is closed, of receipt of notice of intent to protest. The estimated contract amount is not subject to protest pursuant to Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against the protestant in an Administrative Hearing in which the action is brought and in any subsequent appellate court proceeding. In lieu of a bond, SBBC may accept a cashier's check, official bank check or money order in the amount of the bond. If, after completion of the Administrative Hearing process and any appellate court proceedings, SBBC prevails, SBBC shall recover all costs and charges which shall be included in the Final Order or judgment, including charges made by the Division of Administrative Hearings, but excluding attorney's fees. Upon payment of such costs and charges by the protestant, the bond shall be returned. If the protestant prevails, then the protestant shall recover from the School Board all costs and charges which shall be included in the Final Order or judgment, excluding attorney's fees. All documentation necessary for the protest proceedings will be provided electronically by SBBC.

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Failure to file a notice of protest or to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed by Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or a failure to post the bond or other security required by SBBC Policy 3320 within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. The failure to post the bond required by SBBC Policy 3320, Part VIII, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. Notices of protests, formal written protests, and the bonds required by Policy 3320, shall be filed at the office of the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services, 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704 (fax 754-321-0936). Fax filing will not be acceptable for the filing of bonds.

- 37. SUBMITTAL OF BIDS: All Bidders are reminded that it is the sole responsibility of the BIDDER to assure that their bid is time stamped in PROCUREMENT AND WAREHOUSING SERVICES on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on date due. The address for bid submittal, including hand delivery and overnight courier delivery, is indicated as: 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704. The Bidder is fully and completely responsible for the payment of all delivery costs associated with the delivery of their bid or related material. Procurement and Warehousing Services will not accept delivery of any bid or related material requiring the School Board to pay for any portion of the delivery cost or the complete delivery cost. Prior to bid submittal, it is the responsibility of the Bidder to be certain that all Addenda released have been received, that all Addendum requirements have been completed, and that all submittals required by the Addendum have been timely filed. (See General Condition 1.)
- 38. PACKING SLIPS: It will be the responsibility of the Awardee to attach all packing slips to the OUTSIDE of each shipment. Packing slip must reference SBBC Purchase Order number/control number. Failure to provide packing slip attached to the outside of shipment will result in refusal of shipment at vendor's expense.
- 39. USE OF OTHER CONTRACTS: SBBC reserves the right to utilize any other SBBC contract, any State of Florida Contract, any contract awarded by any other city or county governmental agencies, other school boards, other community college/state university system cooperative bid agreement, or to directly negotiate/purchase per School Board policy and/or State Board Rule 6A-1.012, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, in lieu of any offer received or award made as a result of this bid if it is in its best interest to do so.
- 40. INDEMNIFICATION: This General Condition of the bid is NOT subject to negotiation and any bid that fails to accept these conditions will be rejected as "non-responsive."
 - a) SBBC agrees to be fully responsible for its acts of negligence or its agents' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by SBBC. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by SBBC to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by SBBC of any rights or limits to liability under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
 - b) VENDOR agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend SBBC, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which SBBC, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by the VENDOR, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of the VENDOR, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by SBBC; or the negligence of VENDOR's agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including SBBC's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by the VENDOR, SBBC or otherwise.
- 41. <u>PURCHASE BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES</u>: With the consent and agreement of the awarded contractor(s), purchases may be made under this bid by other agencies. Such purchases shall be governed by the same terms and conditions as stated herein.

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- 42. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES: Section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO [currently \$25,000] for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- 43. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION - Lower Tier Covered Transactions: Executive Order 12549, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, provides that, to the extent permitted by law, Executive departments and agencies shall participate in a government-wide system for non-procurement debarment and suspension. A person who is debarred or suspended shall be excluded from Federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits under Federal programs and activities. Except as provided in § 85.200, Debarment or Suspension, § 85.201, Treatment of Title IV HEA participation, and § 85.215, Exception Provision, debarment or suspension of a participant in a program by one agency shall have government-wide effect. A lower tier covered transaction is, in part, any transaction between a participant [SBBC] and a person other than a procurement contract for goods or services, regardless of type, under a primary covered transaction; and any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person, regardless of type, expected to equal or exceed the Federal procurement small purchase threshold fixed at 10 U.S.C. 2304(g) and 41 U.S.C. 253(g) (currently \$100,000) under a primary covered transaction; or any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person under a covered transaction, regardless of amount, under which that person will have a critical influence on or substantive control over that covered transaction. A participant may rely upon the certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. Each participant shall require participants in lower tier covered transactions to include the certification for it and its principals in any bid submitted in connection with such lower tier covered transactions.

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- a) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this bid, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- b) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid.
- 44. <u>REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:</u> Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.
- 45. <u>SEVERABILITY:</u> In case of any one or more of the provisions contained in this Bid shall be for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, the invalidity, illegality, unenforceability or unlawful or void nature of that provision shall not affect any other provision and this Bid shall be considered as if such invalid, unlawful, unenforceable or void provision had never been included herein.
- 46. <u>DISTRIBUTION</u>: DemandStar by Onvia, <u>www.demandstar.com</u>, is the official method approved by Procurement and Warehousing Services for the distribution of all competitive solicitations including ITBs and RFPs. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to assure they have received all necessary documents, including Addenda and have included all necessary information within their response. SBBC is not responsible for Bidder's failure to obtain complete bidding documents from DemandStar. SBBC reserves the right to reject any bid as non-responsive for failure to include all necessary documents or required Addenda. For information regarding the above referenced solicitation, contact the designated Purchasing Agent as stated herein.

