

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of Finance
Division of Procurement
45 West Gude Drive, Suite 3100
Rockville, MD 20850-9999
240-740-7600**

January 30, 2024

INVITATION FOR BID

7121.8, Asbestos Abatement and Indoor Air Quality Equipment and Supplies

Bid Opening Time: 2:00PM

Bid Opening Date: February 15, 2024

NOTE: In the event of emergency closing of Board of Education offices, this bid will open at the same time on the next regular working day.

BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE BID OPENING TIME AND DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

COMPANY NAME: _____

1. Term of Contract: March 23, 2024 through March 22, 2025
2. Terms of Delivery: 15 Days
3. Delivery Destination: Other
4. Bid Security Required: None

Bid Security must be made payable to Montgomery County Board of Education

5. Performance Bond Required: None

6a. Samples Required: Yes No

6b. Sample Delivery Requirements:

- Deliver to the Division of Procurement
- Deliver to Supply and Property
- Management Deliver to the Food
- Service Warehouse Other

6c. Sample Delivery Time:

- Prior to bid opening
- At time of bid opening
- Subsequent to bid opening

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The appropriate items below must be completed as part of the bid. Failure to comply may disqualify your bid. Type or print legibly in ink.

I. BIDDER INFORMATION: As appropriate, check and/or complete one of the items below.

- 1. Legal name (as shown on your income tax return) _____
- 2. Business Name (if different from above) _____
- 3. Tax Identification Number _____

A copy of your W-9 must be submitted with this bid response.

II. BIDDER'S CONTACT INFORMATION: This will be filed as your permanent contact information.

- 1. Company Name _____
- 2. Address _____
- 3. Bid Representative's Name _____
- 4. Phone Number(s)/Extension(s) _____
- 5. Fax Number _____
- 6. Email Address _____
- 7. Website _____

III. PURCHASE ORDER ADDRESS: Please complete if different from Bidder's Contact Information.

- 1. Purchase Order Address _____
- 2. Representative's Name _____
- 3. Phone Number (s)/Extension(s) _____
- 4. Fax Number _____
- 6. Email Address _____

IV. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT: MCPS may consider prompt payment discounts as part of the award process; however, the Board reserves the right to make awards according to the best interests of MCPS.

_____ Prompt payment discounts of less than twenty (20) days will not be considered.

V. PURCHASING CARD AND SUA PAYMENT PROGRAM: MCPS is currently utilizing a purchasing card and Single Use Accounts (SUA) payment program through JP Morgan MasterCard. Please check the appropriate box below.

Yes, we accept MasterCard

No, we do not accept MasterCard

Note: Beginning April 1, 2018, MCPS will no longer process check payments. To avoid payment delays after this change, all bidders that accept MasterCard are strongly encouraged to sign up to receive SUA payments upon being notified of an award. For bidders that do not accept MasterCard, the ACH payment method is also available. Please e-mail SUA@mcpsmd.org to register for SUA, or e-mail accountspayable@mcpsmd.org to request ACH registration forms.

VI. PURCHASE ORDER PREFERENCE: Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is in the process of issuing orders via Facsimile or US Mail. MCPS prefers facsimile. Please check your preference below.

Facsimile

US Mail

Email

EDI

VII. SLMBE (SMALL, LOCAL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE): Check the appropriate box below.

African American

Asian American

Hispanic

Native American

Female

Disabled

None

VIII. NON-DEBARMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

____ I acknowledge that my firm has NO pending litigation and/or debarment from doing business with the State of Maryland or any of its subordinate government units and/or federal government within the past five (5) years.

____ I acknowledge that my firm has pending litigation or has been debarred from doing business with the State of Maryland or any of its subordinate government units and/or federal government, within the past five (5) years. (Attachment)

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that I will advise Montgomery County Public Schools should there be a change in status.

By (Signature) _____

Name and Title _____

Witness Name and Title _____

IX. BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION: Upon notification of award, this document in its entirety is the awarded vendors contract with MCPS. By signing below, the undersigned acknowledges that s/he is entering into a contract with MCPS.

- A. The undersigned proposes to furnish and deliver supplies, equipment, or services, in accordance with specifications and stipulations contained herein, and at the prices quoted. This certifies that this bid is made without any previous understanding, agreement or connection with any person, firm, or corporation making a bid for the same supplies, materials, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

- B. I hereby certify that I am authorized to sign for the bidder. (Bidders are cautioned to read the material under Section XXVII, signature to Bids, and to comply with its stipulations.) I/We certify that none of this company's officers, directors, partners, or its employees have been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or federal government; and that no member of the Board of Education of the Montgomery County Public Schools, Administrative or Supervisory Personnel, or other employees of the Board of Education has any interest in the bidding company except as follows:

By (Signature) _____

Name and Title _____

Witness Name and Title _____

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General Stipulations And Instructions To Bidders

I. Invitation For Bid

The Board of Education of Montgomery County Maryland, herein after referred to as The Board of Education, will receive sealed proposals until the date and time indicated on the cover of the Invitation For Bid. Bids must be delivered to the Division of Procurement at the above address where it will be opened and publicly read at the stated time. Bids must be delivered in sealed opaque envelopes. Envelopes shall be clearly marked on the outside lower left corner with the bid number and bid opening date and time.

