



# RFP# EPSD.TECH.2025.0001

## Content Filtering Platform Licensing

## 1 RFP Overview

### 1.1 Company Description

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 competitive proposals for technology software currently in use by EPSD for protection of and blended learning with classroom Chromebooks.

### 1.3 Proposal Effective Period

Vendors should state in writing that all furnished information, including prices, will remain valid for 30 days from the date bid opening date (see RFP schedule below) by East Providence School District.

## 2 Vendor Instructions

### 2.1 RFP Schedule

This schedule outlines the major activities that will occur in this bid process and the due dates. Any changes in deadlines will be communicated to all Vendors in writing. We reserve the right to disqualify any Vendor who does not comply with these deadlines.

Activity	Date/Time
RFP Released	February 28th, 2025
Questions Deadline	March 7th, 2025 - 10am (local time)
Question and Answers Addendum Issued	March 14th,, 2025
Proposal Submission Deadline/Bid opening	March 21st, 2025 10am (local time)
RFP Award	March 27th, 2025

### 2.2 Vendor Questions and RFP Addenda

2.2.1 Questions regarding the must be submitted in writing by e-mail to **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, amendments and addenda will be posted to the EPSD purchasing and procurement site. It is the responsibility of potential vendors to review site regularly and adhere to any amendments or addendum to the RFP.

## 2.3 Proposal Format and Submission Requirements

### 2.3.1 Proposals are to include only the following components:

#### 2.3.1.1 Section 1: Vendor Overview

2.3.1.1.1 Brief overview of company's capabilities

2.3.1.1.2 Company's line card is acceptable

2.3.1.1.3 Maximum 2 pages, double sided

#### 2.3.1.2 Section 2: Pricing.

2.3.1.2.1 Proposers sales quote(s) with itemized details

2.3.1.2.2 If volume purchasing discounts are available, please note separately from individual item pricing

2.3.1.2.3 All items on quotations must be available to purchase a la-carte

### 2.3.2 Sealed Bid Requirements:

Mail or deliver sealed bid proposals to the following address by the date and time identified in the schedule in Section 2.1. Bids may also be submitted electronically through Bidnet Direct. The EPSD finance department will receive all bids and include a timestamped form to record arrival date/time.

Attn: EPSD Finance dept.

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### 2.3.3 Bid Evaluation

2.3.3.1 The district contemplates award to the lowest priced vendor proposal. 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. All responses will be provided in writing, 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.

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 Build of Materials

#### 3.1.1 Please include pricing for the following items.

- Licensing for content filtering (5300 users)
- Licensing for a student safety portion of the platform (5300 users)
- Licensing for classroom management (5300 users)
- Pricing for an on-site filtering gateway
- Pricing for 1 and 3 year options

#### 3.1.2 Platform requirements include

- Hybrid filtering (On site gateway and cloud)
- Signature based filtering that ties in CDN's
- Filtering by user, group, and network range
- Google, IDAP, and Radius integration
- Content aware filtering able to blur out offensive content in images in searches as well as in videos

## 4. Scoring Matrix

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	35	
Pricing	35	
Past project experiences	25	
References	5	

Addendum 1:

Question: Are you open to looking at competitive solutions not currently in use by EPSD?

Answer: Yes we are open to solutions not currently in use!