



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

ISSUE DATE: Thursday, October 5, 2020

RFP NO.: **25-2020-1**

QUESTION DEADLINE: Thursday, October 20, 2020; 2:00 P.M. EST.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: Friday, November 5, 2020; 2:00 P.M. EST.

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Perspective contractors are responsible for checking the listed webpage for published addenda often. The School Board and its officers, agents and employees are not responsible for any potential contractor not receiving published addenda.

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## **I. PURPOSE**

The Franklin County School Board (the “School Board”) is requesting sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide Consulting Services to the School Board for Employees Health Insurance, Employee Benefits, and related Insurance and Plan Design Services. The broker/consultant must have a proven track record of successfully providing the outlined “Scope of Services” for employers of comparable size and complexity. This Request for Qualification does not indicate in any way that we are dissatisfied with the services, plans and/or products of our current provider, instead we are ensuring that our employees are continually offered the best benefit services and products available.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

The Franklin County School Board is located in the heart of Franklin County within Rocky Mount, VA. Franklin County Public Schools’ mission is to create, promote, and support a lifelong learning culture whereby students become self-reliant, productive citizens who can successfully compete in the global community. Franklin County School Board represents one of the largest in the region with 17 schools and is the largest School Board in population in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The School Board has approximately 1200 full-time employees and pre-65 retirees with about 930 employees/retirees covered. The School Board’s annual Fiscal Year 2020-21 general fund operating budget is approximately \$89 million. The School Board’s annual medical, dental and vision insurance program is approximately \$8.77 million including employee contributions.

Currently, the Schools Board contracts with McGriff Insurance Services as the Employee Benefits Consultant.

The Franklin County School Board’s health and vision insurance is currently provided by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield with a self-insured plan including reinsurance protection (medical only; vision is fully insured). Additionally, the dental is administered through Delta Dental as a self-insured plan. The Plan year starts July 1, coinciding with the School Board’s fiscal year.

Additional benefits to be vetted, reviewed or analyzed by the consultant through this contract include but are not limited to:

- Retiree health insurance and related benefits
- Flexible Spending Accounts (medical and dependent care)
- Communication – Open Enrollment information materials, including print and electronic materials and video content
- Review of GASB valuation, not including actual performance of actuarial services
- Analysis of self-funding
- Review and recommendations regarding setting of employee premiums and the School Board’s contribution toward premiums
- Wellness plans and strategies
- Medicare supplement and Part D plans for retirees eligible for Medicare

- Reinsurance
- ACA Compliance
- Mandatory annual employer notices

Summary of Current Plans: For more information on the School Board’s benefits, go to [http://frco.k12.va.us/departments/human\\_resources/benefits](http://frco.k12.va.us/departments/human_resources/benefits)

<u>Benefit/Provider</u>	<u>Description</u>
Medical/Anthem	Self-funded medical plan with reinsurance
Dental/Delta Dental	Self-funded dental plan
Vision/Anthem	Fully-insured plan
Life Insurance/VRS	Administered by Minnesota Life through the Virginia Retirement System
Group Disability/Anthem	Eligible to hybrid employees
Flexible Spending/Flores	Employees may defer compensation for unreimbursed medical expenses and/or dependent care expenses
OPEB Actuarial Services	Provided by McGriff Actuarial and Consulting Group

### III. SCOPE OF WORK

#### A. General

1. Provide the School Board with consulting services related to Employee Health Insurance and Benefits annually. These services are to be included in the annual fixed fee.
2. Perform additional Task Order type services for the School Board on a preapproved, as needed basis. In these situations, a written proposal to include the scope of work, timelines, project team identification and fee will be completed and submitted to the School Board prior to commencement of the work. Upon acceptance by the School Board, the written proposal will become the task order and will effectively serve as a change or addition to the contract.
3. **Insurance Consulting Services to include: Employee Health Insurance and Benefits Programs**
  - a. Recurring Services
    - Annual review and consultation related to plan designs of employee health insurance programs including modeling of plan design scenarios, utilization,

access, change disruption, and cost impact for active employee and retiree medical, dental and vision insurance plans.

- Annual review of prospective funding and underwriting renewal analysis including but not limited to the examination of claims experience, administrative services, legislative updates, network discounts, billing rate tiers and cost allocation, customer service and communications resulting in effective and constructive negotiations with vendors.
- Complete support for medical, dental, vision, disability, and related services plan bidding specifications, including but not limited to plan design, claims review, Request for Proposal (RFP) drafting, proposal analysis of benefit plan performance, e.g., health insurance premiums vs. claims analysis, future rate forecasting, etc.
- Tracking and Plan Performance: Track and report progress of benefit plans on at least a quarterly basis, coordinating with benefit providers to obtain relevant performance data. Provide analysis of benefit plan performance, e.g., health insurance premiums vs. claims, high claims analysis, future rate forecasting, etc.
- Regulatory Compliance: Reviewing the School Board's employee benefits program on a continuing basis to ensure that the plans are in compliance with government regulations and all mandatory notices are provided to employees.
- Consultation: Provide upon request consultation and guidance with respect to all benefit plans, including health, dental, vision, term life, AD&D, LTD, EAP, cafeteria plan (Section 125), personal leave, PTO, FMLA administration, voluntary coverages, etc. Address School Board Council as needed on benefits-related topics.
- Provide consultation and guidance with respect to governmental mandates such as ACA, FMLA, COBRA, HIPAA, ADA, USERRA, and others that may become applicable.
- Provide a primary account contact and a secondary contact that is knowledgeable about the School Board's Employee Benefits Programs.
- Communication: Advise and assist the School Board with mandatory and other required benefit plan communications to employees. These include mandatory notices such as SPD, SBC, Certificate of Coverage, Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act, etc. annually, as well as electronic print and video information during open enrollment for benefits and as regulatory changes occur.

b. Task Order Services

- Services outside the scope of those stated above. A proposal responding specifically to these non-recurring services will be provided and authorized in advance of any billed time but will be billed at the hourly rates quoted within the proposal/contract.

