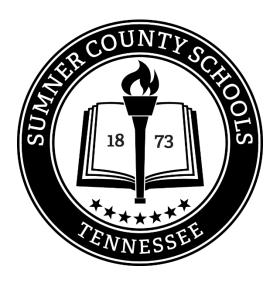
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

NUMBER: 20200114-02-BOE

SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

This solicitation document serves as the written determination of the SCS Purchasing Supervisor that the use of Competitive Sealed Proposals for this solicitation is in the best interest of SCS.

RFP Title: Union Elementary Basketball Court Asphalt Resurfacing REBID



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Release Date: December 19, 2019 Proposal Due Date: January 14, 2020 @ 10:30 a.m. Local Time

Any altercations to this document made by the proposer may be grounds for rejection of proposals, cancellation of any subsequent award, or any other legal remedies available to the Sumner County Board of Education.

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

There may be one or more amendments to this RFP. In order to receive communication for any such amendments issued specifically to this RFP, the proposer must provide a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Sumner County Board of Education (SCS) Purchasing Department. The proposer must utilize this form when submitting notice. The notice may be sent by email to: Purchasing Office, purchasing@sumnerschools.org. SCS will send amendments only to those proposers which complete and return this information by the deadline list in the RFP Schedule of Events (Section 4).

RFP Number:	20200114-02-BOE Union Elementary Basketball Court Asphalt Resurfacing	REBID
Company Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Phone Number:		
Contact Person:		
Email Address:		
Authorized Signature		
Printed Name		
Date		

Emailed amendments will be sent in a Microsoft Word (Office for Windows) or Portable Document Format (pdf) format. Any alterations to the document made by the proposer may be grounds for rejection of proposal, cancellation of any subsequent award or any other legal remedies available to the Sumner County Board of Education.

Amendments will also be posted on the SCS website https://sumnerschools.org/index.php/current-bids-and-rfps and attached to the solicitation listing as a PDF or WORD file. Check the particular solicitation on the Current Bids and RFPs webpage for any posted amendments.

By completing and returning this form, the Proposer has expressed its intent to provide a proposal for **20200114-02-BOE Union Elementary Basketball Court Asphalt Resurfacing REBID.**

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*An online, fillable version can be found at https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf

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1. Introduction/Overview

1.1. Purpose

The Sumner County Board of Education (SCS) is requesting sealed proposals for asphalt resurfacing of a basketball court at Union Elementary.

1.2. Contact Information

Unauthorized contact regarding this RFP with employees or officials of SCS other than the Purchasing Supervisor named below may result in disqualification from this procurement process.

Interested parties must direct all communication regarding this RFP to the Purchasing Supervisor, who is SCSs only official point of contact for this RFP.

RFP Procedures

Chris Harrison Purchasing Supervisor 1500 Airport Road Gallatin, TN 37066

chris.harrison@sumnerschools.org

2. Requirements

2.1. Scope of Work / Specifications

- 3" Asphalt Surface Overlay on existing asphalt pad
- Estimated 1,600 SY
 - o The Contractor must conduct any necessary field measurements for accurate dimensions.
- The Contractor must verify the existing conditions.
 - Any existing conditions which will impact the asphalt overlay must be noted in the bid documents and a cost to repair the condition must be included.
 - o All prep work must be included in the project cost.
- The Contractor will be responsible to repair any damages to the grounds caused during the course of the project.
- Jobsite: Union Elementary
 516 Carson Street
 Gallatin, TN 37066



2.2. Standard Contractor Obligations

- Shall provide and obtain all necessary materials, equipment and labor to perform all items listed in the Scope of Work.
- Shall provide and obtain all necessary permits with Local, County, etc. agencies as required by law and as required in the Scope of Work.
- Shall schedule all necessary inspections with Local, County, etc. agencies as required by law.
- Shall dispose of all generated waste materials in compliance with all Local, State and Federal guidelines, regulations and requirements.
- Shall have property trained and experienced staff to facilitate the services specified in the Scope of Work. If applicable, the Contractor shall provide documentation that staff has received the manufacturers' certification to complete the services specified in the Statement of Work.

