REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Item Description:  CORE MATHEMATICS CURRICULAR RESOURCES ALIGNED TO CCSS 6-8 PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONE YEAR WITH TWO-ONE YEAR OPTIONS/LOCAL AND FEDERAL-TITLE I AND/OR TITLE III (PENDING FUNDING)

Date to be opened:  MARCH 16, 2020

Issuing Department:  PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

QUESTIONS

- Please direct questions relative to the bidding process, how to fill out forms, and how to submit a bid (Pages 1-8) to Purchasing Agent Patti Jordan.
  - Phone: (401) 680-5264
  - Email: pjordan@providenceri.gov
    - Please use the subject line “RFP Question”

- Please direct questions relative to the Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise Program and the corresponding forms (Pages 9-13) to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director for the City of Providence, Grace Diaz
  - Phone: (401) 680-5766
  - Email: gdiaz@providenceri.gov
    - Please use subject line “MBE WBE Forms”

- Please direct questions relative to the specifications outlined (beginning on page 14) to the issuing department’s subject matter expert:
  - Thomas Flanagan and/or Gina Picard
  - (401) 456-9100 x11371 – (401) 456-9100 x11423
  - Thomas.flanagan@ppsdc.org / gina.picard@ppsdc.org

Pre-bid Conference

No Pre-Bid Conference
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Bids may be submitted up to 2:15 P.M. on the above meeting date at the Department of the City Clerk, Room 311, City Hall, 25 Dorrance Street, Providence. At 2:15 P.M. all bids will be publicly opened and read at the Board of Contract Meeting in the City Council Chambers, on the 3rd floor of City Hall.

- Bidders must submit 3 copies of their bid in sealed envelopes or packages labeled with the captioned Item Description and the City Department to which the RFP and bid are related. (On page 1)
- Communications to the Board of Contract and Supply that are not competitive sealed bids (i.e. product information/samples) should have “NOT A BID” written on the envelope or wrapper.
- Only use form versions and templates included in this RFP. If you have an old version of a form do not recycle it for use in this bid.
- The bid envelope and information relative to the bid must be addressed to:

  Board of Contract and Supply
  Department of the City Clerk – City Hall, Room 311
  25 Dorrance Street
  Providence, RI 02903

**PLEASE NOTE:** This bid may include details regarding information that you will need to provide (such as proof of licenses) to the issuing department before the formalization of an award.

This information is NOT requested to be provided in your initial bid by design.

All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record. Failure to follow instructions could result in information considered private being posted to the city’s Open Meetings Portal and made available as a public record. The City has made a conscious effort to avoid the posting of sensitive information on the City’s Open Meetings Portal, by requesting that such sensitive information be submitted to the issuing department only at their request.
BID PACKAGE CHECKLIST

Digital forms are available in the City of Providence Purchasing Department Office or online at http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/how-to-submit-a-bid/

The bid package MUST include the following, in this order:

- Bid Form 1: Bidder's Blank as the cover page/1st page (see page 6 of this document)
- Bid Form 2: Certification of Bidder as 2nd page (see page 7 of this document)
- Certificate Regarding Public Records (see page 8 of this document)
- Forms from the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program: Based on Bidder Category. See forms and instructions enclosed (pages 9-13) or on: https://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/

*Please note: MBE/WBE forms must be completed for EVERY bid submitted and must be inclusive of ALL required signatures. Forms without all required signatures will be considered incomplete.

- Bidder’s Proposal/Packet: Formal response to the specifications outlined in this RFP, including pricing information and details related to the good(s) or service(s) being provided. Please be mindful of formatting responses as requested to ensure clarity.
- Financial Assurance, if requested (as indicated on page 5 of this document under “Bid Terms”)

All of the above listed documents are REQUIRED. (With the exception of financial assurances, which are only required if specified on page 5.)