#### 4. Risk Management Services to include:

##### a. Recurring Services

- Monthly and cumulative health insurance reporting of enrollment, claims (medical and prescription), premiums, loss ratio, high-cost claims, and administrative fees.
- Provide a preliminary renewal forecast for coverage policies to which the School Board is contributing by **November 30** of each year to aid the School Board in budget planning.
- Review all renewal policies and prepare an annual report by January 31, describing: coverage policies in force; an evaluation of the School Board's overall insurance programs; a forecast of market conditions and renewal costs; a list of recommendations outlining options to minimize costs without sacrificing coverage for potential catastrophic loss which will include an analysis of risk financing options, including self-insurance.
- Annually assess the insurance providers' stability, solvency and service records.
- Provide "hands on" assistance in negotiating and managing renewals of individual coverage policies.
- Answer specific insurance questions and provide coverage advice for specific situations, as requested, by designated School Board staff.
- Dissemination of news items, materials, and other information on key insurance industry developments. Provide information on client seminars, market reviews, industry group meetings and focus groups.
- Audit all policies, endorsements, rating adjustments, etc.
- Meetings, at least semi-annually, with designated School Board personnel, to discuss insurance coverages and exposure aspects relative to specific types of operations.
- Regular contact and discussion with insurance providers as needed to maximize coverage and minimize cost of the insurance product.
- Assistance and input in the area of claim reporting, handling, and settlement.
- Assistance in budgeting and management of the insurance program through advance premium indication/coverage changes provided by carrier approximately six months prior to individual policy expiration.
- Upon request, provide timely, written interpretation of coverage.
- Represent School Board in communications with carriers regarding coverage issues.

##### 5. Task Order Services

- Provide expert witness testimony and assistance as needed with legal actions as they relate to insurance and or benefit matters.
- Provide other services as required. Any such services provided beyond those indicated in the statement of needs shall be quoted in writing, negotiated as to cost, and invoiced separately.

#### B. Contractor Will:

1. Maintain the confidentiality of all financial data and proprietary information of the School Board.
2. Perform services as an independent contractor and agrees that neither it nor any of its employees shall represent that they are general agents or employees of the School Board.
3. Maintain the following minimum qualifications:

- a. The consultant must not either sell or underwrite any line of insurance or services and shall not accept commissions, rebates or any other form of payment from providers of services in any way related to the School Board's account.
- b. Two qualified principals or staff each with a minimum of five years' experience in risk management and benefits consulting services designated as Franklin County School Board representatives.
- c. Submission of a minimum of three references from clients for whom employee benefit services were provided that are similar in nature to the requirements of the School Board.

#### **IV. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **V. Submittal Instructions**

One (1) original (so marked), four (4) hard-copies of your proposal, and one (1) electronic copy of your proposal on a non-returnable USB flash drive format must be submitted to the address on the cover page of this RFP by the date and time noted. Late proposals will not be accepted. Telephone, fax, electronic, emailed and verbal offers will not be accepted.

Submit proposals in a sealed envelope with the following information:

TITLE: Insurance Consulting Services Employee Benefits  
DUE DATE: Friday, October 30, 2020; 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Attn. C. David Terry  
Director of Business and Finance  
Franklin County School Board  
25 Bernard Road Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Offerors assume full responsibility for the delivery of the completed proposal to the address noted above on or before the deadline for submission. The School Board is not responsible for any loss or delay with respect to the delivery of the proposals. **ANY PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

#### **A. Proposal Format**

Offerors shall submit proposals in the following format:

1. Proposals shall include a cover letter, the completed RFP Submission Forms, references, supplemental information, and any other information that you deem appropriate.
2. Proposals shall be submitted on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Proposals are to be prepared simply and concisely. Elaborate artwork, expensive paper, visual, and other presentation aids are not required.