3. Source Selection and Contract Award

- Award(s), if made, will be made to the Responsive and Responsible proposer(s) whose proposal is most advantageous to SCS, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP.
 - General Criteria to be determined "Responsive"
 - Does the proposal include all required information, included completed attachment forms and affidavits?
 - Was the proposal delivered on or before the stated deadline? Did it include the required number of copies (hard & electronic)?
 - General Criteria to be determined "Responsible"
 - Does the Proposer demonstrate an understanding of SCSs needs and proposed approach to the project?
 - Does the Proposer possess the ability, capacity, skill and financial resources to provide the service?
 - Can the Proposer take upon itself the responsibilities set forth in the RFP and produce the required outcomes in a timely fashion?
 - Does the Proposer have the character, integrity, reputation, judgement, experience and efficiency required for the project?
- SCS reserves the right to enter into discussions with Proposers which have submitted proposals determined to be reasonably like of being considered for selection to assure a full understanding of and responsiveness to the RFP requirements. Every effort shall be afforded to assure fair and equal treatment with respect to the opportunity for discussion and/or revision of their respective proposals.
- Upon mutual agreement by both parties, SCS shall grant the right to extend the terms, conditions and prices
 of contract(s) awarded from this RFP to other Institutions (such as State, Local and/or Public Agencies) who
 express an interest in participating in any contract that results from this RFP. Each of the "piggyback"
 Institutions will issue their own purchasing documents for purchase of the goods/services. Proposer agrees
 that SCS shall bear no responsibility or liability for any agreements between Proposer and the other
 Institution(s) who desire to exercise this option.

4. Schedule of Events

RFP Issued	December 19, 2019
RFP Submission DEADLINE	January 14, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. Local Time

5. Instructions for Proposal

5.1. Required Forms

- Proposer must complete and submit the Attachments in Section 6. Attachments may be omitted depending on the RFP requirements. Refer to the Table of Contents for omitted Attachments.
- Evidence of a valid State of Tennessee Business License and/or Sumner County Business License.
- For all vendors with annual purchases in excess of \$50,000; a Sumner County Business License must be
 on file with the SCS Finance Department. Evidence of the license must be provided within ten (10)
 working days following notification of award; otherwise, SCS may rescind its acceptance of the
 Proposer's proposal.
- Copy of State of Tennessee License (if applicable) in respective field.
- If applicable, the Proposer must include a copy of the contract(s) the Proposer will submit to be signed.

5.2. New Vendors

- To comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements, all vendors who perform any type of service are required to have a current IRS Form W-9 on file with the SCS Finance Department. It is a mandatory requirement to complete the IRS Form W-9 (Attachment 6.9) included in this RFP.
- To comply with the **Tennessee Lawful Employment Act (50-1-702 and 50-1-703)**, non-employees (individuals paid directly by the employer in exchange for the individual's labor or services) must have on file one (1) of the following documents:
 - A valid Tennessee driver's license or photo identification;
 - A valid driver's license or photo identification from another state where the license requirements are at least as strict as those in Tennessee;
 - A birth certificate issued by a U.S. state, jurisdiction or territory;
 - o A U.S. government issued certified birth certificate;
 - A valid, unexpired U.S. passport;
 - o A U.S. certificate of birth abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545)
 - A report of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen (FS-240);
 - A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561);
 - A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570 or N578);
 - A U.S citizen identification card (I-197 or I-179); or
 - Valid alien registration documentation or other proof of current immigration registration recognized by the United States Department of Homeland Security that contains the individual's complete legal name and current alien admission number or alien file number (or numbers if the individual has more than one number).

5.3. Acknowledgement of Insurance Requirements

By submitting a proposal, Proposer acknowledges that it has read and understands the insurance requirements for the proposal. The Proposer who may have employees, contractors, subcontractors or agents working on SCS properties shall carry current certificates for general and professional liability insurance and for workers' compensation as indicated below. The owner or Principal of each Proposer must also be insured by workers' compensation if they perform any of the services on SCS properties. There will be no exceptions to the insurance requirement. Proposer also understands that the evidence of required insurance must be submitted within fifteen (15) working days following notification of its offer being accepted; otherwise, SCS may rescind its acceptance of the Proposers proposal.

