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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (Aldine ISD) is accepting Requests for Proposals (hereafter referred to as RFP or proposal) for Cybersecurity Pilot Program until September 1st, 2025 at 4:00PM upon which bids will be opened and reviewed via the Aldine ISD eBid System.

Method of Delivery

Bids must be completed in the Aldine ISD eBid System. <https://ebidsaldine.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>

PROPOSAL:	FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program
PROPOSAL#:	RFP# TS 2526-8
COMPANY NAME:	_____
DO NOT OPEN UNTIL:	<u>September 1, 2025 at 4:00 pm</u>

Disqualified Proposals

Proposals received later than the specified time will be disqualified and returned. Faxed or emailed proposals do not meet the proposal requirement and will also be disqualified.

Proposals received incomplete or with missing documents will be disqualified.

Bid Tabulations

After the bid is awarded, a tabulation summary will be posted to the district's website, under "Departments", "Business and Finance", "Purchasing Department".

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1piL9SEqD7ebG6uLOLeFxaH_F1-XSWSeD

Addenda/Questions

Responding participants will received any addendum that may occur prior to the bid due date via the eBid system.

Questions regarding the bid are to be submitted in writing to bids@aldineisd.org.

Withdrawing / Retracting Bids

Proposals may be withdrawn or retracted for any reason prior to the submission deadline indicated above.

Due Date / Deadline Extensions

The District, at its discretion, reserves the right to re-advertise and extend the due date and time; any extensions will be indicated on the form of an **addendum**.

Aldine ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any/or all bids or to make awards as they appear to be advantageous to the district and to waive any and all informalities.

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1.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

1.0 Solution Capability Expectations: Aldine ISD FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Projects

Aldine ISD is pursuing three integrated cybersecurity projects through the FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program. Each project will address a critical component of the district's security posture: endpoint detection and response, cloud application protection, and DNS-layer security. Vendors must clearly align their offerings with the expectations outlined below for the project they are bidding on.

1.1 Project 1: Endpoint Detection, Response, and Managed Detection & Response (MDR)

Preferred Manufacturer: CrowdStrike

Aldine ISD is seeking a fully managed, 24x7 endpoint protection and response solution for approximately 16,500 endpoints across the district. The solution must be cloud-native, scalable, and capable of delivering real-time telemetry, behavioral protection, threat hunting, and SIEM integration.

Project Description:

Aldine ISD seeks to procure a cloud-native endpoint detection and response platform with integrated Managed Detection and Response (MDR), Next Generation SIEM, and Exposure Management. The preferred solution is CrowdStrike Falcon Complete, which provides unified protection, visibility, and remediation capabilities across 16,500 endpoints.

Project 1 – Bill of Materials (BOM) Table

Line	Product Name	SKU	Description	Qty
1.1	Falcon Complete MDR Bundle	FC.CS.SOLN.FLEX	Fully managed 24x7 Falcon Complete MDR service including multiple protection modules.	16,500
1.2	└ Falcon Insight	CS.INSIGHTB.SOLN	Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR) with real-time and historical telemetry.	Included
1.3	└ Falcon Prevent	CS.PREVENTB.SOLN	Next-Gen AV with behavioral-based protection.	Included
1.4	└ Falcon Discover	CS.DISCB.SOLN	Asset inventory, application usage, and account monitoring.	Included
1.5	└ Falcon OverWatch	CS.OWB.SVC	24x7 threat hunting from CrowdStrike's security operations team.	Included
1.6	└ Threat Graph Standard	CS.TG.STD	Visual correlation of detections and threat indicators.	Included

Line	Product Name	SKU	Description	Qty
1.7	↳ Falcon Complete Subscription	CS.FALCOMPS.SVC	Managed service layer that provides full remediation and response.	Included
1.8	↳ Complimentary Falcon Complete CID	CS.FALCOMPONBC.SOLN	CrowdStrike ID and setup as part of Falcon Complete service.	Included
1.8	(OPTIONAL) Next Gen SIEM Integration Bundle	CS.NGSIEMG.SOLN	CrowdStrike Next Gen SIEM integration with log forwarding. (NG-SIEM is not required, it is optional)	16,500
1.9	(OPTIONAL) ↳ Next Gen SIEM 90-Day Data Retention	CS.NGSIEM90D.SOLN	90-day log retention in the SIEM for compliance and investigation. (NG-SIEM is not required, it is optional)	16,500
1.10	↳ Falcon Sensor Relay	CS.FSR.180.SOLN	Enables endpoint data relay for limited-bandwidth or internal segment environments.	16,500
1.11	↳ Host Entitlement – Estimate	RR.HOS.ENT.ESTL	General entitlement SKU used for estimating licensing on 16,500 endpoints.	16,500
1.12	(OPTIONAL) Falcon Exposure Management	CS.EXPOMANUP.SOLN	Provides visibility into external asset exposure, vulnerability posture, and attack surface management. (Exposure management is not required, it is optional)	16,500

The preferred solution is CrowdStrike Falcon Complete, or equivalent, with full MDR services, EDR, next-gen AV, asset visibility, and integrated SIEM log forwarding. The solution must include:

- Cloud-native agent-based architecture with no on-prem hardware required
- Fully managed 24x7x365 security operations (SOC) with response/remediation included
- MITRE ATT&CK mapping and coverage
- Historical data retention (90 days or more) and log streaming capabilities
- Exposure management for external threat visibility
- API access for SIEM or third-party integrations

Required SKUs and Quantities:

As outlined in the Bill of Materials above, totaling 16,500 licenses across all product components.

Equivalency Requirements:

Proposed alternatives must meet or exceed the following to be considered:

- Full MDR with integrated response
- Native EDR telemetry and alerting

- SOC-backed threat hunting
- Endpoint + exposure management from a single platform
- API access, SIEM integration, and 90-day log retention
- Solution must include a breach warranty and incident coverage of at least 1 million dollars annually, covering remediation costs due to failure of the endpoint protection platform. Documentation of coverage must be included.
- Solution must include live containment, quarantine, and incident remediation actions performed by a 24x7 Security Operations Center, as part of the standard managed service and not reliant on customer staff or delayed ticketing.

Preference:

Aldine ISD prefers proposals based on the CrowdStrike Falcon Complete stack. Solutions from other manufacturers will be considered only if all minimum technical and operational requirements are met and documented in the proposal response.

