

## UNIFORM INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### 1. Definition of Terms

As used in these instructions, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

- A. **“Attachment”** means any item the Solicitation requires a Bidder to submit as part of the Bid.
- B. **“Contract”** means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Bidders, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Statement or Scope of Work; the Quote and any Solicitation Amendments (Addenda) or Contract Amendments; and any terms applied by law.
- C. **“Contract Amendment”** means a written document signed by the School District that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.
- D. **“Contractor”** means any person who has a contract with the School District.
- E. **“Days”** means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- F. **“Exhibit”** means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the solicitation.
- G. **“Gratuity”** means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.
- H. **“Bidder”** means a vendor who responds to the solicitation.
- I. **“Procurement Officer”** means the person duly authorized to enter into and administer Contracts and make determinations with respect to this solicitation or his/ her designee.
- J. **“Responsible Bidder”** means the bidder who has the capability to perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability to assure complete and good faith performance and who submits the lowest bid.
- K. **“Responsive Bidder”** means the bidder who submits a bid that conforms in all material respects to this Request for Quotation, Instruction to Bidders and the Scope of Work which are incorporated herein by this reference.
- L. **“Solicitation”** means a Request for Quote.
- M. **“Solicitation Amendment (or Addendum)”** means a written document that is authorized by the Procurement Officer and issued for the purpose of making changes to the Solicitation.
- N. **“Subcontract”** means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishings of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.
- O. **“School District”** means the School District that executes the contract.

### 2. Inquiries

- A. **Duty to Examine**. It is the responsibility of each Bidder to examine the entire Solicitation, seek clarification in writing, and check its quote for accuracy before submitting the quote. Lack of care in preparing a quote shall not be grounds for withdrawing the quote after the quote due date and time nor shall it give rise to any Contract claim.

- B. Solicitation Contact Person. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation, including any requests for or inquiries regarding standards referenced in the Solicitation, shall be directed solely to the Solicitation contact person. The Bidder shall not contact or direct inquires concerning this Solicitation to any other employee unless the Solicitation specifically identifies a person other than the Solicitation contact person as a contact.
- C. Submission of Inquiries. The Procurement Officer or the person identified in the Solicitation as the contact for inquires may require that an inquiry be submitted in writing. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation shall refer to the appropriate Solicitation number, page, and paragraph. Do not place the Solicitation number on the outside of the envelope containing that inquire since it may then be identified as a quote response and not be opened until after the quote due date and time.
- D. Timeliness. Any inquiry shall be submitted as soon as possible and at least one (1) day before the Quote due date and time. Failure to do so may result in the inquiry not being answered.
- E. Solicitation Amendments/Addenda. The Solicitation shall only be modified by a Solicitation Amendment or Addendum.
- F. Persons with Disabilities. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the appropriate Solicitation contact person. Requests shall be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

### 3. **Quote Preparation**

- A. Forms: A Quote shall be submitted either on the forms provided in this Solicitation or their substantial equivalent. Any substitute document for the forms provided in this Solicitation will be legible and contain the same information requested on the form.
- B. Typed or Ink; Corrections. The Quote should be typed or in ink. Erasures, interlineations or other modifications in the Quote should be initialed in ink by the person signing the Quote. Modifications shall not be permitted after Quotes have been opened except as otherwise provided under applicable law.
- C. Evidence of Intent to be Bound. Failure to submit verifiable evidence of intent to be bound, such as an original signature, shall result in rejection of the Quote.
- D. Exceptions to Terms and Conditions. All exceptions included with the Quote shall be submitted in a clearly identified separate section of the Quote in which the Bidder clearly identifies the specific paragraphs of the Solicitation where the exceptions occur. Any exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting Contract unless such exception is specifically referenced by the Procurement Officer in a written statement. The Bidder's preprinted or standard terms will not be considered as a part of any resulting Contract. A Quote that takes exception to a material requirement of any part of the Solicitation, including terms and conditions, may be rejected
- E. Subcontracts. Bidder shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities in the Quote.
- F. Cost of Bid Preparation. The District will not reimburse any Bidder the cost of responding to a Solicitation.
- G. Provision of Tax Identification Numbers. Newly awarded bidders may be required to provide a completed W9 prior to a purchase order being issued.
- H. Identification of Taxes in Bid. School Districts are subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes.
- I. Disclosure. If the Firm, business, or person submitting this Bid has been debarred, suspended, or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a subcontractor with any federal, state, or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from