• General Liability

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

• Workers Compensation

Workers Compensation	Tennessee Statutory Limits	
Employer's Liability	\$500,000	

5.4. Clarification and Interpretation of RFP

The words "must" and "shall" in the RFP indicate mandatory requirements. Taking exception to any mandatory requirement shall be considered grounds for rejection. There are other requirements that SCS considers important but not mandatory. It is important to respond in a concise manner to each section and submit an itemized list of all exceptions.

5.5. Proposal Package

The package containing the proposal must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the package:

"20200114-02-BOE Union Elementary Basketball Court Asphalt Resurfacing REBID"
DO NOT OPEN

All sealed proposals packages must include all of the following. Any sealed proposals are subject to rejection as non-conforming if any applicable item is not included.

- One (1) Complete Original
- One (1) electronic format (CD/USB Drive)
- Original Signature on Original Proposal. NO copied or digital signatures.

The outside of the proposal package must be labeled as follows (if applicable) per T.C.A § 62-6-119:

- 1. Name of Company and Principal Owner, Business License Number, Expiration Date and License Classification.
- 2. In addition to Item 1, the same is applicable to masonry contractors if the work performed is > \$100,000.
- 3. In addition to Item 1, the same is applicable to HVAC, electrical, plumbing or A/C contractors if the work performed is > \$25,000.
- 4. In addition to Item 1, the same is applicable plus the Department of Environment & Conservation License Number and Classification, applicable to geothermal contractors if the work performed is > \$25,000.
- 5. If the prime contractor performs the masonry portion of the project or any of the above listed contractor skill sets and the work performed is > \$100,000; it must be so designated.
- 6. Only one (1) contractor in each classification listed shall be written on the bid envelope.

5.6. Delivery of Proposals

Sealed proposals will be accepted until <u>January 14, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. Local Time</u>. Proposals received after that time will be deemed invalid. Vendors mailing proposal packages must allow sufficient time to ensure receipt of their package by the time specified. SCS shall not accept proposals via electronic transmission such as email, fax, etc. There will be no exceptions. Proposals will be opened and read aloud. The reading of the bids will begin at 10:00 a.m. Local Time.

Due to the nature of deliveries to the SCS Support Services Facility by carriers such as UPS, FedEx and such like; the proposal package will be accepted if the date and time on the delivery confirmation are indicated to be on or before the Proposal Deadline.

Delivery Address: Sumner County Board of Education

Attn: Purchasing Supervisor

1500 Airport Road Gallatin, TN 37066

5.7. Evaluation of Proposals

The SCS Purchasing Supervisor will first examine the proposals to reject those that are clearly non-responsive to the stated requirements. Proposers who are determined to be non-responsive and/or non-responsible will be notified of this determination.

The evaluation process will include the following factors:

- Company Experience and Qualifications
 - The nature and scope of the Proposers business.
 - The number of years the Proposer has been licensed to do business.
 - The number of years the Proposer has been providing the requested services.
 - O How many similarly sized or larger K-12 clients have you contract with?

- Compensation/Price Data
 - o Address all costs associated with performance of the contracted services.
- Past Performance and References
 - o Provided a minimum of three (3) client references for similar projects in size and scope successfully completed by Proposer within the last three (3) years. Attachment 6.3.
 - SCS may also consider other sources of pertinent past performance information, including the districts own experience with the Proposer.

5.8. Request for Clarification of Proposals

Requests for clarification of proposals shall be distributed by the Purchasing Supervisor in writing (or email).

5.9. Protests

In the event that any interested party finds any part of the listed specifications, terms or conditions to be discrepant, incomplete or otherwise questionable in any respect; it shall be the responsibility of the concerned party to notify the SCS Purchasing Office of such matters immediately upon receipt of the RFP. All notifications must be sent to the Purchasing Supervisor via email at purchasing@sumnerschools.org.

Any actual or prospective Proposer who is aggrieved in connection with the RFP or award of a contract may protest to the Purchasing Supervisor and/or the Sumner County Board of Education at its regularly scheduled meeting.