II. Intent

These specifications are intended to cover the furnishing and delivery of said materials, supplies, or services as hereinafter shown to any or to each of the various public schools, offices, or to any designated warehouse or warehouses in Montgomery County, Maryland, whichever is specified, in quantities to be determined subsequent to the bid opening.

III. Right To Cancel Or Reject Bids

- A. The Board of Education reserves the right to cancel any contract if, in its opinion, there is a failure at any time to perform adequately the stipulations of this Invitation For Bid, or if the general conditions and specifications which are attached and made part of this bid are not fulfilled, or if in any case there is any attempt to willfully impose upon the Board of Education materials or products or workmanship which are in the opinion of the Board of Education of an unacceptable quality. Any action taken in pursuance of this latter stipulation shall not affect or impair any rights or claims of the Board of Education to damages for the breach of any covenants of the contract by the contractor. The Board of Education also reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who has previously failed to perform adequately after having once been awarded a prior bid for furnishing materials or services similar in nature to those mentioned in this bid.
- B. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part; to make partial awards; to waive any irregularity in any quotation; to increase or decrease quantities if quantities are listed in the bid; to reject any bid that shows any omissions, alterations of form, and additions, conditions, or alternate proposals not called for; and to make any such award as is deemed to be in the best interests of the Board of Education.
- C. All items furnished must be completely new and free from defects. No others will be accepted under the terms and intent of this bid.

IV. Right To Purchase In The Open Market

Should the contractor fail to comply with the conditions of this contract or fail to complete the required work within the time stipulated in the contract, The Board of Education reserves the right to purchase in the open market, or to complete the required work, at the expense of the contractor or by recourse to provisions of the faithful performance bond if such bond is required under the conditions of the bid.

V. Failure To Furnish Item(s)

Should the contractor fail to furnish any item or items, or to complete the required work included in this contract, The Board of Education reserves the right to withdraw such items or required work from the operation of this contract without incurring further liabilities on the part of the Board of Education.

VI. Employer Information Report EEO-1

The Board of Education requires that each successful bidder be liable for compliance with the provisions of Title VII of the Civil

Rights Act of 1964. In order to fully comply with Title VII, a company must file Employer Information Report EEO-1 with the Joint Report Committee, 1800 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Only companies that fall within the following categories are required to file the Employer Information Report EEO-1:

The entire company has at least 100 employees on the payroll. The company is affiliated through centralized ownership and/or centralized management, and the group legally constitutes a single enterprise employing a total of 100 or more employees. If your company has already filed an EEO-1 by virtue of supplying materials or services under Federal Government Contracts, it is necessary to submit only a copy of your most recent EEO-1 report to the Division of Procurement. If you are filing a report for the first time, send a copy of EEO-1 to the Division of Procurement. Please note that purchase orders will not be issued to companies that fall into the above categories until proof of EEO-1 reporting has been received.

VII. Preparation Of Bid

Bids must be submitted on the copy provided. Bidders may wish to reproduce and retain one copy for its files. Bids must be signed by an authorized representative of the company submitting a bid. It is the intent of this solicitation that should a given bid be accepted, it will automatically become the contract. Notification of the bid award will be made by letter. Bidders shall submit its bids and specifications on the appropriate specification sheets that show the schedule of items to be purchased. Bidders may attach a letter of explanation to its bid if it so desire.

Prices quoted shall not exceed the prices established under any governmental price control regulations. Bidders will be required if requested by The Board of Education, to furnish satisfactory evidence that they are qualified as manufacturers or dealers in the items listed and have a regularly established place of business. An inspection of any bidder's place of business may be made to determine the bidder's ability to perform.

VIII. Discounts

The Board of Education reserves the right to consider discounts in computing the bid.

A. Trade Discounts

All prices offered must be the lowest net price after trade discounts have been considered. Bids offering a percentage off list prices will not be accepted unless: (1) specifically requested in that manner; (2) two copies of the referenced price list accompany the bid.

B. Payment Discounts

Prompt payment discounts are solicited and will be treated as follows:

(1) Unless specifically stated otherwise, discounts offered which allow a minimum of twenty (20) days to qualify will be deducted from prices offered in the bid for the purpose of determining the lowest price offered.

(2) Discounts offering less than twenty (20) calendar days will not be deducted from price offered for the purpose of determining the lowest price, but will be taken if payment is made within the discount period.