any public procurement activity is currently pending, the Bidder must fully explain the circumstances relating to the preclusion or proposed preclusion in the Quote. The Bidder shall include a letter with its Quote setting forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of this suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above must be provided.

- J. Delivery. Unless stated otherwise in the Solicitation, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all delivery and unloading at the destination(s).

4. **Submission of Bid**

- A. Each Quote shall be submitted by facsimile or by email to the fax or email identified in this Solicitation. The appropriate Solicitation Number should be plainly marked on the Quote response.
- B. Public Record. Under applicable law, all Quotes submitted and opened are public records and must be retained by the School District. Quotes shall be open to public inspection after Contract award, except for such Quotes deemed to be confidential by the School District. If a Bidder believes that information in its Quote should remain confidential or is proprietary, it shall stamp as confidential that information and submit a statement with its Quote detailing the reasons that information should not be disclosed. The School District shall make a determination on whether the stamped information is confidential pursuant to the School District Procurement Code.
- C. By signing the Quote, the Bidder certifies that:
1. It did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its quote; and
  2. It does not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability, and that it complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and executive orders regarding employment.

5. **Additional Bid Information**

- A. Unit Price Prevails. Where applicable, in the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.
- B. Late Bids. A quote submitted after the exact due date and exact time may be rejected.
- C. Disqualification. A Quote from a Bidder who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity may be rejected.
- D. Quote Acceptance Period. A Bidder submitting a Quote under this Solicitation shall hold its Bid open for the number of days from the due date that is stated in the Solicitation. If the Solicitation does not specifically state a number of days for the Bid acceptance, the number of days shall be ninety (90).
- E. Payment. Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment within thirty (30) days.
- F. Waiver and Rejection Rights. Notwithstanding any other provision of this solicitation, the School District reserves the right to:
1. Waive any minor informality;
  2. Reject any and all bids or portions thereof; or
  3. Cancel a solicitation.

6. **Award**

- A. Number or Types of Awards. Where applicable, the School District reserves the right to make multiple awards or to award a Contract by individual line items, by a group of line items, or to make an aggregate award, whichever is deemed most advantageous to the School District. If the Procurement Officer determines that an aggregate award to one Bidder is not in the School District interest, "all or none" Quotes shall be rejected.
- B. Contract Commencement. A Quote does not constitute a Contract nor does it confer any rights on the Bidder to the award of a Contract. A Contract is not created until the Quote is accepted by the issuance of a Purchase Order.
- C. Effective Date. The effective date of this Contract shall be the date that the Procurement Officer issues the purchase order, unless another date is specifically stated in the solicitation.

7. **Protests**

A protest shall comply with and be resolved according to Arizona Department of Education School District Procurement Code Rule A.A.C. R7-2-1141 through R7-2-1153. Protests shall be in writing and be filed with the District Representative, Lila McCleery, Interim Division Manager of Purchasing. A protest of a Solicitation shall be received by the District Representative before the Bid due date. A protest of a proposed award or of an award shall be filed with the Procurement Officer within ten (10) days after the protester knows or should have known the basis of the protest. A protest shall include:

- A. The name, addresses, and telephone number of the protester;
- B. The signature of the protester or its representative;
- C. Identification of the purchasing agency and the Solicitation or Contract number;
- D. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and
- E. The form of relief requested.

