



East Providence School Department  
RFP# EP.District.2019.001  
Microscopes and Cameras

## **1. RFP OVERVIEW**

### **1.1 Company Description**

The East Providence School District (EPSD) is a K-12 public school district supporting the City of East Providence, Rhode Island. The district maintains thirteen facilities including multiple K-5, middle and high school campuses

### **1.2 Purpose of the RFP**

EPSD is seeking proposals from well qualified vendors for microscopes and cameras for all elementary and middle schools within the district.

### **1.3 General Conditions**

1.3.1 This RFP is not an offer to contract. Acceptance of a proposal neither commits our school district to award a contract to any Vendor, even if all requirements stated in this RFP are met, nor limits our right to negotiate in our best interest. We reserve the right to contract with a Vendor for reasons other than lowest price. We will thoroughly examine each proposal for best price, product quality, performance measures, flexibility and customer support.

1.3.2 Proposals are to be made in good faith, without fraud, collusion or connection of any kind with any other contractor for the same work. All bidders must complete in their own interest and in their own behalf. If you are subcontracting any portion of this agreement, you must identify the subcontractor in your proposal and agree that all subcontractors are bound to all terms and conditions of this RFP.

1.3.3 The Vendor will absorb all costs incurred in the preparation and presentation of the proposal.

1.3.4 All Vendors who submit proposals will be notified of the results of the selection process.

1.3.5 East Providence School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, with or without cause, even if all the stated requirements are met. In addition, East Providence School District may enter into negotiations with one or more entities simultaneously and award a contract without notification. At the sole discretion of



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East Providence School District, bidder presentations may be requested before award of the contract. East Providence School District may also request the opportunity to conduct an on-site review of the Vendor's facility and/or other locations where these services are provided, or a demonstration of the proposed technology.

#### 1.4 Proposal Effective Period

Vendors should state in writing that all furnished information, including prices, will remain valid for 90 days from the date their proposal is received by East Providence School District.

## 2. VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in deadlines will be communicated to all Vendors via [E-Bids@epschoolsri.com](mailto:E-Bids@epschoolsri.com) email address. We reserve the right to disqualify any vendor that does not comply with these deadlines.

### 2.1 RFP Schedule

Activity	Date/Time
RFP Released	January 15, 2019
Deadline for questions	January 29, 2019 at 10:00am
Q&A Addenda Issued	February 5, 2019
Proposal Submission Deadline	February 25, 2019 at 2:00pm
Project awarded	March 12, 2019

### 2.2 Vendor Questions and RFP Addenda

2.2.1 Questions regarding the content of or schedule for the RFP must be submitted in writing by e-mail to [E-Bids@epschoolsri.com](mailto:E-Bids@epschoolsri.com) according to the RFP schedule provided in Section 2.1.

2.2.2 East Providence School District will issue answers to all Vendor questions, as noted in that schedule. In the event that modifications or additions to the RFP become necessary, vendors will be notified in writing and posted to [www.epschoolsri.com/purchasing](http://www.epschoolsri.com/purchasing).

### 2.3 Proposal Format and Submission Requirements



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**2.3.1 Proposals are to be organized in the following format:**

2.3.1.1 Section 1: Executive Summary. The two page maximum executive summary is to briefly describe the vendor's proposal. This summary should highlight the major features of the proposal. It must indicate any requirements that cannot be met by the Proposer. The reader should be able to determine the essence of the proposal by reading the executive summary.

2.3.1.2 Section 2: Vendor Information. Proposers must provide in-line responses to all requirements outlined in RFP Section 3.3 - Vendor Information.

2.3.1.3 Section 3: Response to RFP Requirements. Proposers must provide in-line responses to all requirements outlined RFP Sections 3.4 - Technical Requirements. If your bid deviates from the technical requirements, please explain.

2.3.1.4 Section 4: Pricing. Proposers must complete the Pricing Proposal Form (Attachment 1 to this RFP). Additional vendor sales quotes, hardware details, or other pricing material may be included in this section. Pricing will include product and installation, as well as any other needed attachments. Shipping is to be included in the pricing.

2.3.1.5 Section 5: Additional Information. Proposers may include additional information regarding their products and services in this section.

**2.3.2 Sealed Bid Requirements**

Two (2) printed copies and one electronic copy of the proposal must be submitted in an envelope clearly marked: Request for Proposals, "Microscope and Cameras". Mail or deliver sealed bid proposals to the following address by the date and time identified in the schedule in Section 2.1. The EP.District.2019.001 Finance Department will receive all bids and include a timestamped form to record arrival date/time.

Craig Enos  
Director of Finance  
RFP# EP.District.2019.01  
145 Taunton Avenue, Suite 307  
East Providence, RI 02914



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**2.3.3 Bid Evaluation**

2.3.3.1 The district contemplates award to the lowest price, technically acceptable vendor proposal. To determine whether proposals are technically acceptable:

2.3.3.1.1 The district will determine whether each proposal is complete

2.3.3.1.2 The solution specified in the proposal meets the technical needs of EPSD and offers the most value to the schools

2.3.3.1.3 Whether it is responsive to all requirements established in the RFP and addenda.

2.3.3.1.4 Whether the proposing vendor maintains and has submitted documentation of applicable certifications from Manufacturer(s) selected

2.3.3.1.5 Whether references related to past performance are favorable.

2.3.3.1.5.1 With regard to references, vendors are free to submit references they wish the East Providence School District to consider; however, the East Providence School District reserves the right to investigate references for any and all projects on which the vendor has worked in the last three (3) years. Proposals not deemed technically acceptable may be eliminated from consideration

2.3.3.2 The East Providence School District may choose to seek clarifications from vendors with regard to their proposals.