Project 1A – Optional Sub-Project: Endpoint Sensor Onboarding and Linux Deployment Support

Project Type: Optional Professional Services

Related to: Project 1 – Endpoint Detection, Response, and Managed Detection & Response (MDR)

Scope: Onboarding, Configuration, and Sensor Deployment Support

Objective:

Aldine ISD seeks professional onboarding and deployment assistance to ensure successful implementation of the CrowdStrike Falcon sensor across all supported platforms. This optional sub-project invites proposers to include a comprehensive service bid for assisting with sensor installation, configuration, and validation.

Expected Deployment Environment:

- **Windows Endpoints:** Sensor deployment will primarily be performed using Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM) and or Intune (MS Cloud). Bidders may be asked to validate installation status or assist with deployment strategy optimization.
- **macOS Endpoints:** Sensor deployment is expected to occur via Jamf Pro. Basic guidance or validation support may be requested.
- **Linux Servers (~100 units):** These are diverse in version and distribution (e.g., RHEL, CentOS, Ubuntu, Debian). Falcon sensors for Linux require variant-specific installation procedures. The District anticipates needing advanced support for proper sensor installation and configuration on these servers.

Linux Deployment Requirements:

Vendors are requested to include professional service hours and cost estimates for support personnel qualified in Linux administration (e.g., Red Hat Certified Engineer, CompTIA Linux+, LPIC). The scope should include:

- Review of Aldine ISD's existing Linux server inventory and OS types
- Guidance on selecting the correct Falcon sensor packages per Linux distribution
- Assistance in deploying the sensor, including elevated permission setup, install scripts, and service enablement
- Validation that sensors are reporting to the CrowdStrike Falcon Console and that endpoint telemetry is active
- Troubleshooting connectivity, configuration, or compatibility issues
- Optional on-site support for systems that cannot be accessed remotely due to security or operational constraints

Deliverables:

1. Written implementation plan including estimated hours for Windows, Mac, and Linux support
2. Confirmation of Falcon sensor deployment success for each major platform
3. Documentation or summary report showing Linux endpoints have been validated as active and reporting

4. Support summary, lessons learned, and next-step recommendations (if applicable)

Proposal Instructions:

- This sub-project is **optional** but **highly encouraged**.
- Vendors should include a **line-item estimate of hours and total cost** based on expected effort. This should be listed out separately.
- On-site travel cost, if applicable, must be quoted separately and clearly labeled.
- The District reserves the right to accept or decline these services at contract execution.

Project 1B – Optional Sub-Project: Next-Gen SIEM Onboarding, Configuration, and Tuning

Project Type: Optional Professional Services

Related to: Project 1 – Endpoint Detection, Response, and Managed Detection & Response (MDR)

Scope: Falcon NG SIEM Configuration, Data Onboarding, Dashboard and Alert Tuning

Objective:

Aldine ISD is requesting optional proposals for professional services to assist in configuring, tuning, and validating the deployment of the **CrowdStrike Next-Generation SIEM (Falcon NG SIEM)** solution. This includes ensuring data sources are properly ingested, log collectors are configured, alerts and dashboards are set up, and the platform is optimized for internal monitoring and FCC compliance reporting.

SIEM Environment Overview:

- The district has an existing Falcon NG SIEM instance provisioned under its CrowdStrike Customer ID.
- **Planned log ingestion volume** is up to 100 GB/day, with headroom to scale.
- No use of Cribl, Beats, or Logstash is anticipated.
- All ingestion and correlation will be performed using native Falcon NG SIEM capabilities and/or supported API-based connectors.

Targeted Log Sources for Onboarding:

The vendor is expected to assist in onboarding and validating the following data sources, prioritized as listed:

1. **Palo Alto Networks Firewall Logs**
2. **Cisco Umbrella DNS or equivalent**
3. **Microsoft Active Directory Domain Controllers**
4. **Endpoints (Windows, Mac, Linux) running CrowdStrike Falcon Sensor**
5. **Abnormal AI Email Security Logs and Alerts**
6. **Additional mission-critical services as identified by Aldine ISD**

Required Tasks and Deliverables:

1. **Initial Discovery and Assessment**
 - Review current configuration and ingestion settings
 - Confirm architecture and connector readiness
2. **Log Collector Setup and Tuning**
 - Configure syslog, file ingest, or event log collectors as needed
 - Validate ingestion rates and retention compliance
3. **Data Source Onboarding**
 - Assist in authenticating and onboarding all prioritized log sources
 - Ensure event normalization and parsing
4. **Content Development**
 - Create correlation rules and alerts for critical incidents
 - Build dashboards for internal InfoSec and district-level reporting

- Support searches and lookups that map to regulatory needs (e.g., FCC)
- 5. **Validation and Reporting**
 - Provide a deployment summary and validation checklist
 - Identify gaps, missed sources, or data flow issues

Proposal Instructions:

- This sub-project is **optional**, but vendors are **strongly encouraged** to include bids if they possess SIEM engineering expertise.
- Vendors must itemize hours, rates, and total expected costs.
- Proposals must include resumes or certifications of proposed personnel who demonstrate prior experience with Falcon NG SIEM or equivalent cloud-native SIEM platforms.
- Work may be performed remotely or on-site, depending on need, with travel costs quoted separately.

1.2 Project 2: Cloud Application Security, DLP, and Student Safety Monitoring

Preferred Manufacturer: ManagedMethods

Project Description:

Aldine ISD is seeking a cloud-native platform to monitor, secure, and enforce data protection policies across both **Google Workspace for Education** and **Microsoft 365** environments. The preferred solution is **ManagedMethods Cloud Monitor**, which delivers continuous monitoring, threat detection, data loss prevention (DLP), and compliance reporting, purpose-built for K–12 education.

Project 2 – Bill of Materials (BOM) Table

Line	Product Name	SKU	Description	Qty
1.1	Cloud Monitor – Staff (GW + M365)	MM-CM-Staff-GWMS	Full-featured cloud security monitoring for staff accounts across Google Workspace and Microsoft 365.	6,120
1.2	Advanced Malware Detection – Staff	MM-ADV-MAL-12	Add-on malware and ransomware detection for staff accounts.	6,120
1.3	Cloud Monitor – Students (GW + M365)	MM-CM-STU-GWMS	Cloud security, student safety, and DLP for student accounts in both cloud platforms.	56,000

Note: All support, training, onboarding, and implementation services are included for the life of the subscription. No additional fees will be incurred.