## UNIFORM GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Contract Interpretation

- A. Arizona Law. The law of Arizona applies to this Contract including, where applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by the State of Arizona and the Arizona School District Procurement Code, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 15-213, and its implementing rules, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 7, Chapter 2, Articles 10 and 11.
- B. Implied Contract Terms. Each Provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.
- C. Relationship of Parties. The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee agent of the other party to the Contract.
- D. Severability. The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.
- E. No Parol Evidence. This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document.
- F. No Waiver. Either party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

### 2. Contract Administration and Operation

- A. Records. Under A.R.S. § 35-214 and § 35-215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each Subcontractor to retain all data and other records ("records") relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.
- B. Non-Discrimination. The Contractor shall comply with State Executive Order No. 99-4, 2000-4 and all other applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- C. Audit. At any time during the term of this Contract and five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor's or any Subcontractor's books and records shall be subject to audit by the School District and, where applicable, the Federal Government, the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the Contract or Subcontract.
- D. Inspection and Testing. The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, Subcontractor facilities and the Contractor's processes for producing the materials, at reasonable time for inspection of the materials and services covered under this Contract. The School District shall also have the right to test at its own cost the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection at the Contractor's facilities nor testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials. If the School District determines non-compliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the School District for testing and inspection.
- E. Notices. Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by the School District to the person indicated on the Offer and Acceptance Form submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to the School District required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Procurement Officer and an authorized Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notices shall be given by written notice and an Amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.
- F. Advertising and Promotion of Contract. The Contractor shall not advertise or publish information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

- G. Property of the School District. Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of the School District. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of the School District.

### 3. **Costs and Payments**

- A. Payments. Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35-342 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from the School District within thirty (30) days. The Purchase Order number must be referenced on the invoice.
- B. Applicable Taxes.
1. Payment of Taxes by the School District. The School District will pay only the rate and/or amount of taxes identified in the Bid and in any resulting Contract.
  2. State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes. The School District is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. Transaction privilege taxes apply to the sale and are the responsibility of the seller to remit. Failure to collect taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.
  3. Tax Indemnification. Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay all federal, state, and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all Subcontractors to hold the School District harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.
  4. IRS W-9. In order to receive payment under any resulting Contract, Contractor shall have a current I.R.S. W-9 Form on file with the School District.
- C. Availability of Funds for the Next Fiscal Year. Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of the School District for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of the Contract. The School District will make reasonable efforts to secure such funds.

### 4. **Contract Changes**

- A. Amendments. This Contract is issued under the authority of the Procurement Officer who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment within the scope of the Contract signed by the Procurement Officer. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by an unauthorized employee or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract and or applicable law. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments, shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim and this Contract based on those changes.
- B. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract without the advance written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- C. Assignment and Delegation. The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Procurement Officer shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

## 5. Risk and Liability

- A. Risk of Loss. The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.
- B. General Indemnification. To the extent permitted by A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, the School District shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Contractor for its vicarious liability as result of entering into this Contract. Each party to this Contract is responsible for its own negligence.
- C. Indemnification - Patent and Copyright. To the extent permitted by A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the School District against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark, or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by the School District of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. The School District shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph.
- D. Force Majeure.
1. Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injections-intervention-acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.
  2. Force Majeure shall not include the following occurrences:
    - a. Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market; or
    - b. Late performance by a Subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition. ; or
    - c. Inability of either the Contractor or any Subcontractor to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses, or permits.
  3. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified-return receipt requested, and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.
  4. Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.
- E. Third Party Antitrust Violations. The Contractor assigns to the School District any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violation the extent that those violations concern materials of services supplied by third parties to the Contractor toward fulfillment of this Contract.

## 6. Warranties

- A. Liens. The Contractor warrants that the materials supplied under this Contract are free of liens.