IX. "Or Equal" Interpretation

Unless the specifications and/or conditions state a specific brand and substitutions will not be considered, the Board of Education will consider other brands or the product of other manufacturers as long as the product meets the same specifications, standards, and quality of the material being solicited through the bid. On all such bids the bidder shall indicate clearly the product on which it is bidding and shall supply sufficient data on its own letterhead to enable an intelligent comparison to be made with the particular brand or manufacturer specified.

Whenever the specifications indicate a product of a particular manufacturer, model, or brand and in the absence of any written statement to the contrary by the bidder, the bid will be interpreted as being for the exact brand, model, or manufacturer specified, together with all accessories enumerated in the specifications

X. Consideration of Prior Service

Awards on this bid will be made after consideration has been given to any previous performance for The Board of Education as to quality of service and/or merchandise and with regard to the bidder's ability to perform should it be awarded the bid.

XI. Delivery

The bidder agrees to furnish and deliver during the period of the contract the items and articles which may be awarded to the bidder in such amounts and quantities within the terms of the contract. **All Deliveries Must Be Prepaid FOB Destination, And In No Case Will Shipments Collect Or Sidewalk Deliveries Be Accepted.** Bidders shall uncrate, completely assemble, and set in designated place all equipment and furniture. All delivery cost shall be included in the bid unit price.

XII. Packing Slips And Delivery Tickets

All materials delivered on this contract shall be packed in a substantial manner in accordance with accepted trade practices. No charges may be made over and above the bid price for packaging or for deposits on containers. All deliveries shall be accompanied by delivery tickets or packing slips. Tickets shall contain the following information for each item delivered: the quantity, bid number, and the name of the contractor.

XIII. Invoices

Payment depends on receipt of a proper invoice and satisfactory contract performance. All invoices are to be transmitted to the

Division of Controller at: Division of Controller
45 West Gude Drive, Suite 3200
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Every invoice must include the following information:

- A. Name and address of the contractor
- B. Taxpayer Identification number
- C. The purchase order number
- D. An invoice numbers
- E. Bid number if applicable
- F. The ship to address
- G. Line item description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price as stated on the purchase order
- H. Shipping and payment terms if not a bid item

When a discount for payment is authorized and taken; it will be made to the contractor as close as possible to, but not later than, the end of the discount period. Prices quoted shall not include federal excise or state sales and use taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request. Contractor inquiries concerning payment may be made to accountspayable@mcpsmd.org.

XIV. Bid Security

If bid security is required, it must be payable to: "Montgomery County Board of Education."

Such bid security will be returned to all except the successful bidder(s) within five business days after awards have been made. The bid security of the successful bidder(s) will be returned upon receipt of the performance bond if such bond is required under the terms of the award. If no award is made within 60 days after the date of the opening of the bids, bid security will be returned to any bidder upon demand of the bidder at any time after the 60-day period so long as it has not been notified of the acceptance of its bid.

Written notification of the acceptance of any bid will be made to the successful bidder(s).

XV. Performance Bonds

If required, the successful bidder or bidders on this bid must furnish a performance bond in the amount indicated in the bid document, made out to Montgomery County Board of Education and prepared on an approved performance bond form as security for the faithful performance of its contract. The performance bond shall be submitted within ten business days of the notification that the bid has been awarded. The surety thereon must be such surety company or companies as are acceptable to The Board of Education and as are authorized to transact business in the State of Maryland. Attorneys in fact who sign bid bonds must file with each bond a certified copy of its power of attorney to sign said bonds. Should the bidder fail or refuse to furnish the required performance bond within ten business days after notification the bidder shall pay to The Board of Education as liquidated damages for such failure or refusal an amount in cash equal to the security deposited with its bid.

XVI. Provision For Municipal Offices

Each bidder agrees when submitting its bid that it will make available to every office and department of the Montgomery County Government the bid prices submitted on this bid should any such department or office wish to take advantage of the bid prices submitted to The Board of Education.

XVII. Product Testing During Time of Contract

Material delivered on any contract resulting from this Invitation for Bid may be tested for compliance with the specification stipulated herein. Any shipment failing to fully meet or comply with the specification requirements will be promptly rejected.

The cost of testing a representative sample of an order or shipment for acceptance shall be borne by the Board of Education except if the order or shipment is rejected for failure to meet the requirements of the specification. In case of failure to meet the requirements of the specification the cost of testing will be charged to the contractor.

XVIII. Safety Standards

All work performed and all items supplied shall be in compliance with applicable federal and state safety standards. (OSHA-MOSHA). Material Safety Data Sheets shall be included in all shipments.

XIX. General Guaranty

The contractor agrees to:

- A. Save the Board of Education, its agents, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or any kind for the use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article, or appliance furnished or used in the

performance of the contract of which the contractor is not patented assignee, licensee, or owner.

B. Protect the Board of Education against latent defective material or workmanship and to repair or replace any damages or marring occasioned in transit or delivery

C. Furnish adequate protection against damage to all work and to repair damages of any kind, to the building or equipment, to its own work or to the work of the contractors for which it or its **workers** are responsible

D. Pay for all permits, licenses, and fees and give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the Board of Education and of the State of Maryland.