- 47. LOBBYIST ACTIVITIES: In accordance with SBBC Policy 1100B, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, persons acting as lobbyists must state, at the beginning of their presentation, letter, telephone call, e-mail or facsimile transmission to School Board Members, Superintendent or Members of Senior Management, the group, association, organization or business interest she/he is representing.
 - a) A lobbyist is defined as a person who for immediate or subsequent compensation, (e.g., monetary profit/personal gain) represents a public or private group, association, organization or business interest and engages in efforts to influence School Board Members on matters within their official jurisdiction.
 - b) A lobbyist is not considered a person representing school-affiliated groups (e.g., PTA, DAC, Band Booster Associations, etc.) nor a public official acting in her/his official capacity.
 - c) Lobbyists shall annually (July 1) disclose in each instance and for each client prior to any lobbying activities, their identity and activities by completing the lobbyist statement form which can be obtained from Official School Board Records, School Board Member's Offices or the Superintendent's Office and will be recorded on The School Board of Broward County's website, www.browardschools.com.
 - d) The lobbyist must disclose any direct business association with any current elected or appointed official or employee of SBBC or any immediate family member of such elected or appointed official or employee of SBBC.
 - e) Senior-level employees (Pay Grade 30 and above) and/or School Board Members
 are prohibited from lobbying activities for one year after resignation or retirement or
 expiration of their term of office.
 - f) The Executive Director, Public Relations & Governmental Affairs shall keep a current list of persons who have submitted the lobbyist statement form.
- 48. TIE BID PROCEDURES: When identical prices are received from two or more vendors and all other factors are equal, priority for award shall be given to vendors in the following sequence:
 - > A business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 287.087, Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time;
 - > The Broward County Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
 - > The Palm Beach County or Miami-Dade County Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
 - The Florida Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
 - > The Broward County vendor, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
 - > The Palm Beach County or Miami-Dade County vendor, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
 - > The Florida vendor, whose main office is in the State of Florida, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor.
 - > If application of the above criteria does not indicate a priority for award, the award will be decided by a coin toss. The coin toss shall be held publicly in Procurement and Warehousing Services; the tie low bid vendors invited to be present as witnesses.

Included as a part of these bid documents is a Form entitled SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 287.087, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS CURRENTLY ENACTED OR AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, ON PREFERENCE TO BUSINESSES WITH DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAMS. This form will be used by the Bidder to certify that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program. In order for bid to be considered, the Invitation to Bid form (Page 1 of this bid) must be properly signed in order for the bid to be considered. A Bidder cannot sign this form in lieu of properly signing the Invitation to Bid form.

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- MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) PARTICIPATION: SBBC has a Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) program. M/WBE is defined by SBBC as any legal entity, other than a joint venture, which is organized to engage in commercial transactions and which is at least 51% owned and controlled by minority persons. If the Bidder is a Certified M/WBE by SBBC, Bidder should indicate its certification number on the Bid Summary Sheet. M/WBE participation is strongly encouraged. information on M/WBE Certification, contact the School Board's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program at 754-321-0550 or www.broward.k12.fl.us/supply/vendor/mwbe.htm.
- SBBC MATERIAL NUMBER: The seven digit number shown in parenthesis at the beginning of an item on the Bid Summary Sheet represents the School Board's material number for the item. It does not represent any manufacturer/distributor model/part number.

51. SBBC PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGE:

Background Screening: Awardee agrees to comply with all the requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and that Awardee and all its personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds will successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. Personnel shall include employees, representatives, agents or sub-contractors performing duties under the contract to SBBC, and who meet any or all of the three requirements identified above. This background screening will be conducted by SBBC in advance of Awardee or its personnel providing any services. Awardee will bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required under Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to Awardee and its personnel. The Parties agree that the failure of Awardee to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this ITB entitling SBBC to terminate immediately with no further responsibilities or duties to perform under this Agreement. Awardee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SBBC, its officers and employees of any liability in the form of physical or mental injury, death or property damage resulting in Awardee's failure to comply with the requirements of this section or Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes.

SBBC issued identification badges must be worn at all times when on SBBC property and must be worn where they are visible and easily readable.