- B. Quality. Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that for one year after acceptance by the School District of the materials or services, they shall be:
  - 1. A quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;
  - 2. Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials or services are used;
  - 3. Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quality, and quality within each unit and among all units;
  - 4. Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and
  - 5. Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.
- C. Fitness. The Contractor warrants that any material or service supplied to the School District shall fully conform to all requirements of the Solicitation and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.
- D. Inspection/Testing. The warranties set forth in subparagraphs A through C of this paragraph are not affected by inspection/ testing of or payment for the materials or services by the School District.
- E. Exclusions. Except as otherwise set forth in this Contract, there are no express or implied warranties or merchant ability fitness.
- F. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The materials and services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and the Contract shall maintain all applicable licenses and permits.
- G. Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination.
  - 1. Contractor's Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration of termination hereof. In addition, the parties hereto acknowledge that pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-510, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-529, the School District is not subject to or barred by any limitations of actions prescribed in A.R.S. Title 12, Chapter 5.
  - 2. Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Offices, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

## **7. School District's Contractual Remedies**

- A. Right to Assurance. If the School District in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing the Contract, the Procurement Officer may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent or ability to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of days specified in the demand may, at the School District's option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform General Terms and Conditions.
- B. Stop Work Order.
  - 1. The School District may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for a period of up to ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.



2. If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.
- C. Non-exclusive Remedies. The rights and the remedies of the School District under this Contract are not exclusive.
  - D. Nonconforming Tender. Materials supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or a portion of the materials in an installment that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of Contract. On delivery of nonconforming materials, the School District may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or remedy available to it.
  - E. Right to Offset. The School District shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by the School District or damages assessed by the School District concerning the Contractor's nonconforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform General Terms and Conditions.

## 8. Contract Termination

- A. Cancellation for Conflict of Interest. Per A.R.S. 38-511 the School District may cancel this Contract within three (3) years after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting, or creating the Contract on behalf of the School District is, or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension the Contract is in effect, an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time.
- B. Gratuities. The School District may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if the School District determines that employment or gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the School District for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an Amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about Contract performance. The School District, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three (3) times the value of the gratuity offered by the Contractor.
- C. Suspension or Debarment. The School District may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if the School District determines that the Contractor has been disbarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a Subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body.
- D. Termination for Convenience. The School District reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time, when in the best interests of the School District without penalty recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all Subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the School District. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the School District. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed, and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R7-2-1125 shall apply.
- E. Termination for Default.
  1. In addition to the rights reserved in the Uniform Terms and Conditions, the School District reserves the right to terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.

2. Upon termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the School District.
3. The School District may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials and services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the School District for any excess costs incurred by the School District re-procuring the materials or services.

F. Continuation of Performance through Termination. The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

## **9. Contract Claims**

All Contract claims and controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to A.R.S. Title 15-213 and rules adopted thereunder.

## **10. Gift Policy**

The District will accept no gifts, gratuities or advertising products from bidders. The District has adopted a zero tolerance policy concerning bidder gifts. The District may request product samples from bidders for official evaluation with disposal of those said samples at the discretion of the Procurement Officer.

## **11. Integrity of Bid**

By signing this bid, the Offeror affirms that the Offeror has not given, nor intends to give any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan gratuity, special discount, trip favor, or service to any employee of the School District/Public Entity in connection with the submitted Bid. Failure to sign the bid, or signing it with a false statement, shall void the submitted Bid or any resulting contract.

## **12. Offshore Performance**

Due to security and identity protection concerns, direct services under any subsequent contract shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the school district(s) or charter school(s) or its clients and may involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data or development or modification of software for the State shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this definition does not apply to indirect or "overhead" services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers.

## **13. Contractor's Employment Eligibility**

By entering the contract, contractor warrants compliance with A.R.S. 41-4401, A.R.S. 23-214, the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (FINA), and all other federal immigration laws and regulations.

The District may request verification of compliance from any contractor or subcontractor performing work under this contract. The District reserves the right to confirm compliance in accordance with applicable laws.

Should the District suspect or find that the contractor or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, the District may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the contractor.

## **14. Terrorism Country Divestments**

Per A.R.S. 35-392, the District is prohibited from purchasing from a company that is in violation of the Export Administration Act.