XX. Indemnity

The contractor shall indemnify, keep, and save harmless the Board of Education, its agents, officials, and employees against all injuries, death, loss, damages, claims, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses, which may in any way occur against them in consequence of the granting of this contract or which may in any way result therefrom, whether or not it shall be alleged or determined that the act was caused through negligence or omission of the contractor or its employees, except to the extent of the negligence of the Board of Education, its agents, officials and employees. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith; and if any judgment shall be rendered against the Board of Education in any such action based on the actions and/or negligence of the contractor, its agents and employees, the contractor shall at its own expense satisfy and discharge the same. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by the contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep, and save harmless and defend the Board of Education as herein provided.

XXI. Insurance

The contractor shall maintain Comprehensive Business Insurance for protection from claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act, claims for damage because of bodily injury, death, or property damage to others, including employees of the Board of Education; and claims for damages arising out of the operation of motor vehicles, which may arise during the performance of the contract whether caused by the contractor or by any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. The contractor shall also maintain product liability insurance. The aforementioned insurance shall cover the duration of the contract period, including all periods of the time and all places where work is performed under an expressed or implied warranty. The limits of such liability insurance for each occurrence shall be equal to or greater than \$500,000 for Bodily Injury and \$100,000 for Property Damage. The certificate on the insurance, indicating coverage for the term of the contract, shall be made in favor and provided to The Board of Education prior to commencement of the contract. A company duly licensed by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and qualified to sell insurance in Maryland shall issue all insurance policies.

XXII. Inspection Of Premises

Before submitting a bid for any construction or installation work in any building or on the premises of the Board of Education, the bidder should carefully examine the premises and upon submitting its bid will be considered to have examined the premises, building, or buildings where the work is to be done. For any work or installation requiring the use of labor, the successful bidder before starting work must provide sufficient evidence of insurance showing that it is adequately covered for Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability insurance.

XXIII. Patents

The contractor shall hold and save the Board of Education, its officers, agents, servants, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses for or on account of any patented or

unpatented inventions, articles, process, or appliance manufactured or used in performance of this contract including its use by Montgomery County, unless otherwise specifically stipulated in this contract.

XXIV. Samples And Catalog Cuts

A. Requirements and Delivery

Sample requirements and sample delivery stipulations are indicated in the bid document. Further details concerning samples may also be indicated in the detailed specification portion of the invitation. Bidders shall make all arrangements for delivery of samples to location indicated.

B. Sample Identification All sample packages shall be marked "Samples" and each sample shall bear the name of the bidder, item number, and bid number and shall be carefully tagged or marked in a substantial manner. Failure of the bidder to clearly identify samples as indicated may be considered sufficient reason for rejection of its bid.

C. Testing or Comparing Samples

Samples are requested for the purpose of testing or comparing with detailed specifications. Therefore, The Board of Education reserves the right to retain or destroy the articles or materials submitted as samples for the purpose of testing. Accordingly, The Board of Education shall be free from any change or claim on the part of the bidder or contractor if any articles or materials furnished as samples are lost or destroyed. Materials such as food may be tested from the raw, uncooked, baked, or canned sample being submitted at the time of bid opening or subsequent to bid opening. Food tests shall consider specification factors such as contents, weight, size, taste, texture, appearance, uniformity of color, and defects, if any.

D. Retention and Removal of Samples

The samples submitted by bidders on items on which it have received an award will be retained by The Board of Education until the delivery of contracted items is completed and accepted. Bidders whose samples are retained will be notified when its samples may be removed. Samples on which bidders are unsuccessful must be removed as soon as possible but not more than 15 calendar days after notification that the award has been made by The Board of Education. The Board of Education will not be responsible for such samples if not removed by the bidder within 15 calendar days after the notification of award has been made.

E. Sample Quantities

Samples are required in the exact packaging and size as stated in the item description unless otherwise indicated in the bid document or it is determined that a smaller quantity is sufficient for adequate testing.

F. Descriptive Literature

All bidders are required to furnish with the bid proposal a brochure, properly bound and labeled, showing full illustrations and specifications on each item offered, if bidding other than specified; or if specifically requested. These cuts and specifications are to be arranged and labeled with the item number in the same sequence as the items appear in the specifications and attached on separate pages of a brochure. The cover of the brochure shall contain:

1. Vendor's name, address, and phone number
2. Bid number

XXV. Time of Completion

The Board of Education reserves the right to revise the starting and completion dates for delivery and installation of equipment to new schools and additions as stated below if the bid is wholly or in part for the furnishing of new schools and additions to existing buildings.