***Failure to meet specified deadlines, follow specific submission instructions, or enclose all required documents with all applicable signatures will result in disqualification, or in an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.
NOTICE TO VENDORS

1. The Board of Contract and Supply will make the award to the lowest qualified and responsible bidder.
2. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, cash discounts based on preferable payment terms will not be considered.
3. Where prices are the same, the Board of Contract and Supply reserves the right to award to one bidder, or to split the award.
4. No proposal will be accepted if the bid is made in collusion with any other bidder.
5. Bids may be submitted on an "equal in quality" basis. The City reserves the right to decide equality. Bidders must indicate brand or the make being offered and submit detailed specifications if other than brand requested.
6. A bidder who is an out-of-state corporation shall qualify or register to transact business in this State, in accordance with the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act, RIGL Sec. 7-1.2-1401, et seq.
7. The Board of Contract and Supply reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
8. Competing bids may be viewed in person at the Department of the City Clerk, City Hall, Providence, immediately upon the conclusion of the formal Board of Contract and Supply meeting during which the bids were unsealed/opened. Bids may also be accessed electronically on the internet via the City’s Open Meetings Portal.
9. As the City of Providence is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Sales Tax, prices quoted are not to include these taxes.
10. In case of error in the extension of prices quoted, the unit price will govern.
11. The contractor will NOT be permitted to: a) assign or underlet the contract, or b) assign either legally or equitably any monies or any claim thereto without the previous written consent of the City Purchasing Director.
12. Delivery dates must be shown in the bid. If no delivery date is specified, it will be assumed that an immediate delivery from stock will be made.
13. A certificate of insurance will normally be required of a successful vendor.
14. For many contracts involving construction, alteration and/or repair work, State law provisions concerning payment of prevailing wage rates apply (RIGL Sec. 37-13-1 et seq.)
15. No goods should be delivered or work started without a Purchase Order.
16. Submit 3 copies of the bid to the City Clerk, unless the specification section of this document indicates otherwise.
17. Bidder must certify that it does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices and that all of its employees are lawfully employed under all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. (See Bid Form 2.)
BID TERMS

1. Financial assurances may be required in order to be a successful bidder for Commodity or Construction and Service contracts. If either of the first two checkboxes below is checked, the specified assurance must accompany a bid, or the bid will not be considered by the Board of Contract and Supply. The third checkbox indicates the lowest responsible bidder will be contacted and required to post a bond to be awarded the contract.

a) ☐ A certified check for $____ must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the Contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder.

b) ☐ A bid bond in the amount of _____ per centum (%) of the proposed total price, must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder; and the amount of such bid bond shall be retained for the use of the City as liquidated damages in case of default.

c) ☐ A performance and payment bond with a satisfactory surety company will be posted by the bidder in a sum equal to one hundred per centum (100%) of the awarded contract.

d) ☒ No financial assurance is necessary for this item.

2. Awards will be made within sixty (60) days of bid opening. All bid prices will be considered firm, unless qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored.

3. Failure to deliver within the time quoted or failure to meet specifications may result in default in accordance with the general specifications. It is agreed that deliveries and/or completion are subject to strikes, lockouts, accidents and Acts of God.

The following entry applies only for COMMODITY BID TERMS:

4. Payment for partial delivery will not be allowed except when provided for in blanket or term contracts. The following entries apply only for CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE BID TERMS:

5. Only one shipping charge will be applied in the event of partial deliveries for blanket or term contracts.

6. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall attest to compliance with the provisions of the Rhode Island Worker’s Compensation Act, RIGL 28-29-1, et seq. If exempt from compliance, the successful bidder shall submit a sworn Affidavit by a corporate officer to that effect, which shall accompany the signed contract.

7. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall, submit a certificate of insurance, in a form and in an amount satisfactory to the City.
BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

BID FORM 1: Bidders Blank

1. Bids must meet the attached specifications. Any exceptions or modifications must be noted and fully explained.

2. Bidder’s responses must be in ink or typewritten, and all blanks on the bid form should be completed.

3. The price or prices proposed should be stated both in WRITING and in FIGURES, and any proposal not so stated may be rejected. Contracts exceeding twelve months must specify annual costs for each year.