MorphoTrust USA, LLC has been contracted to provide all background and fingerprinting services. All questions pertaining to fingerprinting, photo identification and background check services must be directed to the EasyPath Project Coordinator at 754-321-1830 or EasyPathInfo@morphotrust.com. Each individual, for whom a SBBC photo identification badge is requested, must fill out the forms that are required, provide his/her driver's license and social security card, and must be fingerprinted. A background check will be conducted for each badge applicant. SBBC reserves the right to require additional information, should it be necessary, and to deny the issuance of a badge to an applicant. Any applicant, that has been denied a badge, is prohibited from entering SBBC property as an employee, sub-contractor or agent of a contract Awardee. used for services: will be two websites There http://www.11enrollment.com/state/?st=broward (used for scheduling and registering applicants) 2) https://sbbc-easypath.browardschools.com/EasyPathWeb/Web.dll (used for vendors to check the status of applicants and order replacement badges) and 3) http://www.l1enrollment.com/state/forms/broward/51f2c822ca09f.pdf (form/application). The total fee for the SBBC photo identification badge, fingerprinting and a FBI background check can be found at the following website: http://www.identogo.com. Payment options can be made by electronic check (e-check), Visa, MasterCard or use of an established escrow account code. These fees are non-refundable and are subject to change without notice. Badges are issued for a one-year period and must be renewed annually. The renewal date will be one year from date of issuance. Failure to renew the badge, at that time, will result in the vendor being required to re-apply and pay the going rate for badging and fingerprinting.

Vendors shall return expired and/or terminated employee badges to the following location: The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Attn: MorphoTrust USA, LLC, 600 S.E. 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

- 52. AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF AWARDEE'S DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS: The District or its representative reserves the right to inspect and/or audit all the Awardee's documents and records as they pertain to the products and services delivered under this agreement. Such rights will be exercised with notice to the Awardee to determine compliance with and performance of the terms, conditions and specifications on all matters, rights and duties, and obligations established by this agreement. Documents/records in any form shall be open to the District or State's representative and may include but are not limited to all correspondence, ordering, payment, inspection, and receiving records, contracts or sub-contracts that directly or indirectly pertain to the transactions between the District and the Awardee(s).
- 53. ORIGINAL DOCUMENT FORMAT: Only the terms and conditions of this solicitation as they were released by SBBC, or amended via Addendum, are valid. Any modification to any term or condition by a vendor is not binding unless it is expressly agreed to, in writing, by SBBC.
- 54. CREDIT CARDS: Individual schools and departments may place some orders and utilize, as the form of payment, a District-issued credit card to the extent authorized by the School Board. These orders will be made via phone or fax for direct delivery and billing to the requesting work location. Please note that credit card purchases will benefit all vendors by providing immediate payment (i.e. within 48-72 hours), thereby eliminating the need to submit an invoice to the District's Accounts Payable Department or reconcile receivable balances. For credit card purchases, all vendors must have the capability to accept fax orders, which must be confirmed by calling back the requesting work location to verify prices and obtain a credit card number. Only actual items shipped/delivered can be charged to the credit card account (i.e., no back-orders). All purchase deliveries must include a packing slip or receipt/invoice listing the items and prices of goods delivered. For security reasons, the credit card charge receipt showing the work location's credit card number cannot be attached to the packing slip or receipt/invoice submitted as part of the purchase delivery. District work locations may request that a vendor maintains secure records of the credit card account assigned an alias or password, to avoid divulging the actual credit card number upon every purchase.
- NONCONFORMANCE TO CONTRACT CONDITIONS: Items offered may be tested for compliance with bid conditions and specifications at any time. Items delivered, not conforming to bid conditions or specifications, may be rejected and returned at vendor's expense. Goods or services not delivered as per delivery date in bid and/or Purchase Order may be rejected upon delivery and/or may be purchased on the open market. Any increase in cost may be charged against the Awardee. Any violation of these stipulations may also result in:
 - For a period of two years, any bid submitted by vendor will not be considered and will not be recommended for award.
 - All departments being advised not to do business with vendor.
- 56. CONE OF SILENCE: Any proposer, or lobbyist for a proposer, is prohibited from having any communications (except as provided in this rule) concerning any solicitation for a competitive procurement with any School Board member, the Superintendent, any Evaluation Committee Member, or any other School District employee after Procurement and Warehousing Services releases a solicitation to the General Public. communications regarding this solicitation shall be directed to the designated Purchasing Agent unless so notified by Procurement and Warehousing Services. This "Cone of Silence" period shall go into effect and shall remain in effect from the time of release of the solicitation until the contract is awarded by the School Board. Further, any vendor, its principals, or their lobbyists shall not offer campaign contributions to School Board Members or offer contributions to School Board Members for campaigns of other candidates for political office during the period in which the vendor is attempting to sell goods or services to the School Board. This period of limitation of offering campaign contributions shall commence at the time of the "cone of silence" period for any solicitation for a competitive procurement as described by School Board Policy 3320, Part II, Section GG as well as School Board Policy 1007, Section 5.4 - Campaign Contribution Fundraising. Any vendor or lobbyist who violates this provision shall cause their Proposal (or that of their principal) to be considered non-responsive and therefore be ineligible for award.
- 57. **TERMINATION:** This contract award may be terminated with or without cause by SBBC during the term hereof thirty (30) days after the Superintendent gives written notice to the other parties that a recommendation will be made to the School Board for the contract award's termination.
- 58. EVALUATION AND BIDS: SBBC evaluates all Bids in accordance with the State of Florida Statutes 119.071 and 286.0113.