3. **Proposals shall be signed in blue ink by the** individual or authorized principals of the firm.
4. Proposals shall contain no more than seventy-five (75) individual sheets. Double-sided printed pages are encouraged. Note that a sheet printed on both sides is counted as a sheet. All sheets in the proposal (i.e. including covers, dividers and tabs, table of contents, executive summary, etc.) will be counted as part of the sheet count.
5. Each copy of the proposal shall be bound or contained in binders, all pages shall be numbered, and shall be organized using tabs in the sequence and format as indicated below:

TAB 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table of Contents</li> <li>• Executive Summary</li> <li>• Offeror Submission Form (Page 27)</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of Addenda (Page 28)</li> </ul>
TAB 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offeror’s Experience and History</li> <li>• Project Team and Organization Chart</li> <li>• Client Listing</li> <li>• Reference Form (Page 29)</li> </ul>
TAB 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline of Offeror’s Ability to Meet the Scope of Work as Outlined in Section III</li> <li>• Implementation Plan</li> </ul>
TAB 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price Proposal / Fee Schedule</li> </ul>
TAB 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptions to the RFP</li> </ul>

**B. Proposal Organization**

Offerors are encouraged to be thorough in addressing the Scope of Work and the Proposal Submittal Instructions as outlined in this RFP. Offerors must fully address each of the following items and submit proposals using the following format:

1. **Executive Summary:** Provide a concise description of all work experiences as they relate to the scope of work, including but not limited to: background information about organization (i.e. philosophy, ownership, size, facilities, locations, etc.), management structure, the type of organization you represent (i.e. individual, partnership, corporation, etc.), a detailed history of all mergers and acquisitions, and a copy of the certificate from the State Corporation Commission stating that your firm is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. **Capability and Skill:** Describe the qualifications and skills of the organization and project team to provide the services, including but not limited to: offeror’s qualifications to perform the services, qualifications and resumes of team members



and other employees who will be managing and performing the services, indicate services to be subcontracted and subcontractor(s) to provide said services. The subcontractors' list must include names, address, and telephone numbers of contact persons as well as a brief description of the work performed.

3. **Services Proposed:** Provide a detailed description of the services to be provided under this contract, including but not limited to: overview of the offeror's understanding of the scope of work and services to be provided, provide best practice approaches to the School Board that will enhance efficiency and effectiveness, address each of the specific requirements set forth in Section III Scope of Work in order to demonstrate how the proposed solution will meet the specifications requested, and a statement explaining why the offeror's proposed solution would be the most advantageous to the School Board.
4. **Price Proposal:** The Price Proposal is to include three primary elements. The first element is a not to exceed fixed fee for the recurring tasks. This fee can be based on hourly rates, price per employee per month, or another method. Price proposal must clearly define the basis of the fee. The 'not to exceed fee' for the duration of the contract is to be defined. In addition to this fee, a detailed work plan, describing the tasks and estimated number of hours your firm believes necessary to complete the recurring tasks identified above must be included.
5. **Exceptions to RFP:** Detail any exceptions taken to the Scope of Work and Terms and Conditions sections of this RFP. For each exception, specify the RFP page number, section number, and the exception taken.

## VI. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

Unless otherwise instructed, the Procurement Contact is the sole point of contact for questions concerning this RFP. Questions concerning this RFP must be made in writing to the Procurement Contact listed on the cover page of the RFP. **Questions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020.**

If needed, a formal addendum responding to all questions received by the deadline will be made available no later than five business days before the proposal due date. Additional clarifications to the specifications will also be in the form of a written addendum. All addenda will be posted on the School Board's website. Such addenda will become part of the contract documents. Verbal instructions are not binding and will not form a part of the proposal documents. It is the offeror's responsibility to obtain all addenda from the School Board's website: [https://www.frco.k12.va.us/division/division\\_rfps](https://www.frco.k12.va.us/division/division_rfps)

## VII. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND AWARD

### A. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria and weighted accordingly:

1. The consultant's understanding of the business, past experience and

results with health insurance and employee benefit plans' RFP, design, analysis and negotiation for local governments or organizations similar in size and scope to the Franklin County School Board – 30%.

2. General capabilities, quality, experience, resources, and qualifications of the consulting team to provide the services – 35%.
3. Price Proposal/Fee Schedule – 35%.

## **B. Selection Process**

The selected committee will be comprised of users and potential users from various School Board departments. The School Board Staff will evaluate and rank the proposals using the evaluation criteria stated above and negotiate a contract in accordance with the process for competitive negotiation described in Section 2.2-4302.2 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA) for non- professional services.

The School Board reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, and to waive informalities in the process of awarding this contract. The School Board further reserves the right to make an award of a contract without further discussion of the proposals received provided it is determined in writing that only one offeror is fully qualified, or that one offeror is clearly more highly qualified and suitable than the others under consideration. Therefore, proposals should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms that the offeror could propose with respect to both price and technical capability.

## **C. Contract Award**

The School Board intends to award a contract to a qualified offeror authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia with demonstrated experience similar in nature to that being requested herein. The award of a contract shall be at the sole discretion of the School Board. Award will be made to the offeror whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the School Board, taking into consideration the above criteria.

The contents of the proposal submitted by the successful offeror will become a part of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP. The successful offeror shall be expected to sign a contract with the School Board. Additional terms and provisions may be included in the contract, a sample copy of which is enclosed.

## **VIII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **A. Special Terms and Conditions**

1. **Contract Term:** The initial term of this annual, requirements contract shall be for three (3) years. Upon mutual agreement of both parties, this contract may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one-year renewal

terms.