ATTACHMENT 6.1 – Contact Information

nistration:		
	(office)	
	(mobile)	
	nistration:	(office)



Attn: Purchasing Supervisor 1500 Airport Road Gallatin, TN 37066

ATTACHMENT 6.2 – Bid Form/Certification

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Date		
Total Project Cost		_
Authorized Signature		-
Title		_
Printed Name		_
Vendor Legal Name		-
Address		_
(street)	(city, state, zip)	
By checking this box, Proposer agrees that SCS reserves the Institutions (such as State, Local and/or Public Agencies) we this RFP. Each of the piggyback Institutions will issue their SCS shall bear no responsibility or liability for any agreement this option.	who express an interest in participating in any own purchasing documents for the goods/se	contract that results from ervices. Proposer agrees that

ATTACHMENT 6.3 – References

1.	Project Name/Location:	
	Agency/Department:	
	Date of Project:	Dollar Value:
	Project Manager/Contact:	
	Phone:	Email:
2.	Project Name/Location:	
	Agency/Department:	
	Date of Project:	Dollar Value:
	Project Manager/Contact:	
	Phone:	Email:
3.	Project Name/Location:	
	Agency/Department:	
	Date of Project:	Dollar Value:
	Project Manager/Contact:	
	Phone:	Email:
4.	Project Name/Location:	
	Agency/Department:	
	Date of Project:	Dollar Value:
	Project Manager/Contact:	
	Phone:	Email:

 $*Proposers\ may\ copy\ this\ page\ and\ submit\ additional\ references.$

ATTACHMENT 6.4 – Certification Regarding Debarment or Suspension

The prospective participant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily
 excluded from participation in transactions under federal non-procurement programs by any federal
 department or agency;
- Have not, within the three-year period preceding the proposal, had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- Are not presently indicated or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state or local) and have not, within the three-year period preceding the bid, been convicted or had a civil judgement rendered against it:
 - For the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public transaction (federal, state or local) or a procurement contract under such a public transaction;
 - For the violation of federal or state antitrust statutes, including those proscribing price fixing between competitors, the allocation of customers between competitors, or bid rigging; or
 - For the commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for the rejection of this proposal or the termination of the award. In addition, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, a false statement may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both.

Name of Participating Agency:
Name and Title of Authorized Representative:
Signature of Authorized Representative:
Date:
I am unable to certify to the above statement. Attached is my explanation.

ATTACHMENT 6.5 – Condition of Submitting Proposal

The undersigned Proposer has carefully examined all instructions, requirements, specifications, terms and conditions of the RFP and certifies:

- It is a reputable company regularly engaged in providing goods and/or services necessary to meet the requirements, specifications, terms and conditions of the RFP.
- All statements, information and representations prepared and submitted in response to the RFP are current, complete, true and accurate. Proposer acknowledges that the Sumner County Board of Education (SCS) will rely on such statements, information and representations in selecting the successful proposer(s).
- That the prices quoted shall be SCSs pricing for the products and/or service.
- It shall be bound by all statements, representations, warranties and guarantees made in its proposal.
- Proposer acknowledges that the contract may be canceled if any conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest is discovered by SCS, in its sole discretion.
- All purchase orders must be duly authorized and executed by SCS and subject to the terms and conditions of the RFP.

VENDOR LEGAL	NAME:
	SNATURE:
PRINTED NAME:	TITLE:
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	(office)
	(mobile)
EMAIL:	

ATTACHMENT 6.6 - Statement of Non-Collusion

The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this proposal in collusion with any other respondent, and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms or conditions of said proposal have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.

Company:			
Addross			
-			
Phone:		(office)	
		(mobile)	
Respondent Sign	ature:		
Respondent (Prir	nt Name & Title):		
Authorized Com	pany Official (Print Name): _		

ATTACHMENT 6.7 – Attestation Re Personnel

ATTESTATION RE PERSONNEL USED IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

CONTRACTOR LEGAL E	NTITY NAME:		
FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID (or Social Security Number	ENTIFICATION NUMBER:		
knowingly utilize the se	rvices of an illegal immigran ny subcontractor who will ut	t, certify, warrant and assure that the Contractor shall in the performance of this Contract and shall not know lize the services of an illegal immigrant in the perform	owingly
SIGNATURE & DATE:			
	NOTICE: This attestation MUST be s	igned by an individual empowered to contractually bind the Contro	actor.

ATTACHMENT 6.8 – Drug Free Workplace Affidavit

The Sumner County Board of Education is committed to maintaining a safe and productive work environment for its employees and to providing high quality service to its citizens. The goal of this policy is for Sumner County Board of Education employees and contractors to remain, or become and remain, drug-free. Abuse and dependency on alcohol and/or drugs can seriously affect the health of employees, contractors and citizens, jeopardize personal safety, impact the safety of others and impair job performance.