4. Bids SHOULD BE TOTALED so that the final cost is clearly stated (unless submitting a unit price bid), however each item should be priced individually. Do not group items. Awards may be made on the basis of total bid or by individual items.

5. All bids MUST BE SIGNED IN INK.

Name of Bidder (Firm or Individual):

Contact Name:

Business Address:

Business Phone #:

Agrees to bid on (Items(s) to be bid):

If the bidder’s company is based in a state other than Rhode Island, list name and contact information for a local agent for service of process that is located within Rhode Island:

Please visit http://www.naics.com/search/ and identify the NAICS Code(s) for items being bid on. Enter the NAICS code(s) here or in parentheses next to each item listed immediately above:

Delivery Date (when applicable):

Name of Surety Company (if applicable):

Total Amount in Writing*:

Total Amount in Figures*:

*If you are submitting a unit price bid please insert “Unit Price Bid.”

Use additional pages if necessary for additional bidding details.

______________________________________________
Signature of Representative

______________________________________________
Title
BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

BID FORM 2: Certification of Bidder
(Non-Discrimination/Hiring)

Upon behalf of_____________________________________(Firm or Individual Bidding),

I,______________________________________________ (Name of Person Making Certification),

being its_________________________________________(Title or “Self”), hereby certify that:

1. Bidder does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices.

2. All of Bidder’s employees have been hired in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on this______________ day of____________________ 20____.

______________________________________________
Signature of Representative

______________________________________________
Printed Name
Certificate Regarding Public Records

Upon behalf of ________________________________ (Firm or Individual Bidding),
I, ________________________________ (Name of Person Making Certification),
being its ______________________________________________________ (Title or "Self"), hereby certify an understanding that:

1. All bids submitted in response to Requests for Proposals (RFP’s) and Requests for Qualification (RFQ’s), documents contained within, and the details outlined on those documents become public record upon receipt by the City Clerk’s office and opening at the corresponding Board of Contract and Supply (BOCS) meeting.

2. The Purchasing Department and the issuing department for this RFP/RFQ have made a conscious effort to request that sensitive/personal information be submitted directly to the issuing department and only at request if verification of specific details is critical the evaluation of a vendor’s bid.

3. The requested supplemental information may be crucial to evaluating bids. Failure to provide such details may result in disqualification, or an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.

4. If sensitive information that has not been requested is enclosed or if a bidder opts to enclose the defined supplemental information prior to the issuing department’s request in the bidding packet submitted to the City Clerk, the City of Providence has no obligation to redact those details and bears no liability associated with the information becoming public record.

5. The City of Providence observes a public and transparent bidding process. Information required in the bidding packet may not be submitted directly to the issuing department at the discretion of the bidder in order to protect other information, such as pricing terms, from becoming public. Bidders who make such an attempt will be disqualified.

I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on this __________________ day of __________________ 20____.

______________________________
Signature of Representative

______________________________
Printed Name

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WBE/MBE Form Instructions

The City of Providence actively seeks Minority and Women business enterprises to participate in bids to meet the City’s procurement needs. Pursuant to the City of Providence Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article II, Sec. 21-52 (Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise) and Rhode Island General Laws (as amended), Chapter 31-14, et seq. (Minority Business Enterprise), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to contracts.

The goal for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation is 10% of the total bid value.
The goal for Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) participation is 10% of the total bid value.
The goal for combined MBE/WBE participation is 20% of the total bid value.

Only businesses certified with the State of Rhode Island as minority and/or women business enterprises are counted towards the City’s goals. Eligible minority or women-owned businesses are encouraged to seek certification from the State of Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office at: http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/

Note: MBE certification with the State of Rhode Island on the basis of Portuguese heritage is not currently recognized by the City of Providence's MBE program.

Bid Requirements:

All Bidders: All bidders must complete and submit the MBE/WBE Participation Affidavit indicating whether or not they are a state-certified MBE/WBE and acknowledging the City’s participation goals. Submission of this form is required with every bid. Your bid will not be accepted without an affidavit.

