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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The following are questions and responses regarding

RFI No. 5001.1, Technology Equipment: Desktops, Laptops, Chromebooks

Question 1 The RFI Key Information Summary Sheet states "Send Questions and Response (email only) to Stephanie_J_Dorah@mcpsmd.org"; however, Section 3.1 includes hardcopy and flash drive requirements to be sent by mail, courier, or hand-delivery. Those instructions seem extraneous and unnecessary. Please confirm that RFI responses will be accepted via email to the address provided on page 2.

Answer: Hard copy and electronic copies are required

Question 2 Would MCPS please provide the estimated quantities for purchase? Previous year purchase information would be appreciated as well to help vendor obtain bulk pricing from the OEMs. How are the quantities spread between Chromebook, laptop, desktop, and Apple devices?

Answer: Quantities are unknown. We are evaluating responses to this RFI to consider options for our teacher community. Our purchasing will be dependent on the choices made by our teachers. We have approximately 14,000 teachers in our school system

Question 3 What kind of warranty service uplift is required (onsite, hot swap, spare part purchase, accidental protection)? Based on the SOW, it looks like MCPS has its own repair site, and will purchase repair parts from the vendor.

Answer: MCPS has the capability to repair hardware. We expect to be able to do that unless the provided option does not allow for end-user repairs. If self repairs are not possible, we will need terms for spares and/or warranty information for our technical staff to provide a timely replacement to the affected end user. Onsite support is not expected from the hardware vendors.

Question 4 The solicitation invitation references Round #2, are there any restrictions in our participation for this round?

Answer: No restrictions not stated in the RFI. At this time, there are no plans for a round 2 or an RFP.

Question 5 Regarding final submission, please confirm hard copy submission is required per instructions in Section 3.1 of the RFI document. Would Montgomery consider an email submission?

Answer: Hard copy and electronic copies are required

Question 6 On Autopilot, will there be a reseller who will be executing this or does it have to be from the OEM directly?

Answer: If Autopilot applies to the device, it can be executed from the OEM directly or from the reseller. Both options are possible and information on each is encouraged.

Question 7 Is touchscreen preferred for laptops and chrome books?

Answer: If a model has a touchscreen option, it will be beneficial to see the details on those options. But touchscreen devices are not a requirement for this RFI

Question 8 Could you please provide required quantities for RFQ BPM032175 End Date 11/18/2022 - Technology Equipment: Desktops, Laptops, Chromebooks.

Desired Minimum Desktop Specifications

- 11th gen i5 Processor running 4+ ghz, 4 core equivalent or higher
- 16 GBs of ram
- 256 MB SSD or higher
- certified to work with Windows 11
- Include information on video adapter, weight, battery life, port info., ethernet port, USB-C?
- If wireless, what type?
- Please include information on Bluetooth functionality
- Please include information on optical drive, card readers if applicable

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Question 9 Could you please provide required quantities for RFQ BPM032175 End Date 11/18/2022 - Technology Equipment: Desktops, Laptops, Chromebooks.

Desired Minimum Laptop Specifications

- Similar specs to above
- 14" FHD touch screen or larger
- certified to work with Windows 11

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Question 10 Could you please provide required quantities for RFQ BPM032175 End Date 11/18/2022 - Technology Equipment: Desktops, Laptops, Chromebooks.

Desired Minimum MacOS Specifications

- M.2 Processor 8 Core CPU and 8 Core GPU
- 16 GBs of ram or higher
- 512 MB SSD or higher
- certified to work with MacOS
- 13" FHD non-touch screen or larger

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Question 11 Could you please provide required quantities for RFQ BPM032175 End Date 11/18/2022 - Technology Equipment: Desktops, Laptops, Chromebooks.

Desired Minimum Chromebook Specifications

- Ram: 4 GBs or more
- SSD: 32 GBs or more
- 11.6" touch screen or larger
- Touchscreen (yes/no?)
- Please include weight, battery life, processor, port info

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