



Guilford
County Schools

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #5692
CUSTODIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
for
Simkins Elementary School and
Allen Jay Middle Preparatory Academy**

Guilford County Schools (GCS) seeks proposals from qualified responsible vendors to provide custodial services for two new schools in the district:

- Simkins Elementary, 3511 E. Lee Street, Greensboro, NC
- Allen Jay Middle Preparatory Academy, (Allen Jay Middle) 1201 E. Fairfield Road, High Point, NC.

This solicitation replaces previous RFP 5685. Please refer to the new proposal for changes in the specifications.

Sealed proposals will be received by the District until **2:00pm, Tuesday, July 15, 2014, in the Purchasing Office, 501 W. Washington St., Greensboro, NC 27401, Rm 213.** There will not be a public opening. Late proposals will not be accepted.

Copies of the Form of Proposal and Specifications may be obtained by logging on to our website, at www.gcsnc.com, District, Departments, Purchasing, Bid Solicitations, proposal # 5692.

There will be a **MANDATORY** pre-proposal conference for interested providers at 10:00am on **Tuesday, July 1, 2014**, at the GCS Administration Building, 501 W. Washington Street, Room 100, Greensboro, NC. At the conclusion of the Pre-Proposal conference, there will be a 90 minute break for potential vendors to obtain lunch. Mandatory Walk-throughs of the facilities will begin 90 minutes from the conclusion of the Pre-Proposal conference. Interested vendors should report to Simkins Elementary first, and the group will then proceed to Allen Jay Middle.

Questions should be directed in writing, VIA E-MAIL, to Don Reid in the GCS Purchasing Department, at reidd@gcsnc.com. **Questions must be received no later than 2:00 pm, Thursday, July 3, 2014**, and will be answered in the form of an **Addendum posted to the website**, at the discretion of GCS.

Please submit one original and eight (8) hard copies of your proposal(s), and one electronic version in PDF format readable on Microsoft Operating Systems. The Original Proposal must be marked **“Original,”** and the copies must include all documents present in the Original. Proposals may not be submitted via fax or e-mail. GCS will retain, and is under no obligation to return, all materials submitted in response to this RFP. Please make specific reference in the response and in any accompanying cover letter or document to any legitimately and appropriately confidential or proprietary materials contained in the response and mark the material accordingly.

There are no performance bond requirements for this solicitation.

All qualified proposals will be evaluated and acceptance made of the proposal(s) judged by the Guilford County Board of Education to constitute the best value offered for the purpose intended. Evaluation will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the bidder's qualifications, experience, past performance, financial standing and price. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days from date of receipt.

Guilford County Schools Board of Education promotes full and equal access to business opportunities with Guilford County Schools. Minority and women owned businesses, as well as other responsible vendors shall have a fair and reasonable opportunity to participate in GCS business opportunities.

Prime suppliers (i.e., those who deal directly with GCS) should support GCS MWBE Program by making an effort to engage minority and women owned businesses as subcontractors for goods and services to the extent available. GCS has a goal of 10% participation for goods and services. The proposal should address efforts to meet the goal. If there are additional questions, please contact Tammie Hall, at 336-335-3297 or email hallt6@gcsnc.com.

The Guilford County Board of Education awards public contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicapped condition as defined by North Carolina General Statutes, Section 168A-3. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals presented and to waive any informalities and irregularities.

Donald Reid
Purchasing Officer