STATE OF

COUNTY OF	·			
an employe	gned, principal officer of r of five (5) or more employees co reby states under oath as follows:		nty Board of Education to provi	, de goods or
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(her	undersigned is a principal officer reinafter referred to as the "Compapany.	of any") and is duly authorized	d to execute this Affidavit on be	half of the
thar con	Company submits this Affidavit pen five (5) employees receiving pay tracted services to submit an affidation point and the pen submit and the point and the	who contracts with the state avit stating that such employed	e and any local government to over has a drug-free workplace	provide
	Company is in compliance with T. uiring a drug-free workplace progr		licable Federal Laws, Rules and	Regulations
Further affia	ant saith not.			
Principal Of	ficer:			
STATE OF				
COUNTY OF	·			
I am person	personally appeared ally acquainted (or proved to me outed the foregoing affidavit for the	on the basis of satisfactory e	evidence) and who acknowledg	, with whom ed that such
Witness my	hand and seal at office this	day of	, 20	
Notary Publ	ic			
My commiss	sion expires:			

ATTACHMENT 6.9 - W9

(Rev. December 2014)

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not end to the IRS

	Revenue Service									Julia			
	Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.												
s on page 2.	2 Business name/o	disregarded entity	name, if different from	above									
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: Individual/sole proprietor or						4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):						
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Print or type	Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for						ption	n from FATCA reporting					
at t	the tax classification of the single-member owner.						code (if any)						
둔등	Other (see inst	tructions) >						(Applies	to acco	unts mainta	sined out	tside the U.S	ij
Print or type Specific Instructions on	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)				Requester's name and address (optional)								
See S	6 City, state, and 2	ZIP code											
	7 List account num	nber(s) here (option	al)										
Par	tl Taxpa	yer Identifica	ation Number (TIN)									
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Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for Employer identifical						icatio	n numb	er					
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Par	Certific	cation											_

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Signature of U.S. person ▶ Here Date >

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- . Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- . Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- . Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by
- . Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- . Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- . Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T
- . Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- . Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2. By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number

- to be issued).
 - 2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
- Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See What is FATCA reporting? on page 2 for further information.

Form W-9 (Rev. 12-2014)

Cat. No. 10231X

ATTACHMENT 6.10 – Standard Terms & Conditions SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (SCS)

1. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BID.