Scope of Work (Project 2)

Project 2: Cloud Security, Monitoring, and Compliance for Google & Microsoft 365

Preferred Manufacturer: ManagedMethods

Aldine ISD is issuing this Request for Proposal for a unified cloud security solution capable of protecting both **Google Workspace for Education** and **Microsoft 365** platforms. The District requires a solution that supports more than 62,000 accounts (students and staff), ensuring data security, policy enforcement, and regulatory compliance.

The preferred solution is **ManagedMethods Cloud Monitor**, or equivalent, with integrated threat detection, DLP, account access monitoring, and K–12-specific student safety features.

Key Requirements

The solution must meet or exceed the following functional criteria:

- **Multi-Platform API Integration:** Seamless agentless integration with both Google Workspace and Microsoft 365 via API; no proxies or endpoint agents.
- **Advanced Threat Detection:** Identify malware, phishing, ransomware, suspicious login behavior, and risky third-party apps using AI-driven analysis (including Chain-of-Thought phishing detection).
- **Real-Time Monitoring:** Continuous oversight of email, file sharing, chat, calendar events, and collaboration tools in both cloud platforms.
- **Data Loss Prevention (DLP):** Scanning and control of PII, financial (PCI), and health (HIPAA) data across files, messages, and attachments.
- **Access & Permission Control:** Visibility into user access rights, OAuth grants, and data-sharing risks.
- **K–12 Student Safety Monitoring:** Alerting on signs of cyberbullying, self-harm, threats of violence, or other concerning behavior based on AI keyword and context detection.
- **Compliance Automation & Reporting:** Support for CIPA, FERPA, COPPA, and local board data protection policies with automated compliance reports.

1.3 Project 3: DNS Layer Security – Cloud-Delivered Protection

Preferred Manufacturer: Cisco

Aldine ISD is requesting proposals for a DNS-layer security platform to provide protection at the network level from web-based threats. This project covers all **6,120 full-time staff accounts**, protecting internal and roaming users at the DNS resolution stage, before threats can access devices, cloud services, or infrastructure.

Project Description:

Aldine ISD is seeking a cloud-delivered, enterprise-grade DNS-layer security platform to protect against malware, phishing, and command-and-control callbacks before they reach endpoints or internal systems. The preferred solution is **Cisco Umbrella DNS Security**, or equivalent, licensed for all 6,120 staff members.

This service will act as the district's first line of defense and support roaming users, multiple campuses, and centralized policy enforcement across the district's hybrid and cloud environment.

Project 3 – Bill of Materials (BOM) Table

Line	Product Description		SKU	Details	Qty
1.0	Umbrella Cloud Security Subscription for Education Requested For: 36.00 Months	UMB-EDU-SUB		Bundle subscription for DNS-layer protection, reporting, and threat intelligence	1
1.1	Umbrella DNS Security for Education	UMB-EDU-K9		Cloud-delivered DNS-layer security for malware, phishing, and callback prevention	6,120
1.2	Umbrella Support – Gold Tier	UMB-SUPT-G		24x7x365 premium support, onboarding, and technical account manager coverage	1
1.3	Multi-Org Console Add-on	UMB-MULTI-ORG		Needed for a Multi-Org Environment	1
1.4	Cisco Support Enhanced for Umbrella	SVS-UMB-CL-SUP-E		Cisco Support Enhanced for Umbrella	1

Scope of Work (Project 3)

The district's preferred solution is Cisco Umbrella DNS Security, which provides real-time protection, detailed visibility, and policy enforcement across all users and locations.

Key Functional Requirements

To be considered, the solution must provide:

- **Cloud-Delivered DNS Security:** Filters all DNS requests for malicious domains and blocks threats at the first contact point (before they reach endpoints or cloud applications).
- **Multi-site & Roaming User Coverage:** Protection must extend across campus locations and off-network users without requiring VPN connections.
- **Policy Enforcement by User or Group:** Granular control over DNS requests based on identity, group, or organizational unit, integrated with Active Directory or identity provider.
- **Full Visibility & Logging:** Logs and retains DNS activity with real-time reporting and customizable alerts.
- **Threat Intelligence Integration:** Uses real-time threat intel to block known malicious domains, newly discovered attack infrastructure, and command-and-control callbacks.
- **Cloud-Managed Console:** Central management portal with customizable dashboards, automated alerting, and integration with SIEM/SOAR tools.
- **Premium Support Included:** 24x7x365 access to Cisco TAC, onboarding support, and access to a technical account manager (via Gold Support).

Aldine ISD – FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program RFP Clauses

1.7 Funding Source and Program Scope

This procurement is being conducted under the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Cybersecurity Pilot Program for Schools and Libraries, which provides up to three years of support for approved cybersecurity services and equipment. All goods and services proposed must comply with the scope and eligibility criteria established by the FCC and Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

1.8 Competitive Bidding Requirements

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is being published in compliance with federal and state procurement regulations. The RFP must remain open to all qualified vendors for a minimum period of 28 calendar days beginning on the RFP posting date. All manufacturer-specific items referenced must be followed by “or equivalent,” and proposed alternatives must demonstrate equivalent functionality, compliance, and interoperability with the District’s environment.

1.9 Cost Breakdown and Eligibility

Vendors must provide a detailed cost breakdown that clearly separates FCC Pilot-eligible services and equipment from any non-eligible items. This must include:

- 1.9.1 Individual line-item pricing for all components
- 1.9.2 A clear delineation between eligible and ineligible costs
- 1.9.3 Cost allocation methodology for any bundled services
- 1.9.4 Each proposal must clearly identify the percentage of the total cost that is eligible for FCC reimbursement under the Cybersecurity Pilot Program. Any ineligible items must be separately noted and explained

All eligible pricing must be quoted for a three-year term, prepaid if required by the manufacturer. The three-year term shall begin upon the District's issuance of a purchase order or execution of a signed agreement. Any services outside the scope of Pilot eligibility must be clearly identified.