- 59. MEET OR RELEASE: If during the contract term, SBBC is offered a lower price from a third party supplier for a product or service awarded under this contract, or offers another item that meets or exceeds the specifications for the item at a lower price than the awarded price, SBBC will request Awardee to meet the lower price offered by the third party supplier. Awardee will be required to respond to this request within three (3) days of request. If Awardee is unable to meet the lower price, SBBC will be released from its contractual obligation to purchase the item under this contract. No response to this request will indicate that Awardee is unable to offer item at a lower price. This action, purchasing awarded item from third party supplier, will not hold SBBC in default of contract. Each purchase will be considered separate and apart from each other.
- 60. CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS: The Awardee acknowledges that certain information about the District's students is contained in records created, maintained or accessed by the Vendor and that this information is confidential and protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) (20 U.S. C. 1232g), and/or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (45 CFR parts 160-164) and related District policies, as amended from time to time, currently available at www.browardschools.com. The confidential information cannot be disclosed unless valid consent is obtained from the students or their legal guardians. Both parties agree to protect these records in compliance with FERPA, HIPAA, and the District's policy. To the extent permitted by law, nothing contained herein shall be construed as precluding either party from releasing such information to the other so that each can perform its respective responsibilities.

Vendor agrees that it may create, receive from or on behalf of the District, or have access to, records or record systems that are subject to FERPA and/or HIPAA (collectively, the "Confidential Records"). Vendor represents, warrants, and agrees that it will: (1) hold the Confidential Records in strict confidence and will not use or disclose the Confidential Records except as (a) permitted or required by this Agreement, (b) required by law, or (c) otherwise authorized by the District in writing; (2) safeguard the Confidential Records according to commercially reasonable administrative, physical and technical standards as required by law; and (3) continually monitor its operations and take any and all action necessary to assure that the Confidential Records are safeguarded in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. At the request of the District, Vendor agrees to provide the District with a written summary of the procedures Vendor uses to safeguard the Confidential Records. A breach of these confidentiality requirements shall constitute grounds for the District to terminate any Agreement with Vendor.

SECTION 4, SPECIAL CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE: The School Board of Broward County, Florida (hereinafter referred to as "SBBC") desires bids on INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS as specified herein. The scope of requirements includes, but is not limited to, Inspection and Repair of Fire Sprinkler Systems, fire pumps, and backflow valves. Prices quoted shall include all travel-related costs to and from the job site. SBBC locations may issue open (blanket) Purchase Orders as required. Receipt of open orders does not authorize the release or shipment of any goods or service. For all open orders, services will be requested on either a regularly scheduled or an as needed basis through the use of an order form. Services received as a result of an open order, where an order form has not been released, will not be accepted and no cost shall be incurred by SBBC as a result. One hard-copy bid and one identical electronic version of the bid, in PDF File Format, on CD/diskette/flash drive, must be submitted in time for bid opening.

Please be advised, all bidders must be Pre-Qualified by the School Board of Broward County, Florida for the type of work specified herein at the time bids are opened.

- 2. <u>TERM:</u> The award of this bid shall establish a contract for the period of three (3) years from the Board approval date. Bids will not be considered for a shorter period of time. Items will be ordered on an as-needed basis. If only one bid is received, the term of the contract will be reduced to one year.
- 3. AWARD: Bid shall be awarded by GROUP, as indicated on the Bid Summary Sheets, to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder(s) meeting all specifications, terms and conditions. Unit prices must be stated in the space provided on the Bid Summary Sheet. For items in groups, it is necessary to bid on every item in the group, and all items in the group must meet specifications in order to be considered for award. In the event that any item in the group does not meet the specifications, the entire group will be disqualified. SBBC may need to order an individual component within a group. All items within a group must have an individual cost. Failure to state the individual cost for any item within a group will result in disqualification of the group. Bidder should carefully consider each item for conformance to specifications. When a bid has multiple awardees, all awardees must agree to the same or lower Unit Prices submitted by the low bidder.

After award of this bid, any Awardee who violates any specification, term or condition of this bid can be found in default of its contract, have its contract canceled, be subject to the payment of liquidated damages, and be removed from the bid list and not be eligible to do business with SBBC for two years, as described in General Conditions 22 and 55.

4. INFORMATION: Any questions by prospective Bidders concerning this Invitation to Bid should be addressed to lan Superville, Procurement & Warehousing Services, 754-321-0541 or e-mail at ian.superville@browardschools.com who is authorized only to direct the attention of prospective Bidders to various portions of the bid so they may read and interpret such for themselves. Neither Mr. Superville, nor any employee of SBBC, is authorized to interpret any portion of the bid or give information as to the requirements of the bid in addition to that contained in the written bid document. Questions should be submitted in accordance with General Condition 5. Interpretations of the bid or additional information as to its requirements, where necessary, shall be communicated to Bidders only by written Addendum. Any verbal or written information, which is obtained other than by information in this ITB document or by Addenda, shall not be binding on SBBC.