**B. General Terms and Conditions**

1. **Proposal Binding for One Hundred Twenty (120) Days:** Offeror agrees that this proposal shall be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days after the due date.
2. **Late Proposals:** Proposals received after the time specified on the cover page of this RFP will not be accepted and will be returned unopened, provided a return address is visible.
3. **Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals:** The School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and to waive minor informalities in the process of awarding this contract.
4. **Competition Intended:** It is the School Board's intent that this request for proposals permits competition. It shall be the offeror's responsibility to advise the Procurement Officer in writing if any language, requirements, specifications, etc., or any combinations thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this RFP to a single source. The Procurement Officer must receive such notification at least ten (10) business days before the due date.
5. **Understanding of Specifications:** Offerors shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with the School Board specifications. The failure or omission of any offeror to receive or examine this document shall in no way relieve any offeror of obligations with respect to this proposal or the subsequent contract. The submission of a proposal shall be taken as prima facie evidence of compliance with this paragraph.
6. **Exceptions to RFP:** Offerors taking exception to any part or section of this RFP shall indicate such exceptions in their proposal. Failure to indicate any exceptions shall be interpreted as the offeror's intent not to fully comply with the specifications as written. Conditional or qualified proposals are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
7. **Inquiries Concerning Specifications:** Questions concerning this RFP must be made in writing to the Procurement Contact listed on the cover page of the RFP.
8. **ADA Reasonable Accommodation Clause:** If you need any reasonable accommodation for any type of disability in order to participate in this procurement, please contact the Procurement Officer at least ten (10) business days before the proposal due date.
9. **Costs Incurred in Responding:** This solicitation does not commit the

School Board to pay any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals, or to procure or contract for services defined herein.

10. **Employment Discrimination Prohibited:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
  - a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  - b. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
  - c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

The contractor will include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs a, b and c in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000 so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

11. **Disposition of Proposals:** All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of the School Board. One (1) copy of each proposal shall be retained for official files and will become a public record. These records will be available for public inspection after award of the contract. It is understood that the proposal will become a part of the official file on this matter without obligation on the part of the School Board except as to the disclosure restrictions contained in Section 12. "Trade Secrets and Proprietary Information Disclosure".
12. **Trade Secrets and Proprietary Information Disclosure:** In compliance with the School Board's Procurement Policies, all proposals will be available for public inspection. Trade secrets and proprietary information submitted by an offeror in connection with procurement shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. However, the offeror must invoke the protection of this section before or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must identify the specific area or scope of data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. An all-inclusive statement that the entire proposal is proprietary is unacceptable. A statement that the costs are to be protected is unacceptable.
13. **Laws and Regulations:** The offeror's attention is directed to the fact that

all applicable Commonwealth of Virginia laws, municipal ordinances and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the contract shall apply to the contract throughout, and they will be considered to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full.

14. **License Requirement:** All firms doing business for the School Board are required to be licensed in accordance with the “Business, Professional, and Occupational Licensing (BPOL) Tax” code. Wholesale and retail merchants without a business location in Franklin County, VA are exempt from this requirement. Questions concerning the BPOL Tax should be directed to the Commission of the Revenue, telephone **540-483-3085**. Indicate the BPOL license number on the proposal form.
15. **Ethics in Public Contracting:** The offeror agrees that it will adhere to Article 6 – “Ethics in Public Contracting” requirements set forth in the Virginia Public Procurement Act.
16. **Safety:** All contractors and subcontractors performing services for the School Board are required and shall comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State and County Safety and Occupation Health Standards and any other applicable rules and regulations. Also, all contractors and subcontractors shall be held responsible for the safety of their employees and any unsafe acts or conditions that may cause injury or damage to any persons or property within and around the work site area under this contract.
17. **Termination:** Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the School Board upon ten (10) days advance written notice to the other party. If any work or service hereunder is in progress, but not completed as of the date of termination, then this contract may be extended upon written approval of the School Board until said work or services are completed and accepted.

Termination for Convenience – In the event that this contract is terminated or cancelled upon request and for the convenience of the School Board, without the required ten (10) days advance written notice, then the School Board shall negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

Termination for Cause: – Termination by the School Board for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The ten (10) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause. In the event of default by the offeror, we reserve the right to procure the commodities and/or services from other sources, and hold the offeror liable for any excess cost occasioned thereby. If, however, public necessity requires use of commodities and/or service not conforming to the specifications they may be accepted and payment therefore shall be made at a proper reduction in price.

Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years – When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the supplies or services delivered under the contract.

18. **Non-Assignment of Contract:** The contractor shall not assign the contract, or any portion thereof, without the advanced written permission of the Procurement Officer, such permission not to be unreasonably withheld.
19. **Cooperative Procurement:** Offerors are advised that the resultant contract may be extended, with the authorization of the offeror, to other public bodies or public agencies or institutions of the United States to permit their use of the contract at the same prices and/or discounts and terms and conditions of the resulting contract. If any other public body decides to use the final contract, the Contractor(s) must deal directly with that public body concerning the placement of orders, issuance of the purchase orders, contractual disputes, invoicing and payment. The Franklin County School Board acts only as the “Contracting Agent” for these public bodies. Failure to extend a contract to any public body will have no effect on consideration of your bid.

It is the Contractor’s responsibility to notify the public body(s) of the availability of the contract.

Other public bodies desiring to use this contract must make their own legal determination as to whether the use of this contract is consistent with their laws, regulations, and other policies.

Each public body has the option of executing a separate contract with the Contractor(s). Public bodies may add terms and conditions required by statute, ordinances, and regulations, to the extent that they do not conflict with the contract’s terms and conditions. If, when preparing such a contract, the general terms and conditions of the public body are unacceptable to the Contractor, the Contractor may withdrawal its extension of the award to that public body.