- **a.** Failure to examine any drawings, specifications, or instructions will be at the proposer's risk. Any deviation from the stated terms, conditions and specifications must be coordinated with and approved in writing by the SCS Purchasing Supervisor.
- b. RFP/ITB SUBMITTAL / SIGNATURE: Proposal shall give the full name and business address of the bidder. If the proposer is a corporation, the name shall be stated as it is in the corporate charter. Proposals must be signed in ink by the proposer's authorized agent. Unsigned proposals will be rejected. Proposals are to be sealed and the outside of the envelope is to reference the RFP/ITB number. The person signing the proposal must show their title, and if requested by the institution, must furnish satisfactory proof of his or her authority to bind his or her company in contract. Proposer understands that by submitting a proposal with an authorized signature, it shall constitute an offer to SCS. Proposals must be typewritten or in ink; otherwise they may not be considered. Purchase orders will be issued to the firm name appearing on the W9. Electronic submissions via email, fax, etc. shall not be accepted.
- c. SCS is not responsible for any costs incurred by any vendor pursuant to the RFP/ITB. The vendor shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the preparation and submission of its proposal.
- **d.** All proposers must be in compliance with T.C.A. § 62-6-119 at the time of proposal submission and provide evidence of compliance with the applicable provisions of the chapter before such proposal may be considered.
- e. Proposals are to be received in the location designated in the RFP/ITB no later than the specified date and time. Late submissions will NOT be opened or considered.
- **f.** No erasures permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent to error and must be initialed in ink by person signing the proposal.
- g. Specifications: Reference to available specifications shall be sufficient to make the terms of the specifications binding on the proposer. The use of the name of a manufacturer, or any special brand or make in describing an item does not restrict the proposer to that manufacturer or specific article, unless specifically stated. Comparable products of other manufacturers will be considered if proof of compatibility is contained in the proposal. Proposers are required to notify SCSs Purchasing Supervisor whenever specifications/procedures are not perceived to be fair and open. The articles on which the proposal is submitted must be equal or superior to that specified. Informative and Descriptive Literature: The proposer must show brand or trade names of the articles proposed, when applicable. It shall be the responsibility of the proposer, including proposer's whose product is referenced, to furnish with the proposer such specifications, catalog pages, brochures or other data as will provide an adequate basis for determining the quality and functional capabilities of the product offered. Failure to provide this data may be considered valid justification for rejection of proposer.
- h. Samples: Samples of items when called for, must be furnished free of expense, and if not destroyed will, upon proposer's request within ten (10) days of RFP/ITB opening, be returned at the proposer's expense. Each sample must be labeled with the proposer's name, manufacturer's brand name and number, RFP/ITB number and item reference.
- i. Time of Performance: The number of calendar days in which delivery is to be made after receipt of order shall be stated in the RFP/ITB and may be a factor in making an award, price notwithstanding. If no delivery time is stated in the bid, bidder agrees that delivery is to be made within two weeks (10 business days) of order.
- j. Transportation and delivery charges should be included in the price and be fully prepaid by the vendor to the destination specified in the RFP/ITB. Proposal prices shall include delivery of all items F.O.B. destination.
- k. New materials and supplies must be delivered unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFP/ITB.
- I. Alternate/multiple bids will not be considered unless specifically called for in the RFP/ITB.
- m. Only proposals submitted on RFP/ITB forms furnished by SCS will be considered.
- n. By signing this RFP/ITB where indicated, the proposer agrees to strictly abide by all local, state and federal statutes and regulations. The proposer further certifies that this proposer is made without collusion or fraud.
- o. Error in Proposal. In case of error in the extension of prices in the proposal, the unit price will govern. Late submissions will NOT be opened or considered. Proposers are cautioned to verify their proposals before submission, as amendments received after the RFP/ITB deadline will not be considered. No proposals shall be altered, amended or withdrawn after opening. After proposal opening, a proposer may withdraw a proposal only when there is obvious clerical error such as a misplaced decimal point, or when enforcement of the proposal would impose unconscionable hardship due to an error in the proposal resulting in a quotation substantially below the other proposals received. Proposal withdrawals will be considered only upon written request of the proposer.
- 2. **OPEN RECORDS.** In order to comply with the provisions of the Tennessee Open Records Act, all proposals will be publicly opened and are subject to public inspection after the award upon written request. Proposers may be present at RFP/ITB opening. Summary information will be posted the SCS website, www.sumnerschools.org under the Invitation to Bid link.