2.3.3.2.1 All responses will be provided in writing to the [E-Bids@epschoolsri.com](mailto:E-Bids@epschoolsri.com) address, and incomplete or unclear responses may result in a proposal being deemed technically unacceptable. However, the East Providence School District reserves the right to make a selection without requesting clarification. Additionally, the East Providence School District may not necessarily seek clarifications from all vendors submitting proposals.



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2.3.3.3 Any contract awarded under this RFP is subject to funding, and approval by the East Providence School Committee. The East Providence School District reserves the right to make no awards under this RFP.

### **3. REQUIREMENTS**

#### **3.1 Background**

The East Providence School Department is committed to preparing their students for future careers involving science. As a result, this microscope and camera RFP will outfit each elementary school with a complete set of microscopes along with each middle school having two sets (see Section 5 for listing). Having consistent microscopes for our science curriculum will enhance the educational experience for our students as they transition schools.

#### **3.2 Scope of Services / Product**

3.2.1 Furnish 12 microscopes and one eyepiece camera with imaging software for the elementary schools and furnish 24 microscopes and two eyepiece cameras for each of the middle schools

3.2.2 Specifications for the microscopes include

3.2.2.1 Disc Diaphragm - LED

3.2.2.2 Mechanical slide holder

3.2.2.3 Dual viewing head, inclined 45 degree, rotatable 360 degree excepts eyepiece camera

3.2.2.4 WF10x/18mm eyepiece with pointer

3.2.2.5 Reversed three-hole nosepiece

3.2.2.6 DIN 4x, 10x, and 40xR objectives with 2-10x/18mm eyepieces

3.2.2.7 Flat top stage with stage clips, disc diaphragm

3.2.2.8 Separate coarse and fine focusing controls

3.2.2.9 Variable LED illuminator rated for 20,000 hours, 3500mAh NI rechargeable battery

3.2.2.10 Eyepiece camera with imaging software for a PC. Camera must fit into the second eye tube on the microscope.



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### **3.3 Vendor Information**

#### **3.3.1 Company Background Information**

- 3.3.1.1 Legal name of the company
- 3.3.1.2 Number of years in business
- 3.3.1.3 Headquarters location address, phone number, website
- 3.3.1.4 Company type
- 3.3.1.5 Number of employees
- 3.3.1.6 Tax ID number

#### **3.3.2 Company Experience and References**

- 3.3.2.1 Please describe the product/market differentiators that distinguish you in the industry and make you capable of competing for this project.
- 3.3.2.2 Please provide project details for at least two (2) projects of similar size and scope to that requested by EP.District. Project details should include:
  - 3.3.2.2.1 Deployment date and period of performance
  - 3.3.2.2.2 Overview of project performance, including successes, challenges, etc.
- 3.3.2.3 Vendors are free to submit references they wish the East Providence School District to consider. However, the East Providence School District reserves the right to investigate references for any and all projects on which the vendor has worked in the last three (3) years.

#### **3.3.3 Vendor/Subcontractor Information**

- 3.3.3.1 The vendor and subcontractors of the vendor will maintain at their own expense during the term of this contract, the following insurances:
  - 3.3.3.1.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance with Rhode Island statutory limits and Employers Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of \$100,000 each accident for any employee.



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3.3.3.1.2 Comprehensive/Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000 each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

3.3.3.1.3 Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury and property damage.

3.3.3.1.4 Insurance companies, named insurers and policy forms shall be subject to the approval of the East Providence School District. Insurance policies shall not contain endorsements or policy conditions which reduce coverage provided to the East Providence School District. Vendor and any subcontractors shall furnish East Providence School District Project Coordinator with certification of insurance evidencing such coverage and endorsements at least ten (10) working days prior to commencement of services under this contract.

#### **4. EVALUATION PROCESS**

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Each vendor proposal will be reviewed and scored using the following criteria and maximum point values per topic:

Criteria	Available points	Points awarded
Meets technical requirements	30	
Pricing	35	
Past project experiences	25	
References	10	

### 5. SCHOOL LISTING

Myron J Francis 64 Bourne Avenue Rumford, RI 02916	Kent Heights 2680 Pawtucket Avenue East Providence, RI 02914
Orlo Avenue 25 Orlo Avenue East Providence, RI 02914	Alice M. Waddington 101 Legion Way Riverside, RI 02915
Emma G. Whiteknact 261 Grosvenor Avenue East Providence, RI 02914	Riverside Middle School 179 Forbes Street Riverside, RI 02915
Agnes B. Hennessey 75 Fort Street East Providence, RI 02914	Martin Middle School 111 Brown Street East Providence, RI 02914
Silver Spring 120 Silver Spring Avenue East Providence, RI 02914	





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**Attachment 1**

<b>Make/Model</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>
Microscopes – 132 units		
Eyepiece camera – 11 units		
<b>TOTAL</b>		