1.10 Pricing and Evaluation Criteria

Price of eligible equipment and services will be the primary factor in the evaluation of proposals, in accordance with FCC rules. However, Aldine ISD reserves the right to evaluate additional factors that reflect the best value for the District, including but not limited to:

- 1.10.1 Technical compliance with project requirements
- 1.10.2 Integration capabilities with existing systems
- 1.10.3 Experience with K–12 school districts of similar size and complexity
- 1.10.4 Warranty, support, and service level agreements (SLAs)
- 1.10.5 Total cost of ownership and implementation of project

1.11 Vendor Qualifications and References

Vendors must demonstrate prior experience delivering cybersecurity services and equipment to public K–12 school districts of comparable size. All proposals must include:

- 1.11.1 At least three U.S. K–12 school district references
- 1.11.2 Description of similar deployments performed in the last three years
- 1.11.3 Financial and organizational capability to fulfill a multi-year contract

1.12 Certifications and Compliance

By submitting a proposal, vendors certify that:

- 1.12.1 All information provided is accurate and complete
- 1.12.2 Proposed equipment and services will be used for educational purposes
- 1.12.3 Vendor will comply with all applicable FCC rules, including 47 C.F.R. § 54.9 and § 54.10
- 1.12.4 All records related to this procurement and awarded contract will be retained for a minimum of ten (10) years and made available for inspection by Aldine ISD, FCC, or USAC upon request
- 1.12.5 All awarded contracts are subject to audit by Aldine ISD, FCC, or USAC
- 1.12.6 No duplicate funding sources will be applied to services or equipment listed in this procurement

1.13 Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Billing Option

Vendors must indicate whether they are capable of using the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) method of reimbursement, in which the vendor bills USAC directly for the discounted portion of the cost and Aldine ISD pays only the non-discounted share.

1.14 Not-to-Exceed Budget Requirements

Vendors must propose solutions that do not exceed the FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program cost thresholds. Aldine ISD anticipates total costs of all awarded projects to remain within the FCC's allowable per-student cap, and no proposal shall exceed the scope or scale of Aldine ISD's Preliminary Pilot Program Pre-Discount Commitment Amount: \$2,345,551.00.

1.15 Training and Support

Proposals must include onboarding, training, and support services as part of the base cost. This includes access to documentation, administrator training sessions, and ongoing technical support throughout the subscription term.

1.16 Contingency and Standardization Requirements

Aldine Independent School District (Aldine ISD) reserves the right to adjust quantities based on available FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program funding. All awarded projects are contingent upon funding approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Aldine ISD may elect to proceed with all, part, or none of the awarded solutions, regardless of funding approval. Final execution and implementation of any project is at the sole discretion of Aldine ISD.

1.16.1 Standardized Infrastructure Environment

Aldine ISD operates a modern hybrid environment. To ensure interoperability, performance, and ease of management, the District is standardized on the following platforms:

Network Infrastructure and Access Control:

- Extreme Networks wired and wireless switching and access points
- Extreme Networks NAC (Network Access Control)

Cloud and Identity Platforms:

- Google Workspace for Education (including Gmail, Drive, Classroom, and Admin Console)
- Microsoft Active Directory (on-premises and Azure AD sync)
- Microsoft Intune and SCCM for device management
- Microsoft 365 productivity and collaboration applications

Other Infrastructure:

- Palo Alto Networks firewalls for perimeter and internal segmentation
- CrowdStrike Falcon sensor agents deployed on Windows, macOS, and Linux endpoints
- Google Workspace security tooling, including third-party cloud security integrations

2.0 SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FCC CYBERSECURITY PILOT PROGRAM RFP# TS 2526-8

Performance and Payment Bond Requirements

A performance and payment bond **is** or **is not** required for this bid.

Last Day for Questions

August 12, 2025

Final Addendum Posted

August 19th, 2025

Contract Terms

The contract will exist from the award date until completion of the project.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation Criteria	Notes	100 Maximum Points
1. Purchase Price		35
2. Reputation of vendor and vendor's goods and services.		10
3. Quality of the Vendor's good or services		10
4. Extent to which the goods or services meet the District's needs		25
5. Vendor's past relationship with the District		15
6. HUB Vendor		0
7. Long-Term Costs		0
8. a.) Vendor's principal place of business in state		0
b.) Vendor or parent company employs at least 500 persons in this state		0
9.) Other Factor Completeness of submission		5

3.0 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1.0 APPLICABILITY

These conditions are applicable and form a part of the contract documents in each equipment and/or service contract and a part of the terms of each purchase order for items of equipment and/or service included in the specifications and bid forms issued herewith.

3.2.0 SPECIFICATIONS may be those developed by the requestor or by the manufacturer to represent items of regularly manufactured products.

3.3.0 QUESTIONS concerning this bid package shall be addressed to bids@aldineisd.org

3.4.0 BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON ALDINE ISD E-BID SYSTEM.

Bids must be submitted on Aldine ISD e-Bid system. Deviation to any conditions and/or specifications shall be conspicuously noted in writing by the bidder and shall be submitted as an attachment via Aldine ISD e-Bid system.

3.5.0 ONLY SEALED BIDS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Faxed or emailed bids do not meet the sealed bid requirement and will be disqualified.

3.6.0 QUANTITIES AND AMOUNT OF SERVICES REQUIRED are estimated and will be ordered or contracted on an “as needed” basis. Aldine ISD makes no guarantee or commitment of services or quantities to be purchased; the district reserves the right to purchase additional quantities above the stated estimates at the same unit price unless otherwise specified by the bidder.

3.7.0 DELIVERIES required in this solicitation shall be freight prepaid; FOB destination and offered prices and discounts shall include all freight and delivery charges. For shipments designated on the purchase order to the Aldine ISD Central Warehouse, acceptable delivery hours are 8:00 am to 3:15 pm Central Standard Time. No deliveries will be accepted after 3:15 PM. This will clearly be indicated on the purchase order if required. Delivery hours for drop shipments to specific campuses will be noted. Delivery of purchases in good condition, in a reasonable timely manner will be the vendor’s responsibility. All goods are subject to inspection and return at the expense of the vendor if found to be inferior to those specified.

3.8.0 WARRANTY CONDITIONS for all supplies and/or equipment shall be considered manufacturer’s minimum standard warranty unless otherwise agreed to in writing. Bidder shall be an authorized dealer, distributor or manufacturer for the product. All equipment bid shall be new unless clearly stated in writing.