The Franklin County School Board shall not be held liable for any costs or damages incurred by another public body as a result of any award extended to that Public Body by the Contractor.

20. **Modification of the Contract:** This contract may be modified by approved a contract modification or change order signed by both parties in accordance with the VPPA.

21. **Discrimination Prohibited; Participation of Small and Minority-Owned Business:** The School Board shall not discriminate against an offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

22. **Drug-free Workplace to be maintained by Contractor; Required Contract Provisions:** All public bodies shall include in every contract over \$10,000 the following provisions:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "*drug-free workplace*" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

23. **Collusion Among Offerors:** More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation or association under the same or different name will be rejected. Reasonable grounds for believing that an offeror has an interest in more than one proposal for the work contemplated will cause rejection of all proposals in which the offeror is interested. Any or all proposals will be rejected if there is any reason for believing that collusion exists among the offerors. Participants in such collusion may not be considered in future proposals for the same work. The signer of the proposal must declare that all persons, companies and parties interested in the contract as principals are named therein; that the proposal is made without collusion with any other person, persons, company or parties submitting a proposal; that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud; and that the signer of the proposal has authority to contractually bind the offeror. See Offeror Submission Form.

24. **School Board Employees:** No employee of the School Board shall be

admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise there from.

25. **Qualification of Offerors:** Each offeror may be required, before the award of any contract, to show to the complete satisfaction of the Evaluation Team that it has the necessary facilities, abilities, and financial resources to furnish the service or material specified herein in a satisfactory manner, and the offeror may also be required to show past history and reference which will enable the Evaluation Team to be satisfied as to the offeror's qualifications. Failure to qualify according to the foregoing requirements will justify proposal rejection.
26. **Liability:** The successful offeror will not be held responsible for failure to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by the contract due to legal strikes, fires, civil disobedience, riots, rebellions, acts of God and similar occurrences beyond the control of the successful offeror that make performance impossible or illegal, unless otherwise specified in the agreement.
27. **Expenses Incurred In Preparing Proposal:** The School Board accepts no responsibility for any expense incurred in the proposal preparation and presentation. Such expenses are to be borne exclusively by the offeror.
28. **Protest of Award or Decision to Award:** An offeror may protest an award or decision to award a contract under procedures as set forth in the VPPA.
29. **Ethics In Public Contracting:** This specification incorporates by reference, but is not limited to, the provisions of law contained in the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act, Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and the School Board Procurement Policy.
30. **Faith-Based Organizations:** The Franklin County School Board does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.
31. **Insurance Requirements:** Offeror shall secure at its own expense general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 solely contained in a Commercial General Liability Policy or in combination with an Umbrella or Excess Policy.



Included shall be coverage for Bodily Injury and Property Damage resulting from the operations, products, and completed operations of the contractor.

Offeror shall also carry automobile insurance in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 solely contained in a Commercial Auto Policy or in combination with an Umbrella or Excess Policy. Offeror shall also carry Workers Compensation insurance, which meets the statutory requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, offeror shall also carry other insurance coverage deemed by the School Board to be appropriate to his agreement.

The above-mentioned coverage shall be placed with an insurance carrier licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The carrier must have an AM Best Rating of A or better. A Certificate of Insurance identifying coverage and naming the Franklin County School Board as additional insured shall be furnished to the School Board.

Liability coverage shall contain wording prohibiting cancellation of coverage, failure to renew, or reduction in limit without the insurer first giving 30 days prior written notice of such action to the School Board.

32. **Payment Clauses:** Pursuant to Section 2.2-4354 of the VPPA, within seven days after receipt of amounts paid to the offeror by the School Board for work performed by the subcontractor under the resulting contract the Offeror will:
- a. Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the School Board attributable to the work performed by the subcontractor under that contract; or
  - b. Notify the School Board and subcontractor, in writing, of his intention to withhold all or a part of the subcontractor's payment with the reason for nonpayment.

Individual contractors must provide their social security numbers and proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations to provide their federal employer identification numbers.

The offeror will pay interest to the subcontractor on all amounts owed by the offeror that remain unpaid after seven days following receipt by the offeror of payment from the School Board for work performed by the subcontractor under that contract, except for amounts withheld as allowed in subdivision 1.

“Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this contract, interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent per month.”

The offeror will include in each of its subcontracts a provision requiring each subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment

and interest requirements with respect to each lower-tier subcontractor.

A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor pursuant to the payment clause in this section shall not be construed to be an obligation of the School Board. A contract modification shall not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement for the interest charge. A cost reimbursement claim shall not include any amount for reimbursement for the interest charge.

33. **Prime Vendor Responsibilities:** Offerors may propose services that are provided by others, but any services proposed must meet all of the requirements of this RFP. If the offeror's proposal includes services provided by others, the offeror will be required to act as the prime vendor for all such items and must assume full responsibility for the procurement delivery and quality of such services. The offeror will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all stipulations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all requirements of this RFP.
34. **Purchase Orders:** A purchase order will be enclosed with the resulting contract or will be issued shortly thereafter, and will become an integral part of the resulting contract. The purchase order indicates that sufficient funds have been obligated as required by Title 15 of the Code of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and assures distribution of the necessary receiving reports. The purchase order does not supersede any provisions of the resulting contract. Performance time and dates are determined solely by the contract and any modification thereto. Services are not to begin until receipt of the purchase order and/or other notification by the School Board's Procurement Officer or designee.