- 3. ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD. SCS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in proposals and, unless otherwise specified by the proposer to accept any item in the proposal. Action to reject all proposals shall be taken for unreasonably high prices, errors in the proposal documents, cessation of need, unavailability of funds, or any other reason approved by SCS.
 - a. Contracts and purchases will be made with the lowest, responsive, responsible, qualified proposer. The quality of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the Institution, cash discount offered, and the delivery terms will be taken into consideration.
 - b. Any deviation from these stated terms, specifications and conditions must be coordinated with and approved in writing by the Purchasing Supervisor.
 - c. Prices quoted on the response (if any) are to be considered firm and binding until the said equipment, supplies or services are in the possession of SCS.
 - d. SCS reserves the right to order more or less than the quantity listed in the proposal.
 - e. If a proposer fails to state a time within which a proposal must be accepted, it is understood and agreed that SCS shall have ninety (90) days to accept.
 - f. No purchase or contract is authorized or valid until the issuance of a SCS purchase order in accordance with SCS policy. No SCS employee is authorized to purchase equipment, supplies or services prior to the issuance of such a purchase order.
 - g. The contract may not be assigned without written SCS consent.
 - h. If the appropriate space is marked on the RFP/ITB, other Institutions (such as State, Local and/or Public Agencies) may purchase off the contract during the same period as SCS.
 - i. The awarded proposer will be required to post a performance and payment bond in the amount of 25% of the contract price if it exceeds \$100,000 as stated by T.C.A. §12-4-201.
 - j. If the project cost is in excess of \$25,000 a performance bond must be secured by the requesting part in an amount equal to the market improvement value.
 - k. By submission of this bid and signature thereof, the Bidder acknowledges compliance with the provisions of Public Chapter No. 587 / Senate Bill No. 2048 (Employee Background Check). The Bidder further agrees to submit a formal certification thereof prior to commencing work.
- **PAYMENT.** Payment terms must be specified in the proposal, including any discounts for early payment. Partial payments will not be approved unless justification for such payment can be shown. Terms will be NET 30 days. Payment will not be made until the conditions and specifications of the RFP/ITB are inspected and approved as conforming by persons appointed by SCS.
- 5. **DEFAULT OF SELECTED VENDOR.** In case of vendor default, SCS may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting vendor responsible for any resulting cost. If the awarded vendor violates any terms of their response, the contract, SCS policy or any law, they may be disqualified from proposing for a period of two years for minor violations or longer for major violations. Proposals from disqualified proposers will not be accepted during the period of disqualification.
- **6. INSPECTION OF PURCHASES.** Articles received which are not equivalent will not be accepted and will be picked up by the vendor or returned to vendor, shipping charges collect. SCS shall have a reasonable period in which to inspect and accept or reject materials without liability. If necessity requires SCS to use nonconforming materials, an appropriate reduction in payment may be made.
- **7. TAXES.** SCS is tax exempt; do not include taxes in quotation. Vendors making improvements or additions to or performing repair work on real property for SCS are liable for any applicable sales or use tax on tangible personal property used in connection with the contract or furnished to vendors by the state for use under the contract.
- 8. NONDISCRIMINATION. SCS is an equal opportunity employer. SCS and bidder agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11,246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the related regulations to each. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual including, but not limited to employees or applicants for employment and/or students, because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status or national origin. In the event that any claims should arise with regards to violations of any such local, state or federal law, statues, rule or regulations, the vendor will indemnify and hold SCS harmless for any damages, including court costs or attorney fees, which might be incurred.
- 9. PROHIBITIONS/NO VENDOR CONTRACT FORM. Acceptance of gifts from vendors is prohibited. T.C.A. §12-4-106. The contract documents for purchase under this RFP/ITB shall consist of the successful proposer's bid and SCSs purchase order. The proposer may request exceptions to terms and conditions and/or request SCS to accept other terms and conditions by means of subsequent documents such as invoices, warranty agreements, license agreements, etc. All subsequent documents shall be open to revision for impermissible language. SCS reserves the right to render the proposal unresponsive and subject the proposal to rejection if successful terms cannot be negotiated.