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- 5. CONTRACT RENEWAL: The purpose of this bid is to establish a contract, at firm unit prices, for the purchase of estimated requirements for the items listed. The term of the bid shall be for three year(s), and may, by mutual agreement between SBBC and the Awardee, be renewed for two additional one-year periods and, if needed, 180 days beyond the expiration date. Procurement and Warehousing Services, will, if considering renewing, request a letter of intent to renew from each Awardee, prior to the end of the current contract period. The Awardee will be notified when the recommendation has been acted upon by the School Board. All prices shall be firm through the period stated in Special Condition 20 Price Adjustments for the term of the contract. The Bidder(s) agrees to this condition by signing its bid.
- 6. <u>INTERNET BASED COMPANY ACCESSIBILITY:</u> SBBC is interested in learning if bidder is currently utilizing or is in the process of developing Internet accessibility. Please answer the questions regarding Internet accessibility on the Bid Summary Sheet. This information, while useful to SBBC, will not be utilized for evaluation of bid submitted.
- 7. **QUANTITIES:** The quantities listed on the Bid Summary Sheet are estimated quantities to be used throughout the contract period for each item and are not a guarantee. Actual quantities used throughout the contract period may be greater or lesser than the bid estimates and shall be furnished at the fixed contract price. Purchases will be requested as needed throughout the contract period.
- 8. <u>LOCAL REPAIR FACILITY:</u> In order to be considered for award, bidder must have a local repair facility that can respond to service calls. For the purpose of this bid, "LOCAL" repair station means location in Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach County. Complete Section 5, Bid Summary Sheet, Additional Information, item #4, indicating service center location and contact information.
- 9. <u>ADDING OR DELETING SITES:</u> SBBC may, during the term of the contract, add or delete service, wholly or in part, at any District site. In the event that a site listed herein is deleted, the quoted cost for the site being deleted shall be removed from the monthly invoice amount. In the event that a site not listed herein is added to the contract, the bidder shall invoice the same amount as prices quoted herein for services at similar locations.
- 10. <u>DELIVERY:</u> All assigned work must be completed within the agreed upon timeframe after receipt of the "Notice to Proceed". Prior written approval, by the PPO Supervisor assigned, will be necessary to extend this timeframe for larger jobs. All changes must be in writing and approved by the PPO Supervisor assigned two (2) business days prior to the change in the project. The school's Principal or designee shall also be notified two (2) business days before work starts by the awardee.
- 11. MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATION: Bidder must have manufacturer certify that Bidder is an authorized dealer to sell, warranty and service that manufacturer's product. The certification must be returned with the bid in time for bid opening. Failure to submit the completed certification will result in disqualification of bid submitted. A separate document shall be completed by each manufacturer whose product is offered by the Bidder.

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- 12. <u>LEAD-FREE STATEMENT:</u> All material supplied SBBC must be 100% lead free. Bidder, by virtue of signing bid, certifies that only materials or equipment that is 100% lead free will be supplied to SBBC. **No bid will be considered unless this is agreed to by the Bidder.**
- 13. PRICE REDUCTIONS: If, from date of bid opening, the Awardee either bids the same products at a lower price than offered to SBBC or reduces the price of the bid product, the lowest of these reduced prices will be extended to SBBC.
- 14. **PROTECTION OF PROPERTY:** The Awardee shall at all times guard against damage and/or loss to the property of SBBC, and shall replace and/or repair any loss or damages unless such is caused by the SBBC. SBBC may withhold payment or make such deductions, as it might deem necessary to insure reimbursement for loss and/or damages to the property through negligence of the Awardee.
- 15. <u>COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE:</u> Bidder(s) must indicate, in the space provided on the Bid Summary Sheet, the name, address, telephone number, etc., of the representative who could make scheduled visits to the schools/departments and who will be available, upon request, to resolve billing and delivery problems.
- CREDIT CARD ORDERS: Some orders may be placed utilizing a district issued credit card as the method of purchase and payment. VISA is the form of credit card used throughout the District. These orders can be made via phone, fax or internet for direct delivery and billing to the requesting work location. Please note that credit card purchases will benefit all awardees by providing immediate payment (i.e., within 48-72 hours) and eliminating the need to submit an invoice to the District's Accounts Payable Department or reconcile receivable balances. For credit card purchases, all awardees must have the capability to accept phone, fax or internet orders. Only actual items shipped and/or delivered can be charged to the credit card account (i.e., no back-orders are allowed.) All purchase deliveries must include a packing slip or receipt/invoice listing the items and prices of goods delivered. For security reasons, the credit card charge receipt showing the work location's credit card number must not be attached to the packing slip or receipt/invoice submitted as part of the purchase delivery (see General Condition 54).
- 17. FORCE MAJEURE: Except for the provisions of this bid, each party will be excused from performance under this bid only for such period of time as the failure to perform is caused by or attributable to any event or circumstance beyond the direct control of such party. It is further provided that if either party shall fail to make any delivery or perform any service required by this bid as a result of any such event or circumstances beyond its own direct control, it shall have the right to make such delivery or perform such service within a reasonable time after the cause of such delay has been removed, and the other party shall accept such deferred delivery or performance.
- 18. <u>FLORIDA BIDDER'S PREFERENCE</u>: General Condition 1.d) does not apply to this Bid as no personal property is being purchased.
- 19. <u>INVOICES:</u> Delivery copies, packing slips and invoices to SBBC MUST include the following to permit SBBC to verify prices with this contract and expedite the use of material. FAILURE OF AN AWARDEE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN EITHER THE INVOICE BEING RETURNED FOR SECTION 4, SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

