

**Office of Finance
 Division of Procurement
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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NOTICE TO OFFERORS

**The following are questions and answers regarding
 RFP No 7141.5 Telecommunications and Network Wiring Installation and Integration, and
 Broadband Cable and Network and Installation of Internal and External IP Surveillance
 Cameras.**

NUMBER	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	<u>General Conditions, 6. Complete Response Must Include:</u> What level of detail and items need to be included in required "Design Scenario"	The design scenario was eliminated from requirements. This line should be ignored under the "Complete response must include:" section.
2	<u>Contract Administration, 4. Sub-Contractors:</u> If sub-contractors are needed to complete work within this RFP, how would should those contractors be listed or presented within this proposal?	For this RFP: State whether your company does or does not utilize sub-contractors. For all future RFP's/Quote requests, state the name of the sub-contractor company(s) intended to be used and how long you have utilized them. If no sub-contractor is needed when a job is initially planned, but an eventual need arises, MCPS must be contacted with the names and history the vendor has with them for approval.
3	<u>Technical Requirements, 3. LAN Design:</u> Does LAN Design include design and installation of WIFI System.	If MCPS were to utilize a vendor for design, it would include design of the WiFi system and placement of WAPs.
4	<u>Technical Requirements, 4. Installation Capabilities:</u> What does a "Node" represent?	A "node" represents any device that is consistently or occasionally connected to the network including switches, desktops, laptops, printers, phones and other peripheral devices. Contractors may be responsible for

		installing, but not configuring, some "nodes" such as switches and WAPs.
5	<u>Section 12 under II Contract Administration</u> : Could you please confirm what specific documentation or format is required as "evidence" of bonding capacity for this section?	<p>The surety agent for the Offeror shall provide on its letterhead a letter addressed to MCPS signed by and authorized representative of the bonding company stating:</p> <p>(Name of Applicant) has been a client of (name of surety company) for over ___ years. During that time, we have supported this firm in their pursuit of projects in the \$ ___ range and total programs in excess of \$ _____.</p> <p>We are prepared to provide Bid, Performance, and Payments Bond on MCPS projects bid between (period of one year) provided (for the name of applicant) makes application to us at the time of the Bid, and we are satisfied with the prevailing underwritten conditions, included but not limited to, acceptable contract terms, job specifications and acceptable bond forms.</p>
6	Once cabling infrastructure is in place, can awardee bid on installation and implementation of surveillance cameras or any other telecommunication or network element or equipment?	All RFP's will be available to all pre-qualified vendors with the certifications and partner/vendor relationships to perform the work being requested.
7	Can the RCDD license be an RCDD equivalent?	It can, but it will be evaluated and discussed. The vendor doesn't have to have one on staff, just one that they can operate with or sub out to.
8	How many schools are required services under this contract?	<p>We currently operate 211 schools (136 elementary schools, 40 middle schools, 25 high schools, 5 special schools, and 2 early childhood centers)</p> <p>Note: During the summer of 2027 we will expand to 213 schools as we open two new High Schools.</p>

9	Which sites will allow site visits?	All sites are open to site visits once the individual has been through the badging process and received the badge. The MCPS Project Officer should be contacted first before any visits are planned to occur.
10	Is the scope of support mainly focused on camera surveillance installation or are there network elements such as wi-fi?	The scope is mainly focused on MDF/IDF room build outs, horizontal cabling, wifi installations and maintenance/service work as needed. Security related jobs are bid by the Security Department and vendors must maintain the proper vendor partnerships and certifications to install those devices.
11	Is the vendor required to purchase all material?	MCPS furnishes all switches/routers/waps. MCPS will also usually furnish patch panels for maintenance jobs only. Large scale and new construction patch panels are the responsibility of the vendor quoting the job. Vendors are also responsible for quoting for all other pieces such as racks, cabling, plates, jacks, mounting hardware, etc.
12	Can a subcontractor be listed under multiple prime bidding on this contract?	Yes.
13	<u>Regarding the Background Check Requirements:</u> We would like to clarify whether it is necessary for us to complete the "Authorization and Release of a Criminal Background Report" form. Could you please confirm if this form is required only in cases where MCPS is conducting background checks, or if it is mandatory for us to submit this form even when we use an external MCPS-approved background check service?	Yes, it is necessary just if you are an awarded vendor, please note we only accept background checks from the MCPS approved agencies.
14	<u>On the financial portion:</u> Could you please clarify what reports are acceptable?	See Section 10 (Financial Qualifications) of the Contract Administration.
15	Can the Vendor use their MBE and African American-owned business certification to meet the requirements in "6. Minority Business Enterprise Procedure in Public Schools."	No.

16	Can we use our subcontractor's past performance and/or certification/licenses when submitting bid?	Past performance is required from the main contractor.
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Please indicate your receipt of this notice by signing below and returning with your proposal or under a separate cover.

Accepted: _____
 (Name & Title)

Company Name: _____