**IX. SAMPLE CONTRACT**

**CONTRACT NO. [SOLICITATION TITLE]**

This **CONTRACT** (the “Contract”) is made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by and between the **Franklin County School Board, VIRGINIA** (the “School Board”), a municipal corporation, and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ having a usual place of business at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Contractor”), collectively referred to herein as “Parties”.

The Contractor and the School Board, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

1. **Provision of Services.** The Contractor hereby agrees to provide the following services to the School Board:

[DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE]

2. **Contract Documents.** The Contract Documents consist of this Contract, RFP No. 100170-FY20-03 (incorporated herein by reference), the Contractor’s Proposal dated \_\_\_\_\_ (attached hereto as “Exhibit A”), and any subsequent purchase orders issued by the School Board. Where the terms of this Contract and the Contractor’s Proposal are at variance, the provisions of this Contract shall prevail. The Parties agree that any ambiguity, conflict or inconsistency in the foregoing documents that together constitute the Contract, will be resolved in the following order of precedence: (1) this Contract; (2) RFP No. 100170-FY20-03; (3) the Contractor’s Proposal dated \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Contract Term.** The term of this Contract shall consist of the period of time [ PERIOD OF TIME].

4. **Contract Amount.** In return for the services identified above, the School Board certifies that sufficient funds are budgeted and shall compensate the Contractor [\$ AMOUNT]. The total project is expected not to exceed [\$ AMOUNT].

5. **Method of Payment.** The Contractor shall submit invoices to the School Board with all supporting documentation and shall be reimbursed within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice or completion of services, whichever occurs later.

Invoice must detail the hours worked and services performed, must reference the purchase order number, and be mailed to the address specified below:

Franklin County School Board  
Finance Department  
25 Bernard Road  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

6. **Applicable Law and Courts.** This Contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in a court within

Franklin County, Virginia. The Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

7. **Assignment of Contract.** This Contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the School Board.
8. **Audit.** The Contractor shall retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this Contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited by the School Board, whichever is sooner. The School Board, its authorized agents, and/or State auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.
9. **Indemnification.** Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the School Board, its officers, agents, and employees from any claims, damages and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or caused by any services of any kind or nature furnished by the Contractor, provided that such liability is not attributable to the sole negligence of the School Board.
10. **Notice.** The following persons shall be contact persons for the Parties, and notice given them, by certified return receipt requested mail to the addresses shown, shall constitute valid notice under the requirements of this agreement:
  1. For the School Board:
  2. For the Contractor:

The Parties may amend such addresses by written notice to the opposite party at the given address.

11. **Termination.**
  - A. Termination without Cause. The School Board may terminate this Contract for any reason upon ten (10) days' notice and upon payment of any and all sums already earned under the terms of Paragraphs numbered 4 and 5 of this Contract and reasonable expenses incurred in reliance upon the Contract.
  - B. By School Board with Cause. The School Board may terminate this contract if the Contractor is in material breach with this Contract and fails to adequately remedy such breach after written notice from the School Board and a 14-day period to cure the breach. If this Contract is terminated by the School Board for cause, the School Board may withhold any further payments to the Contractor until it determines its damages and may sue the Contractor for any damages caused by the breach. If the School Board terminates this Contract for cause and it is later determined that such termination was not justified, then the termination shall be converted into one without cause under Paragraph 11. A. and any liability of the School Board shall be limited solely to the liability provided by that paragraph for a termination without cause.
  - C. If this Contract is terminated by the School Board, the Contractor shall within seven days thereafter deliver to the School Board all Contract Deliverables regardless of the current state of completion. In such case, the Contractor grants

an irrevocable right to the School Board to use the Contract Deliverables without additional compensation to the Contractor, but the Contractor will not be liable for any change or alterations to the Contract Deliverables or for their use in an incomplete state.

- D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor agrees that any resulting contract is subject to annual appropriations of the Leesburg School Board Council and that non- appropriation of sufficient funding to continue the contract will result in its automatic termination once existing funding is exhausted.

12. **Integration Clause.** This Contract shall constitute the whole agreement between the Parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein, and this Contract shall supersede all previous communications, representations or agreements, written or verbal, between the Parties hereto related to the subject of this Contract.
13. **Notice of Required Disability Legislation Compliance.** The School Board is required to comply with state and federal disability legislation: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for 1990 Title II and The Virginians with Disabilities Act of 1990. Specifically, the School Board may not, through its contractual and/or financial arrangements, directly or indirectly avoid compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101- 336, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities. Subtitle A protects qualified individuals with disability from discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, or activities of all State and local governments. It extends the prohibition of discrimination in federally assisted programs established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504 to all activities of State and local governments, including those that do not receive Federal financial assistance, and incorporates specific prohibitions of discrimination on the basis of disability in Titles I, III, and V of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Virginians with Disabilities Act of 1990 follows the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504.
14. **Faith Based Organizations.** The School Board does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.
15. **Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.** By entering this Contract, the Contractor certifies that it does not and will not during the performance of this Contract violate the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which prohibits employment of illegal aliens.
16. **Payment to Subcontractors.** Within seven (7) days after receipt of amounts paid by the School Board for work performed by a subcontractor under this Agreement, the Contractor shall either: a) pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the School Board attributable to the work performed by the subcontractor under this Agreement; or b) notify the School Board and subcontractor, in writing, of his intention to withhold all or a part of the subcontractor's payment and the reason for non-payment. The Contractor shall pay interest to the subcontractor on all amounts owed that remain unpaid beyond the seven (7) day period except for amounts withheld as allowed in item b. Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this Agreement, interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. The Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts a provision requiring each subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements as set forth above with respect

to each lower-tier subcontractor. The Contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor pursuant to this provision may not be construed to be an obligation of the School Board.