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CLARIFICATION OR A DELAY IN PROCESSING SAID INVOICE FOR PAYMENT. Invoices are to be mailed to District Maintenance, 3810 N. W. 10th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

- A. Material release number OR the control number
- B. Purchase Order number
- C. Complete description of the items
- D. Itemized list prices
- E. Total dollar amount will be net
- 20. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS: Prices offered shall remain firm through the first three years of the contract. A request for price adjustment, with proper documentation justifying the adjustment, may be submitted, in writing, 30 days prior to the third anniversary date of the contract. Price adjustment requests will be evaluated on an annual basis thereafter. Unit price adjustments must have written approval from SBBC prior to invoicing. Any unit price adjustment invoiced without written approval from SBBC shall not be paid and the invoice returned to the Awardee for correction. Requests for price adjustments shall not exceed the percentage of change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous twelve months of the anniversary date, but shall not exceed 3% per adjustment. The CPI will not be seasonally adjusted. SBBC reserves the right to request a reduction in contract prices equal to the percentage of change of the CPI in the event of a reduction. SBBC reserves the right to not renew any contract regardless of price considerations. Information on the CPI may be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics at http://www.bls.gov or by contacting the Bureau directly.
- 21. PROTECTION OF WORK, PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL: The Awardee shall at all times guard against damage and/or loss to the property of SBBC, and shall replace and/or repair any loss or damages unless caused by SBBC. SBBC may withhold payment or make such deductions, as it might deem necessary, to insure reimbursement for loss and/or damages to the property through negligence of the Awardee. The Awardee shall take the necessary safety precautions to protect both personnel and property while the work is in progress.
- 22. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIALS: The material delivered under this bid shall remain the property of the Awardee until a physical inspection and actual usage of this material is made and thereafter accepted to the satisfaction of SBBC and must comply with the terms herein, and be fully in accordance with specifications. In the event the material supplied to SBBC is found to be defective or does not conform to specifications, SBBC reserves the right to cancel the order upon written request to the Awardee and return the product to Awardee, at Awardee's expense. Awardee will be responsible for pick-up of defective/rejected materials. After 30 days notification to the Awardee, if the materials are not removed, they become the property of SBBC. Awardee will be responsible for any disposition charges.

<u>WAREHOUSING SERVICES RECEIVING HOURS:</u> Material Logistics Center (Warehouse) is open to receiving from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday except holidays. No delivery can be accepted after 2:00 p.m.

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23. <u>WAREHOUSING SERVICES DELIVERY AND PALLETS:</u> On large orders, half trailer or larger, the Awardee will call SBBC, Materials Logistics Center at 754-321-4721 prior to delivery to arrange for a delivery schedule.

Product must be shipped shrink wrapped on 48" x 40", four-way flush pallets or otherwise referred to as the Grocery Manufacturer Association (GMA) pallets. No pallet exchange. The Warehousing Services Center will not accept broken, damaged or severely worn pallets. If a shipment is received with a broken, damaged or severely worn pallet, Materials Logistics reserves the right to reject the shipment. The acceptable pallet grades will be:

- 1) **Premium** A very clean pallet that has probably been used only a few times. There is little if any repairs to the pallet. The pallet will have no plates and no companion stringers.
- 2) **Grade #1 or A Grade** This is a GMA repaired, close to its original condition. Broken stringers may have been replaced or repaired with metal plates. All damaged deck boards are replaced. This is a fairly clean pallet that is structurally sound.
- 3) Grade #2 or B Grade This is a GMA, which has had stringer damage that has been repaired by attaching an additional stringer alongside the damaged one. This is commonly referred to as a companion stringer, block stringer and double stringer. The "B" grade pallets usually have two (2) or less repaired stringers. The deck configuration of the "B" grade pallet is not always consistent because these pallets have been repaired many times.
- 24. <u>ADDING OR DELETING SITES:</u> SBBC may, during the term of the contract, add or delete service, wholly or in part, at any District site. In the event that a site listed herein is deleted, the quoted cost for the container(s) being deleted shall be removed from the monthly invoice amount. In the event that a site not listed herein is added to the contract, the Awardee shall invoice the same amount as prices quoted herein for similar container.
- 25. WARRANTY: The Awardee shall fully guarantee the cost of parts and labor (except for abusive or operator incurred damage which could have been avoided by referring to instructional manual) for a period of one year for all items after date of delivery and installation to provide SBBC with an "on-site" warranty. In the event a dispute on requested repairs between SBBC and the Awardee, the decision of SBBC shall be final and binding on both parties.