3.9.0 SAMPLES, when called for, shall be submitted with the bid per instructions set forth in The Special Terms and Conditions. Samples must be provided free of expense. If required, samples will be returned to bidder at bidder’s expense if reusable after evaluation.

3.9.1 ADDITIONAL SAMPLES needed for evaluation shall be delivered within (5) working days from the time the vendor is notified by the Purchasing Department or requesting department.

3.9.2 SAMPLE ITEMS may be retained for the purpose of evaluation of continual and comparable quality and workmanship of the delivered items.

3.10.0 THOSE WHO DO NOT BID are requested to notify Aldine ISD Purchasing Department by submitting the “**Notice of No Submission**” form.

3.11.0 EVALUATION OF BIDS

It is not the policy of Aldine ISD to purchase on the basis of low prices alone. In evaluating submissions, the following considerations will be taken into account to determine the best value for Aldine ISD. Education Code 44.031

1. The purchase price;
2. The reputation of the vendor and of the vendor’s goods or services;

3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services;
4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs;
5. The vendor's past relationship with the district;
6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses (HUB).
7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services;
8. For a contract for goods and services, other than goods and services related to telecommunications and information services, building construction and maintenance, or instructional materials, whether the vendor or the vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:
 - (A) has its principal place of business in this state; or
 - (B) employs at least 500 persons in this state; and
9. Other relevant factors specifically listed in any section of the request for bids or proposal

3.11.1 GEOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE As a general guideline, Aldine ISD will not apply a geographic reference for procurements involving federal funds See 2. C.F.R. 200.319. However, the District may apply an optional geographic preference in the procurement of unprocessed locally grown or locally raised agricultural products for use in a Child Nutrition Program. See 2 C.F.R. 210 National School Lunch Program), 215 (Special Milk Program for Children), 220 (School Breakfast Program), 225 (Summer Food Service Program), 226 (Child and Adult Care Food Program).

3.12.0 ETHICS AND DISCLOSURES

3.12.1 BIDDER SHALL DISCLOSE whether he/she or its firm has given, offered to give, intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift loan, gratuity, special discount, favor or service to a public servant in connection with the bid submitted. Bidder shall disclose whether any of the school district's board members or administrative executives has any business or familiar relationships with bidder or bidder's principal offices or employees.

3.12.2 BIDDER SHALL DISCLOSE any and all relationships that might be a conflict of interest and include such information with the bid.

3.12.3 BIDDER SHALL DISCLOSE whether the bid has been arrived at independently, and is submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would anyway limit competition or give them an unfair advantage over other bidders in the award of this bid.

3.12.4 BIDDER SHALL DISCLOSE GIFTS TO PUBLIC SERVANTS

Gifts may be construed to have been given to influence the purchasing process or purchase decisions. Texas law makes a gift (an item valued at \$100 or more, cash of any amount, or a negotiable instrument of any value) to a public employee a Class A misdemeanor if the employee is someone who exercises some influence in the purchasing process of the governmental body. (*Texas Penal Code*, 36.09[d] and [h]).

3.12.5 BIDDER SHALL DISCLOSE INTERESTED PARTIES

Texas [House Bill 1295](#), Government Code 2252 restricts Aldine ISD from entering into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties to Aldine ISD. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts that (1) require an action or vote by the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees before the contract may be signed; (2) has a value of at least \$1 million; or (3) is for services that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 305. If applicable, the business entity must submit a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The Form 1295 requirement does not apply to: (1) a contract with a publicly traded business entity or wholly owned subsidiary of the same; (2) an electric utility; or (3) a gas utility. The Texas Ethics Commission has adopted rules requiring the business entity to file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission.

3.13.0 FUNDING OUT CLAUSE

Any/all contracts exceeding one (1) year will require a standard funding out" clause. "A contract for

the acquisition, including lease, of real or personal property is a commitment of the district's current revenue only, provided the contract contains either or both of the following provisions:

- 3.14.0 ALL CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS** between merchants and Aldine ISD shall strictly adhere to the statutes as set forth in the Uniform Commercial Code as last amended in 1995 by the American Law Institute in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Reference: Uniform Commercial Code, Fourteenth Edition, 1995 Official Text.

3.14.1 FORMATION OF OFFER

A response to this solicitation is a competitive offer to contract with Aldine ISD based upon the terms, and conditions, scope of services, and specifications contained in this request.

- 3.14.1 Any additional agreements/contract templates to be signed by Aldine ISD shall be included with this bid offer in blank format; the District will decide whether to use its own Services Contract, the Awarded Vendor's contract or a hybrid version of both contracts.

- 3.14.2 Prices for all goods and/or services shall be negotiated to a firm amount for the duration of this contract or as agreed to in terms of time frame.

3.15.0 NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

A Notification of Award will be emailed to the vendor once the competitive offerings are approved by the appropriate authority. Unaccepted deviations indicated will require review and acceptance with the initiation of specific contracts for services. An award contract is fully executed when approved by the appropriate Aldine ISD authority.

- 3.15.1 MULTIPLE AWARDS** Aldine ISD reserves the right to award contracts to one vendor, multiple vendors or to make no awards.

3.15.2 CONTRACT EXPIRATION/RENEWALS

Contracts will expire on the date indicated on the recap. **Contracts do not automatically renew.** If the District extends a renewal offer, a Renewal Offer will be executed by Aldine ISD for a new term.

- 3.16.0 CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE** of specific products will be put into effect by means of an Aldine ISD purchase order(s) upon authorized request and approval.

- 3.16.1 CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES** will be put into effect for specific services by means of an Aldine ISD Contract for Services and a Purchase Order.

- 3.16.2 SIMILAR CONTRACTS** Resulting contracts from this solicitation will not supersede other Aldine ISD existing similar, specific or future contracts.

3.17.0 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Aldine ISD also reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately, with written notice to vendor, for convenience, if Aldine ISD believes, in its sole discretion that termination is in the best interest of Aldine ISD to do so. Vendor will be compensated for work performed and accepted and goods accepted by Aldine ISD as of the termination date if the contract is terminated for convenience of Aldine ISD. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and Aldine ISD reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in Aldine ISD's best interest.