- 10. PROHIBITION ON HIRING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. Tennessee Public Chapter No. 878 of 2006, T.C.A. §12-3-309, requires that Contractor attest in writing that Contractor will not knowingly utilize the services of illegal immigrants in the performance of this Contract and will not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor, if permitted under this Contract, who will utilize the services of illegal immigrants in the performance of this Contract. The attestation shall be made on the form, Attestation re Personnel Used in Contract Performance ("the Attestation"), which is attached and hereby incorporated by this reference.
- **11. SALES AND USE TAX.** Before the Purchase Order/Contract resulting from this RFP/ITB is signed, the apparent successful proposer must be registered with the Department of Revenue for the collection of Tennessee sales and use tax as required by T.C.A. §12-3-306.
- 12. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the vendor nor SCS may assign this agreement without prior written consent of the other party.
- **13. LIABILITIES.** The vendor shall indemnify SCS against liability for any suits, actions or claims of any character arising from or relating to the performance under this agreement by the vendor or its subcontractors. SCS has no obligation for the payment of any judgement or the settlement of any claim made against the vendor or its subcontractors as a result of obligations under this contract.
- 14. APPLICABLE LAW. Any contract shall be interpreted under the laws and statutes of the State of Tennessee. SCS does not enter into contracts which provide for mediation or arbitration. Any action arising from any contract made from this RFP/ITB shall be brought in the state courts in Sumner County, TN or in the United States Federal District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.
 - Additionally, it is a violation of state statutes to purchase materials, supplies, services or any other item from a vendor that is a commissioner, official, employee or board member that has any financial or beneficial interest in such transaction, T.C.A. §12-4-101.
- 15. FUNDS. The Proposer understands and accepts the non-appropriation of funds provision of SCS.
- 16. DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY. Personal Information (PI) includes but is not limited to that information protected by HIPAA, the HITECH Act, FERPA, or Gramm-Leach-Billey) or such information which would allow a third party to gain access to the personal, medical or financial records of any of any party. Vendor represents and warrants that its collection, access, use, storage, disposal and disclosure of PI complies with all applicable federal and state privacy and data protection laws. Vendor represents and warrants that Vendor will maintain compliance with the SSAE 16 standard, and shall undertake any audits and risk assessments Vendor deems necessary to maintain compliance with SSAE16. If PI provided by SCS to Vendor is subject to FERPA. Vendor agrees that in its handling of FERPA data it will perform as a school official as that term is defined by FERPA regulations. Vendor acknowledges that its improper disclosure or redisclosure of PI covered by FERPA may, under certain circumstances, result in Vendor's exclusion from eligibility to contract with SCS for at least five (5) years. Vendor shall provide SCS with the name and contact information for an employee of Vendor who shall serve as SCS's primary security contact and shall be available to assist Customer twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week as a contact in resolving obligations associated with any security incident in which it is reasonably suspected that there has been a breach of information security. Vendor shall immediately mitigate or resolve any Security Incident, at Vendor's expense and in accordance with applicable privacy rights, laws, regulations and standards. Vendor shall reimburse SCS for actual costs incurred by SCS in responding to, and mitigating damages caused by, any Security Incident, including all costs of notice and/or remediation incurred under applicable law as a result of the Security Incident.
- 17. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT. By submission of this proposal, each proposer and each person signing on behalf of any proposer certified, and in the case of a joint proposal, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each proposer is not on the list created pursuant to T.C.A. §12-12-106.
- **18. COMPLIANCE WITH CONDUCT STANDARDS**. Contractors shall be fully responsible for the conduct of its employees, subcontractors, representatives and agents. Loud or offensive music, language or behavior is unacceptable. Tobacco use of any type and vaping is prohibited on SCS property. Contact or interaction with staff or students is not allowed excepted between designated representatives of SCS and Contractor.

ATTACHMENT 6.11 – Vendor Checklist

Vendor Checklist for Prevention of Common RFP Mistakes that lead to Proposal Rejection

1.	Submission of Proposal					
	 On-Time Submittal Deadline is listed in Section 4 – Schedule of Events Late Proposals will be IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED 					
	A Proposer may not submit alternate proposals unless requested.					
	Tax not included in cost proposal.					
	 Clearly marked outside of envelope/package. RFP Number and "DO NOT OPEN" Vendor Name, License Number, Expiration Date & License Classification (if applicable) Other License data as required in Section 5.6 – Proposal Package 					
	No erasures on proposal documents.					
	<u>Correct Format</u> :					
	One (1) Complete Original (Section 5.6 & Attachment 6.2)					
	One (1) Electronic format copy - CD/USB Drive (Section 5.6)					
	Original Signature on Original Proposal. NO copied or digital signatures (Section 5.6 & Attachment 6.2)					
2.	Required Forms					
	Evidence of Business License (Section 5.1)					
	Completed "Contact Information" form (Attachment 6.1)					
	Signed and dated "Bid Form/Certification" form (Attachment 6.2)					
	Complete "Reference" form (Attachment 6.3)					
	 Must meet the criteria established in Section 5.8 – Evaluation of Proposals. 					
	Signed and dated "Certification Regarding Debarment or Suspension" form (Attachment 6.4)					
	Signed and dated "Condition of Submitting Proposal" form (Attachment 6.5)					
	Signed and dated "Statement of Non-Collusion" form (Attachment 6.6)					
	Signed and dated "Attestation Re Personnel" form (Attachment 6.7)					
	Signed, dated and notarized "Drug Free Workplace Affidavit" form (Attachment 6.8)					
	Signed and dated "IRS Form W-9" form (Attachment 6.9)					

^{*}This checklist does not represent a complete list of, or replacement for, the mandatory requirements listed in the RFP. This checklist is ONLY A TOOL meant to assist in the prevention of disqualification.

^{**}Notations on proposals that materials submitted be kept confidential will not be honored. All proposal documents and contracts become public record.