Awardee may or may not include manufacturer's warranty; however, it will be the responsibility of the Awardee(s) to warrant all new purchases for **one year "on-site"** after date of delivery and installation at no additional charge to SBBC. **Failure to furnish full one-year warranty as specified shall result in disqualification of bid submitted.**

The Awardee, after being notified, shall have all needed repairs started within 48 HOURS. LOCAL repair station must be staffed with in-house factory trained personnel. The repair station must be authorized by the manufacturer. If the bid submitted is from other than the manufacturer, then proof that the local repair station is authorized by the manufacturer must be submitted with the bid or upon request. Failure to submit the required proof with the bid or upon request will result in disqualification, of bid submitted. For the purpose of this bid, "LOCAL" repair station means location in Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach County. Repairs can be made either at the school/department/center or at the LOCAL repair

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station. It is the responsibility of the Bidder or the Bidder's repair station to transport the equipment from and to the original location if repairs cannot be accomplished at the location. The Bidder's repair station shall be equipped with a complement of parts to adequately service and fulfill the guarantee of the items covered in this bid. The name and address of the repair station must be submitted on the Vendor Check List in location designated. Bidder shall be completely and solely responsible for the coordination and completion of all repairs, including pickup at site and reinstallation of any equipment. Failure to include this information shall result in disqualification of bid submitted. Upon request, equivalent LOANER EQUIPMENT will be made available, if repairs cannot be completed at the location (school/department/center).

26. M/WBE UTILIZATION: SBBC has implemented a Minority/Women Business Enterprise Program as part of the SBBC's competitive solicitation and contracting activity in accordance with School Board Policy 7007-A Administrative Procedures for The School Board of Broward County, Florida's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program. The purpose of the program is to utilize available minority and women business enterprises (M/WBE's) with in the Board's market area to compete for the award of SBBC purchasing contracts.

An M/WBE is defined by SBBC as any legal entity, other than a joint venture, which is organized to engage in commercial transactions and which is a least 51% owned and controlled by minority persons. For information on M/WBE Certification, contact SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program at 754-321-0550. SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program works to increase the participation of Minority and Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE). It is the intent of the Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program to have a diverse group, as well as an equitable distribution of M/WBE's, participating on any award of this Bid.

- 27. M/WBE UTILIZATION REPORTING: In an effort to monitor the achievement of the M/WBE goal the Awardee(s) agrees to submit, a completed Monthly M/WBE Utilization Report form, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this contract. The timing of these reports must coincide with invoice submission. In addition to the M/WBE Utilization Report form, Awardee(s) shall also provide proof of payment made to each M/WBE Subcontractor which shall take the form of cancelled checks or check register photocopies, or any other valid form of documentation that serves to substantiate all payment amounts included in the Subcontractor Utilization Report. The Awardee(s) understands that each M/WBE utilized for the contract must be certified by SBBC, Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program Office.
- 28. <u>W-9 FORMS:</u> All Bidders are requested to complete the attached W-9, in Section 7, Attachment 5, and submit with their bid.
- 29. **RE-INSPECTION:** All work shall be coordinated with the Principal and/or Supervisor of Mechanical Equipment or their designees. Prices quoted shall be inclusive of any re-inspections (See Bid Specification 4B).

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- 30. **SUBCONTRACTING:** Awardee **may not subcontract** Fire Sprinkler Systems work without the express written approval of the PPO Supervisor assigned. Subcontractors, if employed by the awardee, must be in compliance with all licensing and certification requirements, as well as be in compliance with the security clearance requirements set forth in General Conditions, in order for the awardee to obtain approval to utilize any subcontractors.
- 31. <u>LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:</u> Bidders must supply a copy of a current license, registration or appropriate document with the bid or upon request, in the following areas:
 - A. <u>State of Florida</u>: Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 633, Florida Statutes, awardee's staff working at SBBC sites must be registered with the State of Florida as Water-Based Fire Protection Inspectors in order to perform inspections of SBBC Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, pursuant to the provisions of Florida Administrative Code 69A-46.041.
 - B. Broward County: License, at a minimum, must be: Fire Sprinkler Contractor II
 - C. Broward County: Occupational License in the category "Contractor".
- 32. <u>LOCATION VISITS:</u> Bidders wishing to visit locations where inspections are to be done must contact the Supervisor of Mechanical Equipment, 754-321-4669, for an appointment. The Supervisor of Mechanical Equipment is not authorized to issue any statements or give any information concerning this bid. All questions are to be directed to the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department at 754-321-0541 (See Special Condition 4).
- 33. **INSPECTIONS:** Inspections are to be performed both annually and quarterly. An inspection schedule will be provided to awardee once the bid is awarded.
- 34. <u>FIRE SPRINKLER PARTS:</u> Awardee shall furnish a current parts price list/catalog with pricing. Parts price list/catalog with pricing shall be submitted with the bid or upon request.