17. **Authority to Transact Business in Virginia.** A Contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described herein that enters into an Agreement with the School Board pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act 2.2-4300 et seq. shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the Agreement. The School Board may void any Agreement with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.
18. **Counterparts.** This Contract and any amendments or renewals hereto may be executed in a number of counterparts, and each counterpart signature, when taken with the other counterpart signatures, is treated as if executed upon one original of this Contract or any amendment or renewal. A signature by any party to this Contract provided by facsimile or electronic mail is binding upon that party as if it were the original.
19. **Ethics in Public Contracting.** The provisions contained in Sections 2.2 4367 through 2.2 4377 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act as set forth in the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be applicable to all Contracts solicited or entered into by the School Board. A copy of these provisions may be obtained from the School Board upon request.

The above-stated provisions supplement, but do not supersede, other provisions of law including, but not limited to, the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (§ 18.2 498.1 et seq.) and Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2. The provisions apply notwithstanding the fact that the conduct described may not constitute a violation of the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act.

20. **Exemption from Taxes.** Pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-609.1, the School Board is exempt from Virginia State Sales or Use Taxes and Federal Excise Tax, therefore the Contractor shall not charge the School Board for Virginia State Sales or Use Taxes or Federal Excise Tax on the finished goods or products provided under the Contract. However, this exemption does not apply to the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any sales, use, or excise tax it incurs in providing the goods required by the Contract, including, but not limited to, taxes on materials purchased by a Contractor for incorporation in or use on a construction project. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Contractor from including its own sales tax expense in connection with the Contract in its Contract price.
21. **Employment Discrimination by Contractors Prohibited.**
  - A. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, status as a service disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  2. The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, shall state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
  3. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient to meet this requirement.
- B. The Contractor will include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs, 1, 2, and 3 in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

**22. Drug-free Workplace.**

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purpose of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Contract.

- 23. Delays and Delivery Failures.** Time is of the essence. The Contractor must keep the School Board advised at all times of status of Parties' agreement. If delay is foreseen, the Contractor shall give immediate written notice to School Board. Should Contractor fail to deliver the proper item/service at the time and place contracted for, or within a reasonable period of time thereafter as agreed to in writing by the School Board, or should the Contractor fail to make a timely replacement of rejected item/service when so required, the School Board may purchase item/service of comparable quality and quantity in the open market to replace the undelivered or rejected item/service. The Contractor shall reimburse the School Board for all costs in excess of the Contract price when purchases are made in the open market; or, in the event that there is a balance the School Board owes to the Contractor from prior transactions, an amount

equal to the additional expense incurred by the School Board as a result of the Contractor's nonperformance shall be deducted from the balance as payment.

24. **Substitutions.** No substitutions, additions or cancellations, including those of key personnel, are permitted after Contract award without written approval by the School Board. Where specific employees are proposed by the Contractor for work, those employees shall perform the work as long as those employees work for the Contractor, either as employees or subcontractors, unless the School Board agrees to substitution. Requests for substitutions shall be reviewed and may be approved by School Board, or its designee, at its sole discretion.
25. **Workmanship and Inspection.** All work under this Contract shall be performed in a skillful and professional manner. The Contractor and its employees shall be professional and courteous at all times. The School Board reserves the right to require immediate removal of any Contractor employee from School Board service it deems unfit for service for any reason, not contrary to law. This right is non-negotiable and the Contractor agrees to this condition by accepting this Contract. Further, the School Board may, from time to time, make inspections of the work performed under the Contract. Any inspection by the School Board does not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility in meeting the Contract requirements.
26. **Contractual Disputes.** The Contractor shall give written notice to the Procurement Officer of intent to file a claim for money or other relief within ten (10) calendar days of the occurrence giving rise to the claim or at the beginning of the work upon which the claim is to be based, whichever is earlier.

The Contractor shall submit its invoice for final payment within thirty (30) days after completion or delivery.

The claim, with supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Procurement Officer by US Mail, courier, or overnight delivery service, no later than sixty (60) days after final payment. If the claim is not disposed of by agreement, the Procurement Officer shall reduce his/her decision to writing and mail or otherwise forward a copy thereof to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of the School Board's receipt of the claim.

The Procurement Officer's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals within thirty (30) days by submitting a written letter of appeal to the School Board Manager, or his designee. The School Board Manager shall render a decision within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal.

No Contractor shall institute any legal action until all statutory requirements have been met. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses resulting from any litigation, including attorney's fees.