It is understood that the district retains the option to terminate this agreement for any reason at the end of each contract year without pecuniary risk or penalty; or at any point during the contract term with evidence of just cause. The district agrees that it will provide written notice of termination no later than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the contract year or for just cause. The termination will become effective and this agreement shall terminate thirty - (30) thirty days following written notification of intent.

3.17.1 DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

The District will not contract with or award to any person or company who is debarred, suspended, having proceedings pending ineligibility with the US Government, System for Award Management. The District may rescind / terminate Federal, State, or local funded contracts and or purchases with persons, vendors or contractors who become debarred, suspended, excluded or ineligible during the contracted

period.

The vendor shall notify Aldine ISD immediately if / when the awarded individual, vendor, contractor is made aware of debarment, suspension, ineligibility or exclusion at bids@aldineisd.org, Subject: Debarment Status.

3.18.0 ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCONTRACTING: Bidder understands that the contract may not be assigned, encumbered, pledged, mortgaged, or transferred either in whole or in part without written consent of Aldine ISD.

3.18.1 NOVIATION If contractor sells or transfers all assets or the entire portion of the assets used to perform this contract, a successor in interest must guarantee to perform all obligations under this contract. Aldine ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any new party. A simple change of name agreement will not change the contractual obligations of contractor.

3.19.0 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OR TRADE SECRETS (Government Code, Article 252.049).

If any bid information is considered to be confidential or a trade secret belonging to the bidder and, if released would give advantage to a competitor or bidder, that information should be submitted with the bid as a separate document titled “CONFIDENTIAL – DO NOT DUPLICATE WITHOUT PERMISSION” or on the Deviation Form provided in the packet.

3.19.1 OPEN RECORDS Aldine ISD is a government entity subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552. Bids submitted to Aldine ISD may be subject to public information requests after contracts are executed or after completion of any purchases.

3.20.0 STUDENT DATA SHARING AGREEMENT All information owned, possessed or used by Aldine ISD that is communicated to, learned, developed or otherwise acquired by a contractor/provider in the performance of services for the District, that is not generally known to the public, will be confidential and covered by the Aldine ISD Data Privacy Agreement. All Contracts put into effect for purchases and services shall agree to the Aldine ISD Data Privacy Agreement. All Contracts put into effect for purchases and services shall agree to the Aldine ISD Data Privacy Agreement.
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3.21.0 VENDOR NON-PERFORMANCE

If at any time the contracted vendor fails to fulfill or abide by the terms and conditions or specifications of the contract, Aldine ISD reserves the right to:

- 1) **Purchase** on the open market and charge the vendor the difference between contract price and actual purchase price, or
- 2) **Deduct** such charges from existing invoice totals currently due, or
- 3) **Cancel** within thirty (30) days written notification of intent and remove the vendor from the active bid file for a period of time not less than one (1) year.
- 4) **Re-bid** the service/product
- 5) **Award** to next lower responsible bidder, if accepted by same
- 6) Aldine ISD reserves the right to reject any or all responses, to waive all technicalities, and to accept the responses determined to be the most favorable to the district.
- 7) Aldine ISD retains the right to utilize cooperative purchasing contracts that may offer a better value to the district

Any problems or discrepancies that are not covered by the above preventing or hindering performance should be addressed with Aldine ISD.

3.22.0 FREIGHT, DELIVERY AND PACKAGING

The entire contract shall be interpreted as F.O.B. destination with freight charges included in the purchase price (reference 3.7.0). Items shall be identified by school campuses if applicable. Aldine ISD's purchase orders must appear on all bill of ladings, packing slips and on the outside of the box/packaging. All orders shall be shipped within fifteen (15) days after receipt of order.

DELIVERY NOTIFICATION The Vendor must Notify Aldine ISD Purchasing Department Buyer if the product cannot be shipped within the specified period, allowing the opportunity to secure the

merchandise elsewhere.

3.23.0 GUARANTEES

Guarantees, warranty, and replacement information must be submitted with your bid. Bidders shall include a copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty with the submitted bid.

3.24.0 PRODUCT SUBSTITUTIONS:

Any catalog, brand name, or manufacturer's reference used in your bid must be descriptive – not restrictive. It is intended to indicate the type and quality desired. Bids on brands of like nature and quality will be considered. Aldine ISD reserves the right to decide which alternate bids are equal. Bids may be submitted on any or all items, unless stated otherwise. The owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to accept any bid deemed most advantageous to the Aldine ISD and to waive any informalities in bidding.

3.25.0 DEVIATIONS AND ALTERNATES:

If you are bidding other than the Aldine ISD referenced brand, you must write the alternate brand name in the Aldine ISD deviations section of the bid indicating the manufacturer, brand, model, etc. of article offered. If no other information is given, it is assumed the bid offer is as specified. However, Aldine ISD reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities, and approve the bid that best serves the District.

3.26.0 PRICING CHANGES:

All prices and discount percentages in Vendor's bid shall be firm for the term of the contract. Pricing may be negotiated during the Contract renewal period. Vendor agrees to promptly lower the proportionate price of any product purchased through this Contract following a reduction in the price the Vendor is paying suppliers. All price changes shall be presented to Aldine ISD for acceptance or rejection by Aldine ISD, in its sole discretion, using the same format as was accepted in Vendor's original bid; all price changes for products and/or services provided under this Contract must be approved, in writing, by Aldine ISD prior to taking effect.

The following documentation shall be provided to support a request for a price change:

- justification for change/increase
- terms and conditions
- market conditions
- manufacturers'/distributors' impact, if any

All price decreases shall be allowed for all products and/or services.

3.27.0 NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

An issued Purchase Order referencing a bid contract is a commitment of Aldine ISD's current revenue only. If funding for products or services under the Contract is withdrawn, Aldine ISD reserves the right to terminate a Bid Contract and/or the right to discontinue purchases in accordance with its funding out clause.