At least 60 days prior to the date scheduled for delivery and installation for each project, the Board of Education will notify the contractor whether or not any change will be required in the dates for the beginning and completion of delivery. The right is reserved to specify beginning dates and completion dates two weeks earlier than listed above or to postpone the beginning and completion dates

for not more than 30 days later than the dates as listed. These changes in delivery dates, if any, for new schools and additions to. Older buildings will be applicable to individual projects as specified and not to all projects as a whole. The estimated dates on which deliveries may be begun and which time deliveries and installations must be completed have been estimated as carefully as possible; and if any change is required by circumstances beyond the control of the Board of Education, the revised delivery dates as established by the procedures outlined immediately above will become the definite schedule for completion of the contract as if it had been set in the original schedule as outlined

XXVI. Guarantee

The contractor shall unconditionally guarantee the materials and workmanship on all equipment furnished by it for a period of one year from date of acceptance of the items delivered and installed. If, within the guarantee period, any defects or signs of deterioration are noted which in the opinion of The Board of Education are due to faulty design and installation, workmanship, or materials, upon ratification, the contractor, at its expense, shall repair or adjust the equipment or parts to correct the condition: or it shall replace the part or entire unit to the complete satisfaction of the Board of Education. These repairs, replacements, or adjustments shall be made only at such times as will be designated by the Board of Education as least detrimental to the instructional programs.

XXVII. Signature To Bids

Each bid must show the full business address and telephone number of the bidder and be signed by the person or persons legally authorized to sign contracts. All correspondence concerning the bid and contract, including Notice of Award, Copy of Contract, and Purchase Order, will be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the bid in the absence of written instructions from the bidder or contractor to the contrary. Bids by partnerships must be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing, who shall also state the names of individuals composing the partnership. Bids by corporations must be signed with the name of the corporation, followed by the signature and designation of the officer having authority to sign. When required, satisfactory evidence of authority of the officer signing in behalf of the corporation shall be furnished. Anyone signing the bid as agent shall file satisfactory evidence of its authority to do so.

XXVIII. Errors In Bids

Bidders, or its authorized representatives, are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting bids; failure to do so will be at the bidder's own risk and the bidder cannot secure relief on the plea of error. Neither law nor regulations make allowance for errors either of omission or commission on the part of the bidders

XXIX. Resolution and Disputes

Bidders who have any concerns regarding the recommended awards of this solicitation should promptly contact the buyer in the Division of Procurement before the scheduled Board action. Any concerns that cannot be resolved informally with the buyer should be addressed to the senior buyer of the Division of Procurement. The senior buyer of the Division of Procurement shall attempt to resolve, informally, all protests or complaints regarding bid award recommendations.

Any formal protest must be filed with the senior buyer of the Division of Procurement within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the pre-award notice

XXX. Inquiries

Should any bidder have any question as to the intent or meaning of any part of this bid, it must contact the undersigned to receive a written reply before submitting its bid. Inquires must be submitted in writing no later than four business days prior to bid opening date.



Angela McIntosh-Davis
Director, Division of Procurement

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS FOR MAILING BIDS

Bids must be delivered in sealed, opaque envelopes, and labeled clearly as follows:

SAMPLE BID RESPONSE ENVELOPE

(Return Address)

BID ENVELOPE

TO BE DELIVERED TO

**Division of Procurement
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
45 West Gude Drive, Suite 3100
Rockville, MD 20850-9999**

BID NO. _____
BID NAME _____
OPENING DATE _____ **OPENING TIME** _____

Vendor name and address must appear on the upper left hand corner of the bid envelope. The specific bid number, opening date, and time must appear in the lower left hand corner of the bid envelope.

It is suggested that vendors utilize a tracking service to insure prompt delivery.



**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Rider Clause
Invitation for Bid 7121.8, Asbestos Abatement and Indoor Air Quality Equipment and
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USE OF CONTRACT(S) BY MEMBERS COMPRISING Mid –Atlantic Purchasing Team COMMITTEE

Extension to Other Jurisdictions

The [issuing jurisdiction] extends the resultant contract (s), including pricing, terms and conditions to the members of the Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team, as well as all other public entities under the jurisdiction of the United States and its territories.

Inclusion of Governmental & Nonprofit Participants (Optional Clause)

This shall include but not be limited to private schools, Parochial schools, non-public schools such as charter schools, special districts, intermediate units, non-profit agencies providing services on behalf of government, and/or state, community and/or private colleges/universities that required these good, commodities and/or services.

Notification and Reporting

The Contractor agrees to notify the issuing jurisdiction of those entities that wish to use any contract resulting from this solicitation and will also provide usage information, which may be requested. The Contractor will provide the copy of the solicitation and resultant contract documents to any requesting jurisdiction or entity.

Contract Agreement

Any jurisdiction or entity using the resultant contract (s) may enter into its own contract with the successful Contractor (s). There shall be no obligation on the party of any participating jurisdiction to use the resultant contract (s). Contracts entered into with a participating jurisdiction may contain general terms and conditions unique to that jurisdiction Including, by way of illustration and not limitation, clauses covering minority participation, non-discrimination, indemnification, naming the jurisdiction as an additional insured under any required Comprehensive General Liability policies, and venue.