27. **Severability.** In the event that any provision shall be adjudged or decreed to be invalid, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire Contract but shall pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding and in full force and effect.
28. **Force Majeure.** A party will not be held responsible for failure to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by the contract due to legal strikes, fires, civil disobedience, riots,



rebellions, acts of God and similar occurrences beyond the control of the party that make performance impossible or illegal, unless otherwise specified in the Contract.

If a party asserts Force Majeure as an excuse for failure to perform the party's obligation, that party must immediately notify the other party giving full particulars of the event of force majeure and the reasons for the event of force majeure preventing that party from, or delaying that party in performing its obligations under this contract and that party must use its reasonable efforts to mitigate the effect of the event of force majeure upon its or their performance of the contract and to fulfill its or their obligations under the contract.

An event of force majeure does not relieve a party from liability for an obligation which arose before the occurrence of that event, nor does that event affect the obligation to pay money in a timely manner which matured prior to the occurrence of that event.

The Contractor has no entitlement and School Board has no liability for: (1) any costs, losses, expenses, damages or the payment of any part of the contract price during an event of force majeure; and (2) any delay costs in any way incurred by the contractor due to an event of force majeure.

29. **Survival of Terms.** Upon discharge of this Contract, Sections (Notice, Indemnification, Governing Law/Forum, Contractual Disputes) continue and survive in full force and effect.

30. **Insurance.** Contractor shall secure at its own expense general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 solely contained in a Commercial General Liability Policy or in combination with an Umbrella or Excess Policy. Included shall be coverage for Bodily Injury and Property Damage resulting from the operations, products, and completed operations of the contractor.

Contractor shall also carry automobile insurance contained in a Commercial Auto Policy or in combination with an Umbrella or Excess Policy. Contractor shall also carry Workers Compensation insurance, which meets the statutory requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, Contractor shall also carry other insurance coverage deemed by the School Board to be appropriate to this agreement.

The above-mentioned coverage shall be placed with an insurance carrier licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The carrier must have an AM Best Rating of A or better. A Certificate of Insurance identifying coverage and naming the Franklin County School Board as an additional insured shall be furnished to the School Board. Liability coverage shall contain wording prohibiting cancellation of coverage, failure to renew, or reduction in limit without the insurer first giving 30 days' prior written notice of such action to the School Board.

31. **Parties' Relationship.** It is the intent of the Parties hereto that the Contractor shall be considered as an independent contractor and that neither it nor its employees shall, under any circumstances, be considered servants or agents of the School Board and that these bodies shall be at no time legally responsible for any negligence on the part of said Contractor, its servants or agents, resulting in either bodily or personal injury or property damage to any individual, firm, or corporation.

32. **Ownership of Documents.** Contractor agrees that all information, finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, specifications, records, reports and other material gathered and/or

prepared by or for it under the terms of the Contract shall, at the School Board's option, be delivered to, become, and remain the property of the School Board. The School Board shall also have the right to use and reproduce the data and reports submitted hereunder, without additional compensation to the Contractor.

In witness whereof, the Parties below execute this Contract as of the date first above written.

**Franklin County School Board**

[ENTER NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

AUTHORIZED  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFEROR SUBMISSION FORM  
RFP NO 100170-FY20-03**

**SECTION I – COMPANY IDENTIFICATION AND OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE**

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Principal place of business at \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Id Number \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Agent \_\_\_\_\_

State Corp. Commission Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ (attach Certificate of Good Standing)

List the names and addresses of all persons having ownership of 3% or more in the company:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The Franklin County School Board requests, as a matter of policy, that any consultant or firm receiving a contract of award resulting from a formal solicitation issued by the School Board shall make certification as specified below. Receipt of such certification, shall be a prerequisite to the award of contract and payment thereof.

**SECTION II – EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT - I (we) hereby certify that if the contract is awarded to our firm, partnership, or corporation, that no employee of the School Board of Leesburg, or members of his/her immediate family, including spouse, parents or children has received or been promised, directly or indirectly, any financial benefit, by way of fee, commission, finder’s fee, political contribution or any similar form of remuneration on account of the act of awarding and/or executing this contract.**

**SECTION III – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - This solicitation is subject to the provisions of VA Code Ann. Section 2.1-639.2 et seq., the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act. The Supplier [ ] is [ ] is not aware of any information bearing on the existence of any potential organizational conflict of interest.**

**SECTION IV – COLLUSION - I certify that this offer is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting an offer for the same services, materials, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of the State and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards. I hereby certify that the responses to the above representations, certifications, and other statements are accurate and complete. I agree to abide by all conditions of this RFP and certify that I am authorized to sign for my company.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

***OFFEROR MUST RETURN THIS FORM WITH THEIR PROPOSAL***

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA**

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the following ADDENDA, which have been considered in the preparation of this proposal:

No. <u>1</u>	Dated: _____
No. _____	Dated: _____
No. _____	Dated: _____
No. _____	Dated: _____
No. _____	Dated: _____

## **REFERENCE FORM**

**QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR:** Offeror must have the capability and capacity in all respects to fully satisfy the contractual requirements.

Indicate the length of time you have been in business providing this type of service and/or product.

\_\_\_\_\_ Years, \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Provide a list of at least three (3) accounts, preferably governmental that your firm has provided similar goods and/or services to in the past twelve (12) months.