3.28.0 INVOICES/PAYMENTS:

3.28.1 Aldine ISD standard payment terms are net 30 days after receipt of invoice. Vendor may offer the District a cash discount for payment of an invoice(s) with stated discount terms. Vendor's invoices should be sent as a preferred method to the email address:

**apinvoicereceipts@aldineisd.org or by mail to Aldine ISD, Sonny Donaldson
Administration Bldg., Accounts Payable Department, 2520 W.W. Thorne Blvd.,
Houston, Texas 77073.**

3.28.2 Invoices will be date and time stamped upon receipt in the Accounts Payable Department, and the cash discount, when applicable, will be calculated from the "receipt date" stamped on the invoice. If a discount is offered in the bid, this discount will also apply to all other bids that the company has been previously awarded. Vendor's invoices must contain the appropriate Aldine ISD purchase order number on the face of the invoice. Each line item on the invoice should contain the corresponding line item number shown on the purchase order. Invoices submitted without the correct purchase order number shown may be returned to the Vendor for correction. Corrected invoices will be subject to the same payment provisions as original invoices.

- 3.28.3** Invoices should be provided to the District in a timely manner. Vendor is requested to invoice the District within 30 days of providing goods and/or services to the District.
- 3.28.4** In the event a Vendor presents the District with invoices, statements, reports, etc. that are incomplete, inaccurate or in need of substantial internal research, such action could result in delay of payment. The District will not be responsible for any interest charges and/or late fees as a result of delayed payment due to time delays caused by inadequate or incomplete information provided in invoices by Vendor.
- 3.28.5 DISPUTED PAYMENTS TO VENDORS (HB 1476)**
The District will notify vendor of any error or “dispute amount in a vendor invoice within 21 days of receipt with a detailed statement of the disputed amount.
- 3.29.0 VENDOR REQUIREMENTS**
Vendor must provide an e-mail address, and accept e-mail orders from authorized buyer having an official Aldine ISD purchase order number; orders may be e-mailed daily or as needed.
- 3.30.0 TAX EXEMPTION**
Aldine ISD is exempt from payment of taxes under Chapter 20, Title 122A, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, for the purpose of tangible personal property
- 3.31.0 VENUE**
This contract shall be enforceable in Harris County, Texas, and if legal action is necessary by either party with respect to the enforcement of any and all of its terms and conditions, exclusive venue for any legal action shall lie in Harris County, Texas.
- 3.32.0 PRE-LITIGATION MEDIATION**
Any claim, dispute or other matter in question arising out of or related to this agreement shall be subject to non-binding mediation as a condition precedent to the institution of legal or equitable proceedings by either party. The parties shall share the mediator's fees equally, and the mediation shall be held in Houston, Texas. Agreements reached in mediation must be approved by the board of trustees and shall thereafter be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Mediation shall be conducted by a mediator selected jointly by the district and contractor. Except for injunctive relief, neither party may commence litigation relating to any claim arising under this agreement without first submitting the claim to mediation. The parties specifically agree that: (i) neither the execution of this agreement by district nor any other conduct, action or inaction of any representative of district relating to this agreement constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of district’s immunity to suit; and (ii) district has not waived its right to seek redress in the courts.
- 3.33.0 INDEMNIFICATION**
- 3.33.1** Contractor will indemnify and hold harmless District and District's officers and employees from all claims, demands, causes of action, and judgments for taxes, license fees, excises, fines, and penalties; for supplies, services, or merchandise purchased by Contractor; for wages and fringe benefits of Contractor's employees; and for injury or death of any person or damage to property that result directly or indirectly from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Contractor or its officers, agents, or employees in the performance of this Agreement.
- 3.33.2** To the extent authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, District shall indemnify and hold Contractor harmless against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities and costs incurred by Contractor which directly result from, or arise in connection with, any negligent act or omission of District, its agents, or employees, acting within the scope of their employment
- 3.34.0 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE CENTRAL TEXAS PURCHASING ALLIANCE**
A. Membership. Aldine ISD is a member in good standing of the Central Texas Purchasing Alliance ([CTPA](http://CTPA.org) / txctpa.org), an alliance of over 40 school districts in Texas representing over a million students, sharing information, services and contractual opportunities. CTPA is an alliance created in

accordance with Section 791.001 of the Texas Government Code through interlocal agreements.

B. Adoption of Awarded Contracts. In support of this collaborative effort, all awards made by Aldine ISD may be adopted by other active CTPA member districts. By adopting a contract from another CTPA member district, the adopting district has met the competitive bidding requirements established by the Texas Education Code, Section 44.031(a)(4) and as required by the adopting district's policies. There is no obligation on either party to participate unless both parties agree. The goods and services provided under the contract will be at the same or better contract pricing and purchasing terms established by the originating district.

C. Adopted Contract Management. The adopting district shall be responsible for the management of the new contract and all payments to the contracted vendor. The originating district shall have no responsibilities under the new contract agreement.

3.35.0 PURCHASING COOPERATIVES Preference may sometimes be given to purchasing cooperatives, State contracts, or inter-local agreements where products and services can be purchased via pre-established competitive contracts or via competitive quotes received from various co-operative entities.

3.36.0 STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of Aldine ISD not to discriminate or engage in harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information, or any other legally protected status in its educational and vocational programs, services or activities or matters related to employment as required by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Age Discrimination in Employment Act; Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. This policy also prohibits retaliation against an individual who has made a good faith report of unlawful, discriminatory practices, opposed any unlawful, discriminatory practices or participated in an investigation of any complaint related to an unlawful, discriminatory practice. Inquiries regarding the Aldine ISD nondiscrimination policy in the following areas should be directed to:

- a. **Title IX & Title VI:** Chief Human Resources Officer, 2520 W.W. Thorne Blvd., Houston, TX 77073 281.985.6205
- b. **EEO & ADA (Employees and Public):** Chief Human Resources Officer , 2520 W.W. Thorne Blvd., Houston, TX 77073, 281.985.6205
- c. **Section 504 & ADA (Students):** Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services, 9999 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77038, 281.985.3794

3.37.0 PREVAILING WAGE RATES apply to Public Works Contracts and the District will determine and provide the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract and the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work. Do Not apply to Maintenance Contracts.

3.38.0 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS Consists of the replacement of a piece of equipment or component that are equal in grade, quality and capacity, without the addition of any new or upgraded components or appurtenances and will not amount to a "public work". Maintenance Contracts DO NOT include work to remodel, modify, upgrade, perform major repairs, or restore, even if the work is scheduled or periodic. Routine maintenance is not a public work.

3.39.0 BEST VALUE INCENTIVES Special Consideration may be given to Firms/Contractor who propose Best Value Incentives ("Incentives") at no additional cost to Aldine ISD. Incentives are considered to be services offered beyond the norm and not the standard level of service offered to most other clients of the firm/contractor. Examples of Incentives include, but are not limited to, free Continuing Education training, free consulting services, customized reporting, etc.