**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Rider Clause
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 Cont.**

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Alexandria, Virginia			Gaithersburg, Maryland			Rockville, Maryland		
Alexandria Public Schools			Greenbelt, Maryland			Spotsylvania County		
Alexandria Sanitation Authority			Harford County			Spotsylvania County Gov & Schools		
Annapolis City			Harford County Schools			Stafford County, Virginia		
Anne Arundel County			Howard County			Takoma Park, Maryland		
Anne Arundel School			Howard County Schools			Upper Occoquan Service Authority		
Arlington County, Virginia			Herndon, Virginia			Vienna, Virginia		
Arlington County Public Schools			Leesburg, Virginia			Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority		
Baltimore City			London County, Virginia			Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission		
Baltimore County Schools			Loudoun County Public Schools			Winchester, Virginia		
Bladensburg, Maryland			Loudoun County Water Authority			Winchester Public Schools		
Bowie, Maryland			Manassas City Public Schools					
Carroll County			Manassas Park, Virginia					
Carroll County Schools			Maryland DGS Purchasing					
Charles County Government			Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission					
City of Fredericksburg			Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority					
College Park, Maryland			Metropolitan Washington Council of Government					
District of Columbia Government			Montgomery College					
District of Columbia Water & Sewer Auth.			Montgomery County, Maryland					
District of Columbia Public Schools			Montgomery County Public School					
Fairfax, Virginia			Northern Virginia Community College					
Fairfax County, Virginia			Prince George's Community College					
Fairfax County Water Authority			Prince George's County, Maryland					
Falls Church, Virginia			Prince Georgia Public Schools					
Fauquier County Schools & Government			Prince William County, Virginia					
Frederick, Maryland			Prince William County Public Schools					
Frederick County, Maryland			Prince William County Service Author					

BIDDER'S AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT:

**Office of Finance
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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**Invitation for Bid #7121.8/LG
Asbestos Abatement and Indoor Air Quality Equipment and Supplies**

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Intent

The specifications contained herein are intended to cover the furnishing and delivery of asbestos abatement and indoor air quality supplies and equipment described. Deliveries are to be made to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Division of Maintenance, 8301 Turkey Thicket Dr. Bldg. A, 1st Floor, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 or as stated on individual purchase orders.

B. Delivery

Delivery will be required within fifteen days after receipt by the successful bidder(s) of a purchase order issued and signed by the director of the Division of Procurement, or an order placed by an authorized representative utilizing the MCPS purchasing card.

MCPS requires that delivery be made at destination within the shortest time frame possible. Bidders must submit a definitive time frame, in days, on the pricing schedule within which delivery will be made after receipt of order (ARO). Indefinite terms such as “promptly, stock, without delay”, etc. will not be given consideration. If amount of days for delivery are not specified on the line items delivery will be expected within the fifteen days ARO as specified.

C. Awards

It is the intention to award this contract to the bidder(s) submitting the most favorable unit prices with consideration being given to any previous performance for the Board of Education as to quality of service and acceptable merchandise, and with regard to the bidder(s) ability to perform should it be awarded the contract. Awards may be made to one successful bidder submitting the lowest aggregate quotation on items of a similar nature or on an individual item basis. Contractor is expected to keep stock of items of the product line they are offering. However, the Board reserves the right to make awards according to the best interests of the Board of Education of Montgomery County, Maryland. In addition, the Board reserves the right to remove or add additional items to the specifications as our requirements change, as well as, add suppliers throughout the contract term should a need arise that cannot be facilitated by an awarded supplier.

D. Contract Term

The term of contract shall be for one year as stipulated on the Invitation for Bid. However, the contract may not begin until one day after approval by the Board of Education and will conclude as stated under the contract term. MCPS reserves the right to extend this contract at existing prices, terms and conditions for up to four additional one-year terms. Written notice indicating MCPS' intention to

pursue the extension of the contract will be issued to the successful bidder(s) 90 days prior to the expiration of the current term. The bidder(s) will have ten days from the date of notification to return the notice acknowledging its intent to accept or reject the extension. Once all responses are evaluated, MCPS staff may make a recommendation to the Board of Education to extend the contract or decide to rebid. If the contract extension is approved by the Board a contract amendment will be issued.

E. Invoicing

All invoices shall be submitted in duplicate and must be included with each delivery. The invoice shall contain the purchase order number and name of the authorized representative and depot receiving the supplies. **All invoices shall be numbered.** To better serve you with fast payments, MCPS now offers Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic payments and Single Use Accounts (SUA) payments. Payment inquiries of pending invoices after award and/or to obtain more information on ACH or SUA requirements email accountspayable@mcpsmd.org. (See Article XIII, Invoices of the General Stipulations and Instructions to Bidders).

F. Provision for Price Adjustment

Unit prices quoted herein are subject to price adjustment downward in accordance with decreases in prices announced by the manufacturer of the subject item any time prior to award. Recommendations for awards, however, shall be made based on the original bid submission only.