Bidders who will be subcontracting: Bidders who will be subcontracting must submit the Subcontractor Disclosure Form as part of their bid submission. All subcontractors, regardless of MBE/WBE status, must be listed on this form. Business NAICS codes can be found at https://www.naics.com/search/. Awarded bidders are required to submit Subcontractor Utilization and Payment Reports with each invoice.

Waiver Requests:
If the percentage of the total amount of the bid being awarded to MBE or WBE vendors is less than 20% (Box F on the Subcontractor Disclosure Form) and the prime contractor is not a Rhode Island State-certified MBE or WBE, the Bidder must complete the MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form for review. Waivers will be considered on a case by case basis.
No waiver will be granted unless the waiver request includes documentation that demonstrates that the Bidder has made good faith efforts to achieve the City’s stated participation goals. Waivers must be reviewed and signed by the City of Providence’s MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, or her designee. Department Directors cannot recommend a bidder for award if this form is applicable and absent. If the bid does not meet the participation goals of the City of Providence and a waiver is not filed with the signature of the MBE/WBE Outreach Director or her designee, the bid will not be accepted.

Verifying MBE/WBE Certification
It is the responsibility of the bidder to confirm that every MBE/WBE named in a proposal and included in a contract is certified by the Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise Compliance office. The current MBE/WBE directory is available at the State of RI MBE Office, One Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor, Providence, RI, or online at http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/mbe-wbe.php. You can also call (401) 574-8670 to verify certification, expiration dates, and services that the MBE/WBE is certified to provide. Note: MBE certification with the State of Rhode Island on the basis of Portuguese heritage is not currently recognized by the City of Providence's MBE program.

Form Instructions:
Access all bid forms from http://www.provincetown.gov/oeo/ or http://www.provincetown.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbwe- procurement-program/. Download the forms as blank PDFs. Once saved on your computer, fill them out using the Adobe program. The fillable PDFs must be completed in Adobe in order to be saved properly. Google Chrome and similar platforms do not allow for the forms to be saved as filled PDFs. Therefore, please download the blank forms to your computer, then fill them out and save.

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Assistance with Form Requirements
Examples of completed forms can be found on the City of Providence website at http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/ or http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/.

Contract Requirements:
Prime contractors engaging subcontractors must submit the *Subcontractor Utilization and Payment Report* to the City Department’s Fiscal Agent with every invoice and with request for final payment. This form is not submitted as a part of the initial bid package.
For contracts with duration of less than 3 months, this form must be submitted along with the contractor's request for final payment. The form must include all subcontractors utilized on the contract, both MBE/WBE and non- MBE/WBE, the total amount paid to each subcontractor for the given period and to date. During the term of the contract, any unjustified failure to comply with the MBE/WBE participation requirements is a material breach of contract.

Questions?
For more information or for assistance with MBE/WBE Forms, contact the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at mbe-wbe@providenceri.com or (401) 680-5766.

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MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT
Item Discussion (as seen on RFP):

Prime Bidder: ____________________________
Prime Bidder (Company) Phone Number: ____________________________
Prime Bidder (Company) Zip Code: __________

Which one of the following describes your business’ status in terms of Minority and/or Woman-Owned Business Enterprise certification with the State of Rhode Island? _____ MBE _____ WBE _____ Neither MBE nor WBE

By initialing the following sections and signing the bottom of this document in my capacity as the contractor or an authorized representative of contractor, I make this Affidavit:

It is the policy of the City of Providence that minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women business enterprises (WBEs) should have the maximum opportunity to participate in procurements and projects as prime contractors and vendors. Pursuant to Sec. 21-52 of the Providence Code of Ordinances and Chapter 31-14 et seq. of the Rhode Island General Laws (as amended), MBE and WBE participation goals apply to contracts.

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The goal for combined MBE/WBE participation is 20% of the total bid value.