## **15. Clean Air and Water Act**

Contract vendor agrees, when working on any federally assisted projects in excess of \$150,000 to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

## **16. Compliance with Federal and State Requirements**

Contract vendor agrees, when working on any federally assisted projects with more than \$2,000 in labor costs, to comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Davis-Bacon Act (Section 29, CFR Part 5), the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and the Equal Opportunity Employment requirements of Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Order 11375. In such projects, contract vendor agrees to post wage rates at the work site and submit a copy of their payroll to the member for their files if requested.

In addition, to comply with the Copeland Act, contract vendor must submit weekly payroll records to the member. Contract vendor must keep records for three years and allow the federal grantor agency access to these records, upon demand. Contract vendor also agrees to comply with State of Arizona Executive Order 75-5, as amended by Executive Order 99-4.

When working on any projects funded with federal grant monies, contract vendor agrees to comply with the administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements to state, local and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (24 CFR, Part 85.36), including 24 CFR 85.36(i), contract provisions.

## **17. Fingerprint Clearance Cards**

In accordance with A.R.S 15-512(H), a contractor, subcontractor or vendor or any employee of a contractor, subcontractor or vendor who is contracted to provide services on a regular basis at an individual school may be required to obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card pursuant to Title 41, Chapter 12, Article 3.1. An exception to this requirement may be made as authorized in Governing Board policy.

Contractor, subcontractors, vendors and their employees shall not provide services on school district properties until authorized by the District.

Additionally, contractor shall comply with the governing body fingerprinting policies of each individual School District.

## **18. Clarifications**

Clarification means communication with Bidder for the sole purpose of eliminating minor irregularities, informalities, or apparent clerical mistakes in the Bid. It is achieved by explanation or substantiation, either in a written response to an inquiry from the District or as initiated by Bidder. Clarification does not give Bidder an opportunity to revise or modify its Bid, except to the extent that correction of apparent clerical mistakes results in a revision.

## **19. Confidential/Proprietary Information**

Confidential information request: If Bidder believes that its Bid contains trade secrets or proprietary information that should be withheld from public inspection as required by A.R.S. § 39-121, a statement advising the School District of this fact shall accompany the Bid, and the information shall be so identified wherever it appears. The School District shall review the statement and shall determine in writing whether the information shall be withheld. If the School District determines to disclose the information, the School District shall inform Bidder in writing of such determination.

Contract Terms and Conditions, Pricing and information generally available to the Public are not considered confidential information under this section.

Public Record: All Bids submitted in response to this solicitation shall become the property of the School District. They will become a matter of public record available for review, subsequent to award notification, under the supervision of the Purchasing Official at 4502 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012 by appointment.

## **20. Conflict of Interest**

- A. All bidders must disclose the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee or Governing Board member of the Phoenix Union High School District.
- B. All bidders must disclose the name of any District employee or Governing Board member who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in the offeror's business of any of its branches.

## **21. Lobbying**

Bidders are hereby advised that lobbying is not permitted with any District personnel or Board Members related to or involved with this solicitation until the Administration's recommendation for award has been approved by the Governing Board. All oral or written inquiries must be directed through the Purchasing Department.

Lobby is defined as "any action taken by an individual, firm, association, joint venture, partnership, syndicate, corporation, and all other groups who seek to influence the Governmental Decision of a Board Member or ANY District Personnel after release and prior to the award of this contract by all entities." Any Bidder or any individuals that lobby on behalf of the bidder during the time specified will result in the rejection and disqualification of said bid.

## **22. Prohibition of Reprisals**

Phoenix Union High School District is committed to complying with Federal requirements related to whistleblower protections.

To that end, an employee may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing, including a disclosure made in the ordinary course of an employee's duties, to the Board, an inspector general, the Comptroller General, a member of Congress, a State or Federal regulatory or law enforcement agency, a person with supervisory authority over the employee (or such person working for the employer who has the authority to investigate, discover, or terminate misconduct), a court or grand jury, the head of a Federal agency, or their representatives, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of:

- A. gross mismanagement of a contract or grant;
- B. a gross waste of public funds;
- C. a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety related to the implementation or use of public funds;
- D. an abuse of authority related to the implementation or use of public funds; or
- E. a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a school district contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant, awarded or used relating to public funds.