The submitting bidder(s) must indicate in the Additional Information section, a <u>fixed</u> percentage discount off current manufacturer's price list. <u>The discount percentage shall remain firm throughout the contract period.</u> If the price list/catalog has more than one pricing column, the submitting bidder(s) should indicate in the Additional Information section the price column to which the discount pricing applies. When the price list/catalog is updated by the manufacturer, awardee shall forward the updated price list/catalog to the PPO Supervisor, Mechanical Equipment, 3810 NW 10th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309. <u>Failure on the part of the awardee(s) to furnish current price list/catalog updates will result in all parts payments being based on the last price list update received and increased billings will not be honored.</u>

35. <u>CANCELLATION:</u> In addition to the violation of any term, condition or specification, any contract awarded as a result of this Invitation to Bid will be subject to cancellation at any time by SBBC for **one or more of the following reasons:**

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- a. Failure to respond or failure to provide scheduled services within agreed upon time frames.
- b. Use of service personnel that are **NOT** qualified to perform services specified by this subject contract.
- c. Technicians' workmanship unsatisfactory, unacceptable attitude or behavior by technicians, unsatisfactory communication by technicians or unacceptable appearance of service personnel.
- d. Failure to maintain and/or furnish required records on equipment repaired, serviced or inspected.
- e. Excessive labor in conjunction with the Inspection and Repair of Fire Sprinkler Systems.
- f. Unsatisfactory evaluation by designated School Board representative monitoring technicians' performance when equipment is being serviced.
- 36. Re-Inspection Fees: Non-Conforming Work and Reinspection Fees:
 - Contractor must promptly complete or correct Work identified during inspections as deficient.
 - Upon completion or correction of deficient Work, Contractor shall request re-inspection following procedures specified above.
 - Pursuant to Section 553.80 (2)(c), F.S. and Article F.1.(a) herein below, there will be no charge for the <u>initial</u> re-inspection of a failed inspection; however, should subsequent re-inspections of the same item(s) be required from the Building Department or its inspectors, each subsequent reinspection shall result in a RE-INSPECTION FEE of \$204 per failed inspection ticket.
 - The Reinspection Fee shall be paid to the Building Department online utilizing E-Store (BCPS Payment Method) prior to Contractor receiving any additional re-inspections of failed work.

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SECTION 5, BID SUMMARY SHEET

GROUP 1

Average Fire Sprinkler Inspection Cost

ITEM:	QTY:		Average Inspection Cost	Annual Inspection Cost
Α.	224	Quarterly (3 times per year)	\$/ea	\$
В.	224	Annually (1 time/year)	\$/ea	\$
		то	TAL BID – GROUP 1	\$
		GROU	P 2	
		Five-Year Internal Inspe	ction – Fire Sprinkler	
	QTY:			COST
	260	Per Riser		\$
			TOTAL BID – GROUP 2	\$
		GROU	IP 3	
		Average Cost for Annual	Fire Pump Inspection	
	QTY:			COST
	12	Annual Inspection		\$
			TOTAL BID – GROUP 3	\$

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GROUP 4

Hourly Rate for Fire Sprinkler Services or Repairs

QTY:		COST PER HOUR	TOTAL COST
3,500 hours	Labor charge per hour to provide services or repairs to Fire Sprinkler Systems at various locations. Price quoted shall include travel time and all travel-related expenses, Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. \$/hr \$/hr		
100 hours	After hours charges to perform inspections from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, Weekends and Holidays. Price quoted shall Include travel-time and all travel related expenses. \$/hr \$ Additional Labor Charges: Emergency Response (Within 4 hours)	\$/hr	\$
	TOTAL BID – GRO	OUP 4	\$
	GROUP 5		
	Backflow Inspection		
QTY:		COST	
260	Annual Inspection Cost	\$	_ / hour
	TOTAL BID – GROUP 5	\$	
	GROUP 6		
	Parts cost		
	Discount from list	-	%
	Attach current price list. If more than one price list, indi- discount on each. New price lists must be sent to: Phys Plant Operations, ATTN: Mechanical Equipm	sical	

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

3. <u>I</u>	INTERNET BASED COMPANY ACCESSIBILITY: (As per Special Condition 6)			
A	Α.	Does your company have internet capability (on-line ordering)? YES NO If YES, please explain how SBBC will be guaranteed percentage discount quoted in this bid:		
		If YES, and different than listed on the "Invitation to Bid", bidder acknowledgement, please provide the following:		
		Web address: Email addresses:		
		If NO, do you plan to have one in the near future and how soon? Six months or less six - 12 months Greater than 12 months		
E	В.	Does your company accept credit cards? YES NO N/A Card Name:		
(C.	Does your company have a return policy? YES NO N/A		
	D.	Does your company provide next day delivery? YES NO N/A		

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1	LOCAL SERVICE FACILITY (See Special Condition 8)
	Name of Authorized Service Center
	Address
	Telephone Number
	Contact
	Area Representative
	Telephone Number

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Continued)

5. <u>COMPANY REP</u> F	RESENTATIVE: (See Special Condition 10)
	Company Name
	Company Representative
	Street Address
	City, State and Zip
	Phone Number
	Fax Number
	Local / Toll-Free Phone Number
	E-Mail Address
NOTE TO BIDDER:	Review General Condition 47 prior to completing and mailing this bid.
	Bidder's M/WBE Certification Number:
	Agency Issuing This Number:
NO YES	Bidder is <u>not</u> a certified M/WBE, but has included a plan to show how it will incorporate a least five percent M/WBE participation in any award received as a result of this bid.

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