I acknowledge the City of Providence’s goals of supporting MBE/WBE certified businesses. Initial __________

If awarded the contract, I understand that my company must submit to the Minority and Women’s Business Coordinator at the City of Providence (MBE/WBE Office), copies of all executed agreements with the subcontractor(s) being utilized to achieve the participation goals and other requirements of the RI General Laws. I understand that these documents must be submitted prior to the issuance of a notice to proceed. Initial __________

I understand that, if awarded the contract, my firm must submit to the MBE/WBE Office canceled checks and reports required by the MBE/WBE Office on a quarterly basis verifying payments to the subcontractor(s) utilized on the contract. Initial __________

If I am awarded this contract and find that I am unable to utilize the subcontractor(s) identified in my Statement of Intent, I understand that I must substitute another certified MBE and WBE firm(s) to meet the participation goals. I understand that I may not make a substitution until I have obtained the written approval of the MBE/WBE Office. Initial __________

If awarded this contract, I understand that authorized representatives of the City of Providence may examine the books, records and files of my firm from time to time, to the extent that such material is relevant to a determination of whether my firm is complying with the City’s MBE/WBE participation requirements.

Initial __________

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

Signature of Bidder __________________________ Printed Name __________________________

Company Name __________________________ Date ____________

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SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE FORM

Fill out this form only if you WILL SUBCONTRACT with other parties. If you will not subcontract any portion of the proposed bid, do not fill out this form.

Prime Bidder: ______________________  Primary NAICS Code: ______________________

Item Description (as seen on RFP):
__________________________________________________

Please list all Subcontractors below. Include the total dollar value that you propose to share with each subcontractor and the dollar amount to be subcontracted. Please check off MBE and WBE where applicable. The directory of all state-certified MBE/WBE firms is located at www.mbe.ri.gov. Business NAICS codes can be found at https://www.naics.com/search/

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A. MBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT: $  

B. WBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT: $  

C. NON MBE WBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT: $  

D. DOLLAR AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE PRIME CONTRACTOR: $  

E. TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID (SUM OF A, B, & C): $  

F. PERCENTAGE OF BID SUBCONTRACTED TO MBEs AND WBEs. (Divide A by D and multiply result by 100). %

Please read and initial the following statement acknowledging you understand. If the percentage of the total amount of the bid being awarded to MBE or WBE vendors is less than 20% (Box F) and the prime contractor is NOT a Rhode Island State-certified MBE or WBE, you must fill out the MBE/WBE WAIVER REQUEST FORM for consideration by City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director. Initial __________

Signature of Prime Contractor __________________________  Printed Name __________________________  Date Signed ________________

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MBE/WBE WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Fill out this form only if you are subcontracting and did not meet the 20% MBE/WBE participation goal. State-certified MBE or WBE Prime Bidders are NOT REQUIRED to fill out this form.

Submit this form to the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at mbe-wbe@providenceri.gov, for review prior to bid submission. This waiver applies only to the current bid which you are submitting to the City of Providence and does not apply to other bids you company may submit in the future.

Prime Bidder: ____________________________________________
Company Trade: __________________________________________
Item Discussion (as seen on RFP):
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

To receive a waiver, you must list the certified MBE and/or WBE companies you contacted, the name of the primary individual with whom you interacted, and the reason the MBE/WBE company could not participate on this project.

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I acknowledge the City of Providence’s goal of a combined MBE/WBE participation is 20% of the total bid value. I am requesting a waiver of _____ % MBE/WBE (20% minus the value of Box F on the Subcontractor Disclosure Form). If an opportunity is identified to subcontract an task associated with the fulfillment of this contract, a good faith effort will be made to select MBE/WBE certified businesses as partners.

Signature of Prime Contractor ________________________________ Printed Name ________________________________ Date Signed ________________________________

Signature of City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director ________________________________ Printed Name of City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director ________________________________ Date Signed ________________________________

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BID PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS

PLEASE BID AS PER ATTACHED BID SPECIFICATIONS

TOTAL AMOUNT 1 YR. $__________
TOTAL AMOUNT 1ST OPTION YR. $__________
TOTAL AMOUNT 2ND OPTION YR. $__________

THE WINNING BIDDER WILL NEED TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

If the issuing department for this RFP determines that your firm’s bid is best suited to accommodate their need, you will be asked to provide proof of the following prior to formalizing an award.