Subsequent to award, the unit prices quoted herein is subject to price adjustment upward or downward in accordance with increases or decreases announced by the manufacturer after the contract award. The successful bidder must notify the director of the Division of Procurement of any announced manufacturer's price reductions and give immediate benefit to MCPS in a proportionate amount.

Price increases will not be considered for the first 90 days of the contract. Thereafter the successful bidder must submit a written request for price relief. The request for a price increase shall include documentation from the manufacturer to verify the basis for such request. MCPS reserves the right to accept or reject the request as may be determined to be in the best interest of MCPS. Any orders received prior to a request for a price increase shall be honored at the original contract price.

G. Descriptive Literature

Bidders are required to furnish with their bid proposal literature properly bound and labeled showing full illustrations and details on items other than as specified in the description on the item specifications. The literature and specifications are to be arranged and labeled according to item sequence. The literature shall be clearly marked with the Company Name and Address, Bid Number and Item Number. The manufacturers code and catalog number of each item offered shall be clearly marked. Awards for this contract may be based on information provided by this literature. **Failure to submit marked descriptive literature may result in automatic disqualification of the bidder's offer on that item.**

H. Samples

Samples may be required subsequent to the bid opening on all items unless bidding the specified brand and model, or when noted on item specifications as "Sample Required". Samples shall be separate from the bid response and shall be forwarded to the Division of Procurement, 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 3100, Rockville, MD 20850. The outside of the sample package shall be marked "Samples" and

identified with bid number affixed to packaging.

Samples shall be of sufficient quantity to allow thorough testing of the product and shall be packaged in the same manner as they will be packaged during the contract term. Each individual sample submitted shall bear the name of the bidder, item number, bid number and shall be carefully tagged or marked in a substantial manner. If samples are not properly marked, the samples may not be considered. (See Article XXIV of the General Stipulations and Instructions to Bidders).

Failure to deliver samples as required will result in automatic disqualification.

I. Brand Names

Except where stated as “only” in the item description, reference to brand names, code or model numbers is offered as a point of reference in order for bidders to consider style, sizes, weights, and similar characteristics. The use of such brand names should not be interpreted as the exclusive brand desired.

In the brand column state the brand name, code or model number on each item being offered, even if bidding the specified brand. If a brand and code or model number is not shown your bid may not be considered.

If an item specification shows code or model numbers that have been discontinued, the bidder shall so state and indicate the current code or model number.

J. Interpretation of Specifications

The commodities in the attached list are specified to meet our minimum requirements. Therefore, bidders are informed that they must provide the items in conformance to quality standards as per the brand specified.

K. Deviations

All bids meeting the intent of the invitation will be considered for award. Bidders offering and quoting on substitutions or who are deviating from the terms, conditions, and/or specifications shall list such and explain fully on a separate sheet to be submitted with its bid. The absence of such a sheet shall indicate that the bidder has taken no exception and shall be held responsible for performing in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications as stated herein.

L. Quotations

No bidder will be allowed to offer more than one price on each item even though it may feel that it has two or more types of styles that will meet specifications. Bidders must determine for themselves which to offer. If said bidder should submit more than one price on any item, all prices for that item will be rejected. However, this stipulation does not preclude the offering of new products which do not meet specifications in every respect from being offered as a separate item for consideration on future bids. Such product should be identified as a new product and a brief explanation written as a part of the offer detailing the advantages which can normally be expected of this product over the product specified.

A bidder may restrict its bid to consideration in the aggregate by so stating, but shall name a unit price on each item bid upon. Any bid in which the bidder names a total price for all the articles without

quoting a price on each and every separate item may be considered informal. If there is any discrepancy between the unit cost and total cost, the unit cost shall prevail.

This solicitation shall be valid for acceptance during a period of no less than 90 days from date of opening. Once the contract is approved, terms and conditions of the solicitation shall prevail throughout the contract period.

M. Quantities

Quantities in this request are estimated based upon prior usage and are subject to change and are dependent upon current requirements of MCPS and on budgetary limitations therefor MCPS shall not be obligated to purchase any specific quantity. Orders will be placed from time to time throughout the contract term for delivery to individual locations.

N. Emergency Purchases

MCPS reserves the right to make emergency purchases from other sources should the awarded bidder(s) be unable to furnish the item within the required time frame.

O. Hazardous and Toxic Substances and Material Safety Data Sheets

Manufacturers and distributors are required by the "Federal Hazard Communication Standard" (29 CFR 1910.1200), and the Maryland "Access to Information About Hazardous and Toxic Substances" law to label each hazardous material or chemical container, and to provide Material Safety Data Sheets to the purchaser. Deliveries to MCPS must comply with these requirements. All bidders are required to submit Material Safety Data Sheets for each item as applicable. Failure to submit Material Safety Data Sheets, as required, may be considered cause for cancellation and award to the next lowest bidder.

