

Office of Purchasing 10910 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, Maryland 21042-6198 (410) 313-6724, fax (410) 313-6789

August 22, 2014

To All Interested Contractors:

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) invites your submittals to provide a High-Speed/High Volume Multi-Functional Devices (MFDs) contract. Pricing to include delivery, set-up, onsite training and maintenance/services to the Print Services office of the Howard County Public School System as specified in Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 010.15.B2. Submittals shall be accepted at the Howard County Department of Education, Purchasing Office, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042, until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014.

Late submittals will not be considered. It is the responsibility of each offeror to ensure that its submittal is delivered to the proper place prior to the scheduled closing date and time.

Copies of the Request for Proposal may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Office at the address above or by calling (41) 313-6724. Copies of the RFP may also be obtained from the HCPSS website, http://www.hcpss.org/about-us/purchasing/current-bids/. Organizations obtaining the RFP from the website are encouraged to review that website frequently to learn of any changes that may be made in the RFP.

A pre-submission conference will be held **August 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Department of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Howard County Public School System staff will explain the scope of work and answer questions that will assist in the preparation of submittals. Attendance is not mandatory; however, it is strongly encouraged. In order to assure adequate space, Offerors interested in attending the pre-submission conference should advise the Purchasing Office of the number of persons who will represent their firm no less than 48 hours prior to the conference.

The Howard County Public School System reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any or all submittals.

Sincerely,

CeCe Clement

CeCe Clement, CPPO, CPPB Purchasing Manager

Addendum 1 – Bid 010.15.B2 – High-Volume MFDs

Tentative Timeline -

Post Bid for Public August 22, 10:00 am

Pre-Bid Meeting August 29, 10:00 am

Responses are due September 12

Review responses September 12 - 18

Inform 2 vendors of testing September 19

All vendors are informed of this timeline so all should keep the 23rd and 24th available for testing at their showroom since we are on a tight timeline.

Testing for 2 Units September 23 and 24

HCPSS closed September 25

Testing Complete and Decision Made September 26

Letter of Intent to the Awarded Bidder October 2

Report for Board of Ed due October 2

Board of Education Meeting October 9

Inform Bidder of Award October 10

Implementation Plan Due October 17

Install new copiers October 29,30

Installation Complete October 31