An inability to provide the outlined items at the request of the department may lead to the disqualification of your bid.

This information is NOT requested to be provided in your initial bid that you will submit to the City Clerk’s office by the “date to be opened” noted on page 1. This list only serves as a list of items that your firm should be ready to provide on request.

All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record. Failure to follow instructions could result in information considered private being posted to the city’s Open Meetings Portal and made available as a public record.

You must be able to provide:

- Business Tax ID will be requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply.
- THE WINNING BIDDER WILL NEED TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE
# Bidders Blank

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Additional Bidding Details (Use Additional Pages if Necessary)
City of Providence

Providence Public Schools

Request for Proposals
(PENDING FUNDING)
Core Mathematics Curricular

Resources Aligned to CCSS 6-8

Providence Public Schools

One Year with Two- One Year Options

Funding: Local, Title I, and/or Title III
The Providence Public School Department (PPSD) Purchasing Office is soliciting Requests for Proposals from qualified organizations capable of providing mathematics products, resources, and/or manipulatives to support Core/Tier mathematics instruction aligned to Common Core State Standards in Mathematics. Additional details of this request are described elsewhere herein.

All costs associated with developing or submitting a proposal in response to this request, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the offeror. The City of Providence assumes no responsibility for these costs. All pricing submitted will be considered firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated herein.

I. Background

Providence District Grant Funding Source

PPSD receives an annual formula grant from the Federal Government in Title I, Title 2, and Title 3, local and private sources. Our goal is to maximize our spending to assure students are college and career ready.

II. Required Qualifications

1. Mathematics resources, supports and/or manipulatives
2. A program with proven regional and national performance and demonstrated student achievement growth for all subgroup populations. It must be green on Ed Reports by July 2020.
3. A program with a proven track record of supporting student learning in large, urban school districts.
4. A program that identifies specific scaffolded supports for multilingual learners and encourages academic language development.
5. A program that identifies specific scaffolded supports for diverse learners
6. A program that includes culturally relevant content.
7. Research-based approach to instruction
8. Provide students opportunities to master the content standards at the appropriate grade level.
9. Offer real time data reporting including but not limited to projected student readiness for performance on RI state assessments (RICAS)
10. Provide resources to support use and analysis of standards-based assessments including formative and summative measures.
11. Provide resources to support teachers in utilizing standards-based assessment results in conjunction with program resources to implement research-based, high-yield instructional practices that can be differentiated to meet the needs of all learners.
12. Provide ongoing product technology support, if applicable.
13. A program that supports an automated roster-management feature for secure district data integration, if applicable.
14. A program that provides opportunities for teachers to communicate with families about
learning opportunities and student progress.
15. A program that has resources available in Spanish (when applicable)

III. Work Scope

The vendor retained through this RFP will be required to perform the following work scope:

1. Meet the individual needs of Providence Public Schools by providing an overview and needs assessment with participating middle schools.
2. Provide ongoing training for teachers and principals
3. Provide job-embedded professional development that includes instructional support, lesson plans, and high-yield strategies for teachers and coaches.
4. Create a scope, sequence and training calendar for participating site that includes lesson planning, demonstration of instructional strategies within lessons, debriefing sessions, and follow-up supports.
5. Support data integration via Clever, One Roster or SFTP (CSV file format) as applicable with our SIS, Skyward. Any vendor who will send, receive or house student data must utilize a common data standard such as EdFi (For further information please visit Ed-Fi.org.)