Data sheets for each product are to be submitted with packing slip on each delivery. Compliance on this requirement as required by law, rest solely with the bidder.

P. Warranty

The supplier warrants the items delivered to be of the highest quality, complying with specifications and free from all defects whatsoever in workmanship and materials. The supplier agrees that any replacements and/or adjustments made necessary because of such defects will be made promptly without any cost to MCPS and to the satisfaction of MCPS.

Q. Bidder Qualification

Bidders are required to furnish evidence that they are authorized dealers for the manufacturers of the items listed, or regularly engaged in providing the services on which they are submitting a bid response in both cases they must maintain a regularly established place of business.

R. Sex Offender/Bidder Obligation

a. Maryland Law requires that any person who enters into a contract with a county board of education or a non-public school "may not knowingly employ an individual to work at a school" if the individual is a registered sex offender. An employer who violates this requirement is guilty of a

misdemeanor and if convicted may be subject to up to five years imprisonment and/or a \$5,000 fine. It is your responsibility to provide a letter of assurance to MCPS with your bid response that your workforce is in compliance with Sections 11-722© and 11-722(d) of the Criminal Procedures Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

- b. Each Contractor shall screen their work-forces to ensure that a registered sex offender does not perform work at a county public school and also ensure that a subcontractor and independent contractor conducts screening of its personnel who may work at a school. The term “Work-force” is intended to refer to all of the contractor’s direct employees and subcontractors and/or independent contractors it uses to perform the work. Violation of this provision may cause MCPS to take action against the contractor up to and including termination of the contract.

S. Multi-Agency Participation

MCPS reserves the right to extend the terms and conditions of this solicitation to any and all other agencies within the state of Maryland as well as any other federal, state, municipal, county, or local governmental agency under the jurisdiction of the United States and its territories. This shall include but not be limited to private schools, parochial schools, non-public schools such as charter schools, special districts, intermediate units, non-profit agencies providing services on behalf of government, and/or state, community and/or private colleges/universities that required these goods, commodities and/or services. Use of this solicitation by other agencies may be dependent on special local/state requirements attached to and made a part of the solicitation at time of contracting.

The supplier/contractor agrees to notify the issuing agency of those entities that wish to use any contract resulting from this bid and will also provide usage information, which may be requested. A copy of the contract pricing and the bid requirements incorporated in this contract will be supplied to requesting agencies. Each participating jurisdiction or agency shall enter into its own contract with the Award Bidder(s) and this contract shall be binding only upon the principals signing such an agreement. Invoices shall be submitted “directly” to the ordering jurisdiction for each unit purchased. Disputes over the execution of any contract shall be the responsibility of the participating jurisdiction or agency that entered into that contract. Disputes must be resolved solely between the participating agency and the Award Bidder. MCPS assumes no authority, liability, or obligation on behalf of any other public or non-public entity that may use any contract resulting from this bid MCPS pricing is based on the specifications provided in this solicitation.

T. eMaryland Marketplace Registration

Maryland law requires local and state agencies to post solicitations on eMaryland Marketplace. Registration is free. It is recommended that any interested supplier register at www.procurement.maryland.gov, regardless of the award outcome for this solicitation, as it is a valuable resource for upcoming bid notifications for municipalities throughout the State of Maryland.

U. Errata/Addenda

Changes and addenda to a solicitation may occur prior to the bid opening date and time. It is the bidder’s responsibility to contact the Division of Procurement via email procurement@mcpsmd.org, and [Lidia M Gonzalez@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lidia_M_Gonzalez@mcpsmd.org), check the event calendar or open solicitations on the MCPS procurement webpage <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/procurement/> to confirm

that they have all addenda/errata. Failure to acknowledge errata/addenda on the form may result in a bid being deemed non-responsive and consequently rejected.

V. Customer References

Bidders are required to provide three references. The references shall have company name, contact person, address and phone number of three current customers for which a contract for similar size and products has been provided. If the reference information is not accurate and MCPS cannot contact the person(s) named then the bid may not be considered.

<u>Company Name & Address</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Contract Number</u>
1. _____			
Email: _____			
2. _____			
Email: _____			
3. _____			
Email: _____			

W. Award Criteria

1. Conformance to specifications
2. Ability to perform
3. Price
4. Past performance

X. Inquiries

Inquiries regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing, to Mrs. Lidia M Gonzalez, Buyer, Montgomery County Public Schools, 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 3100, Rockville, Maryland 20850, email procurement@mcpsmd.org, fax number 301-279-3173. Questions must be received no later than four business days prior to bid opening in order for the bidder to receive a reply prior to submitting its bid. The Board of Education will not be responsible for any oral or telephone explanation or interpretation. Bidder contact with any other MCPS employee regarding this solicitation will be considered by MCPS as an attempt to obtain an unfair advantage and result in non-consideration of its bid. The MCPS Division of Procurement website address is <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/procurement/>