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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**The following are questions and responses regarding
RFP No 6103.1 Clarksburg #9 Elementary School Before and After School Childcare**

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| Question 1 | Demographics – Do parents rely on subsidy for assistance in payments? What percentage of subsidy parents have traditionally utilized after school care before? |
| Answer 1 | <i>It is unknown at this time how many of the parents per location will be using subsidies for after school care because these are all new locations. However, many parents in Montgomery County rely on subsidies for child care.</i> |
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| Question 2 | Previous provider – Why is the previous provider not being renewed? It is just a cycle out, the school looking for a different philosophy in childcare, or something else? |
| Answer 2 | <i>The school does not currently have a provider.</i> |
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| Question 3 | How many children have traditionally been a part of the after school program at the school? Or, another way, what is the interest/need for after school programming? |
| Answer 3 | <i>The school does not currently have a provider.</i> |
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| Question 4 | What are parents/school looking for in programming? More STEAM based? Active Play based? Other? |
| Answer 4 | <i>Please refer to Attachment C – Parent Survey Results in the RFP.</i> |
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| Question 5 | Please provide clarity on how to respond to Section 6.b.8 “Provide detailed explanation regarding how the Applicant will meet the following program considerations:” as nothing follows the colon except for section c |
| Answer 5 | <i>Under Section 6.b.8, please add the following subsection: a. Ability to begin full-day child care program in Fall 2023; and b. Ability to provide a 10-month program.</i> |
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| Question 6 | Please provide clarity in Section G – number 3 appears to be missing. Is this correct or is it missing? Should we still continue to label the proposal with the same numbers even though 3 is missing? |
| Answer 6 | <i>The section is misnumbered and nothing is missing. Please label the proposal with the same numbers as is.</i> |
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| Question 7 | We have several programs and for the part regarding MD EXCELS certificates, are we supposed to provide all of them or just one copy of one of our schools or all 18? |
| Answer 7 | <i>Please include all 18.</i> |
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| Question 8 | Are we allowed to submit our own document or must we use the provided RFP template? |
| Answer 8 | <i>Please use the provided RFP template.</i> |
| Question 9 | Can we include graphics and visual aids to help illustrate our program and its unique features? |
| Answer 9 | <i>For the purpose of the RFP, interested providers will submit the same template/format.</i> |
| Question 10 | When we clicked the links for the parent survey responses they appeared to be broken, can you give us access to the responses? |
| Answer 10 | <i>All survey links are working.</i> |
| Question 11 | Is there currently an After School Program at Clarksburg #9 ES? If so, what is the current enrollment? |
| Answer 11 | <i>No. The school does not currently have a provider.</i> |
| Question 12 | Does the Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) include a facility rental fee? If so, what is the fee for each facility? |
| Answer 12 | <i>The current HOURLY Facility Fees for Before and After School Child Care are: Non-Profit Organizations: APR/Cafeteria/Gym: \$10.50 Classroom: \$7.00 For-Profit Organizations: APR/Cafeteria/Gym: \$11.00 Classroom: \$7.50</i> |
| Question 13 | Hours are not specified in the RFP but it looks like schools dismiss between 3:45pm and 3:50pm. Does the district have a preferred program end time? |
| Answer 13 | <i>This is decided by the provider when they agree to terms with CUPF.</i> |
| Question 14 | How will the programs be funded? Will the school district, individual schools, or the parents/guardians pay for the programs? |
| Answer 14 | <i>Parents/guardians will pay for the program. The district does not pay for child care tuition.</i> |
| Question 15 | What is the budget? |
| Answer 15 | <i>Child care providers pay for the permit/lease through CUPF. MCPS does not have a budget associated for child care providers.</i> |
| Question 16 | Is there a sliding scale that we must provide? |
| Answer 16 | <i>We have never required a sliding scale for fees for attendance in a before and after school program.</i> |
| Question 17 | Is there a revenue share? |
| Answer 17 | <i>There is no revenue share, but providers are required to pay facility fees.</i> |
| Question 18 | What is the expected award date for this project? |
| Answer 18 | <i>Award date is anticipated in July 2023.</i> |
| Question 19 | Is this a multi vendor award? |
| Answer 19 | <i>Each site is evaluated separately which could result in a different provider at each school.</i> |
| Question 20 | Is there an estimate on students to be served? |
| Answer 20 | <i>No.</i> |

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| Question 21 | What is the preferred fee/cost format for this RFP? |
| Answer 21 | <i>Please refer to paragraph 6.b.2.</i> |
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| Question 22 | Is the programming for this project school/district paid or parent paid? |
| Answer 22 | <i>Parent paid.</i> |
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