6. Ensure delivery of materials (if applicable) inside school buildings.

IV. Timeline for Implementation

The timeline for the budgeting process is as follows:

1. Feb 2020 - RFPs open through City of Providence Board of Contracts. Vendors are expected to monitor the City of Newport’s Online bidding site and Providence Journal for advertisements.
2. Feb/March 2020 - Bids are reviewed and the vendor selected in the RFP are notified for the PPSD master pricing list.
3. The awarded Vendors will submit electronic pricing for approved products by completing google doc sent out from the PPSD Teaching and Learning gmail account.
4. February/March 2020 principals finalize the 20/21 budget files and a master opening of schools order is created.
5. March/April 2020 draft contracts are initiated by PPSD and shared with vendors via google docs

V. Performance metrics

If awarded a contract, the Consultant will be expected to meet mutually agreed upon benchmarks and performance targets in the following performance domains. The District will review the performance targets and establish numeric value to each performance domain in collaboration with the Consultant. These metrics should be in alignment to individual School Improvement Plans (from each participating school) and the District’s Strategic goals to revise the performance targets and benchmarks. The Consultant will be required to adhere to accountability requirements that
include:

Annual performance measures would include the following targets:
1. Utilization of effective teaching strategies in each classroom which demonstrates growth along a continuum as evidenced through classroom walkthroughs
2. Attendance of staff at professional development as evidenced through attendance sheets.
3. Feedback on professional development through exit slips and/or surveys.
4. Evidence of student achievement growth for all subgroups.
5. Additionally, the consultant will evaluate partnership satisfaction using a mid-year and end-of-year survey distributed to Principals, District liaisons, and partner teachers.
6. Quarterly report on student progress across the school year and/or multiple school years
7. Annual report on all activities and a data summary identifying success and challenges

VI. Period of Performance

The period of performance will be: year one September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021, option year one (September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022, option year two September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023 contingent on funding.

VII. Limitations

This Request for Proposals (RFP) does not commit the Providence School Department to award any contract or pay for the preparation of any proposal submitted in response to this RFP. The Providence School Department may withdraw or amend this RFP in its entirety or in part, at any time if it is the best interest of the organization to do so.

VIII. Proposal Requirements

Vendors responding to this RFP should submit a proposal that includes:
1. Their qualifications and experience providing training, equipment and completing related work.
2. Evidence that services meet standards.
3. A detailed project plan for providing services
4. A proposed budget for year 2020-2021 that includes:
   o Per pupil cost
   o Per classroom set, based on 30 students if discounted
   o Site based cost if per pupil cost is discounted
   o Professional development option plans

To achieve a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, it is required that proposals be organized in the manner specified.

The Proposal shall be submitted in a binder with tabs as set forth below:

Title Page
Template (Appendix A)

Tab 1 – Table of Contents
Clearly identify the materials by sections and page numbers.

Tab 2 – Profile of the Proposer
- Consultant's qualifications and experience providing training, equipment and completing related work.
- Proven track record and/or research related to the effectiveness of product, submitted in this RFP, in large, urban school districts. Specific references should be included.

Tab 3 - Demo Account Access
Access to a demo account as a student, teacher and administrator to review platform, if applicable

Tab 4 – A detailed project plan for providing service
Clearly describe the scope of the work and/or services to be provided based upon the information in the Scope of Work and Specific Conditions and Specification Sections stated in the RFP. Respond to each item listed.

Tab 5 - Confirmation that Consultant’s digital platform integrates with Skyward, PPSD’s data integration system as verified via signed Project Unicorn Pledge

Tab 6 - Pricing
Any and all pricing information, including any alternative pricing proposals that may be acceptable for individual components and/or supplemental products/services that meet all or some of the criteria listed in this RFP. District may request pricing to be submitted electronically at a future date.

Tab 7 – Addenda
Insert all addenda under this section.

IX. Instructions and Notice to Vendors

Vendors responding to this RFP should comply with the following.
1. Potential vendors must submit sealed bids in an envelope labelled with the proposal description. The bid envelope and information relative to the bid must be addressed to:

   Board of Contract and Supply
   Department of the City Clerk - City Hall, Room 311
   25 Dorrance Street
2. Proposals will be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee comprised of staff from (PPSD) and scored based on the criteria provided in Appendix B.
3. The Board of Contract and Supply must approve all contracts.
4. No proposal will be accepted if made in collusion with any other bidder.
5. A bidder who is an out-of-state corporation shall qualify or register to transact business in this State, in accordance with R.I. General Laws (as amended) in the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act, RIGL Section 7-1.2.
6. Competing bids may be viewed in person at the Department of the City Clerk, City Hall, Providence, immediately upon the conclusion of the formal Board of Contract and Supply meeting during which the bids were unsealed/opened. Bids may also be accessed electronically on the internet via the City’s Open Meetings Portal.
7. As the City of Providence is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Sales Tax, prices quoted are not to include these taxes.
8. In case of error in the extension of prices quoted, the unit price will govern.
9. The contractor will NOT be permitted to: a) assign or underlet the contract, b) assign either legally or equitably any monies hereunder or its claim thereto without the previous written consent of the City Purchasing Director.
10. Delivery dates must be shown in your bid. If no delivery date is specified, it will be assumed that an immediate delivery from stock will be made.
11. A certificate of insurance may be required of a successful vendor.
12. Bids may be submitted on an “equal” in quality basis. We reserve the right to decide equality. Bidders must indicate brand or the make being offered and submit detailed specifications if other than brand requested.
13. No goods should be delivered or work started without a Purchase Order.
14. Submit an ORIGINAL and two (2) copies of your bid to the City Clerk, unless the specification section of this document indicates otherwise.
15. Vendor must certify that it does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices and that all of its employees are lawfully employed under all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

X. Proposal Questions, Submission and Deadline

Questions concerning this solicitation should be e-mailed to Thomas Flanagan thomas.flanagan@ppsd.org or Gina Picard, gina.picard@ppsd.org no later than the end of the business day on March 2, 2020, and responses will be sent back via email no later than the end of business on March 10, 2020.

NOTE: Proposals received after the due date and time will not be considered.

XI. Budget and Contract Award

The criteria to be used includes cost; staff qualifications; capability, capacity and qualifications;
creative approach; and client references.

Proposals, found to be technically or substantially non-responsive at any point in the evaluation process, will be rejected and not considered further.

The School Department may, at its sole option, elect to require presentation(s) by offerors clearly in consideration for award.

Proposals are not accepted via email.

Appendix A

Title Page

RFP Title: Mathematics Products, Resources and/or Manipulatives to Support Mathematics Instruction Aligned to CCSS K-12
Vendor Name: ____________________________

Product(s)

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Contact Person: ______________________________________

Contact Person’s email: ______________________________________

Date: ______________________________________
Appendix B

Proposals will be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee comprised of staff from Providence Public Schools District (PPSD). To advance to the PPSD Vendor Fair the Proposal must receive a minimum of 45 (75%) out of a maximum of 60 technical points. Any technical proposals scoring less than 45 points will not be invited to the PPSD Vendor Fair and the proposal will be dropped from further consideration. Proposals scoring 45 technical points or higher will be evaluated for cost and assigned up to a maximum of 40 points in the cost category. Individuals or firms (vendors) with the best scoring based on the criteria will be invited to the PPSD Vendor Fair.

PPSD reserves the exclusive right to select the individual(s) or firm (vendor) that it deems to be in its best interest to accomplish the project as specified herein; and conversely, reserves the right not to fund any proposal(s). Proposals will be reviewed and scored based upon the following criteria:

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Points will be assigned based on the offeror’s clear demonstration of his/her abilities to complete the work as identified in RFP.

Applicants may be required to submit additional written information or be asked to make an oral presentation before the technical review committee to clarify statements made in their proposal.

*The vendor with the lowest cost proposal (i.e., bid) will receive one hundred percent (100%) of the available points for the “Budget” criteria. All other vendors will be awarded “Budget” points based upon the following formula:

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\text{(lowest vendor’s bid/higher vendor’s bid)} * \text{ available points} = \text{total budget points}
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For example:

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<td>Lowest bidder = 40 (100% of possible points)</td>
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<td>($65,000/$100,000) * 40 = 26 points</td>
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