3.40.0 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS The awarded firm/contractor warrants that is shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any court or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of the resulting agreement, including without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations. When requested, firm shall furnish

Aldine ISD with satisfactory proof of its compliance.

3.41.0 CODES, PERMITS, AND LICENSES The awarded firm/contractor shall comply with all national, state, and local standards, codes and ordinances and the terms and conditions of the services of Aldine ISD, as well as other authorities that may have jurisdiction pertaining to equipment and materials used and their application. None of the terms or provisions of the specifications shall be construed as waiving any rules, regulations or requirements of these authorities. The awarded firm/contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, certificates and/or licenses to fulfill contractual obligations.

3.42.0 SERVICES ON ALDINE ISD PROPERTY If the vendor contractor will perform services on Aldine ISD Property, the vendor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance (with Aldine ISD as additional insured) prior to the start of any work and only after a purchase order has been approved by the final approving authority.

3.43.0 INSURANCE & BOND REQUIREMENTS

Vendor agrees to provide performance bonds and/or payment bonds as required by Texas law on specified contracts and/or projects, as applicable. If performance bonds and/or payment bonds are required, Aldine ISD will include the performance and payment bonds requirement in the Special Terms and Conditions section or elsewhere in this packet.

Contractor shall not commence work until all required bonds and insurance coverages have been obtained and such insurance has been reviewed and approved by the District. Certificates of Insurance on the current ACORD form shall be issued to the District showing all required insurance coverages.

Bonds Required

Construction, installation and service contracts (including but not limited to repair, alteration and maintenance) exceeding \$25,000 require that 100% Performance and Payment Bonds be furnished by the successful bidder (contractor). All such bids must include a 5% Bid Bond.

Non Construction, non installation or supply contracts exceeding \$25,000 require that a 100% Supply Bond be furnished by the successful bidder (contractor). Bonds shall be issued by a company authorized to do business in the State of Texas with an A.M. Best Company rating of at least A- VIII and included on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Listing of Approved Sureties (Dept. Circular 570). The contractor shall absorb any and all costs of such Bonds.

Insurance Required

Limit Required

Automobile Liability insurance covering Any Auto	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
Commercial (Comprehensive) General Liability insurance including Products, Completed Operations, Independent Contractors, Broad Form Property Damage, Pollution and Blanket Contractual Liability coverages. XCU exclusions to be removed when underground work is performed. If District students or employees are present, Contractor must provide proof of Sexual Misconduct insurance and certify Background Checks.	\$1,000,000 Occurrence and Personal Injury \$2,000,000 Aggregate \$ 500,000 Fire Damage \$ 5,000 Medical Payments Per Construction Project Aggregate
Professional Errors & Omissions Liability insurance may be required from all contractors, licensed or certified as professionals; e.g., engineers, architects, insurance agents, physicians, attorneys, etc.	One times contract amount \$1,000,000 minimum/\$10,000,000 maximum Occurrence & Aggregate Retroactive Date: 1 st Contract – effective date of policy or contract must be shown, whichever is earlier Renewal or consecutive contracts – effective date of policy or 1 st contract must be shown, whichever is earlier Extended Reporting Period two years past completion of contract
Workers Compensation insurance with limits to comply with the requirements of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act Employers Liability insurance	Statutory Limits \$1,000,000.
Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance covering in excess of Automobile Liability, General Liability and Worker's Compensation.	One times contract amount for all contracts exceeding \$100,000, up to \$25,000,000 total limit; \$1,000,000 minimum.
All Risk Property Insurance shall be required for any contract or work when property of the District is at risk or in the care, custody and control of the Contractor. Builders Risk insurance shall be required for all construction contracts requiring a bond. All Property insurance shall include coverage against the perils of Domestic & International Terrorism, Flood and Earthquake. (Installation Floater may be substituted when contract involves installation only.)	Contract Limit or Replacement Cost Value of Scope of Work whichever is greater. Permission to Occupy must be granted. Deductible: \$1,000 or 1% of contract up to a \$50,000 maximum
Cyber & Data Breach insurance If contractor has access to District funds, information or data, including employee information.	\$1,000,000 Limit \$1,000,000 Fraudulent Instruction \$1,000,000 Extortion, Ransomware \$1,000,000 Removal of Bank Funds \$1,000,000 Personal Information Access

Crime Insurance: If contractor has access to District funds or property: Employee Dishonesty and Theft, including protection for the District from loss of District funds or property.	\$1,000,000 Limit
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Limits for primary policies may differ from those shown when Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance is provided.

Insurance Conditions

All insurance coverages shall be issued on an Occurrence basis (except Professional Liability) by companies acceptable to District and licensed to do business in the State of Texas by the Texas Department of Insurance. Such companies shall have a Best's Key rating of at least "A- X".

The District shall be shown as "Additional Insured on a Primary & Non-Contributory basis" on the Property, General Liability, Automobile Liability, Umbrella (Excess) Liability, Cyber & Crime policies. A "Waiver of Subrogation" clause in favor of the District will be attached to the Workers Compensation, General Liability, Umbrella and the Property insurance policies. Evidence must be included in Certificates of Insurance.

General Liability and Umbrella (Excess) Insurance must be maintained for two years following date of final payment to contractor. A two-year extended reporting period is required for Professional Errors and Omissions Liability. Certificates of Insurance must be provided annually.

In addition to certificates of insurance, copies of policy endorsements must be provided a) listing Aldine ISD as Additional Insured and b) noting Waivers of Subrogation. All written agreements are considered contracts whenever a Certificate of Insurance provides Waiver of Subrogation and Additional Insured coverages when "required by written contract".

All insurance certificates shall obligate the insurance company to notify the District of any non-renewal, cancellation or material change to any of the policies at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the non-renewal, cancellation or change.

If a policy has aggregate limits, a statement of claims against the aggregate limits is required.

Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles; the District shall approve the deductibles selected.

The District reserves the right to review the insurance requirements during the effective period of any contract to make reasonable adjustments to insurance coverages and limits when deemed prudent by District based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions or potential increase in exposure to loss.

The following insurance documents must be provided to Aldine ISD prior to the commencement of work:

1. Certificates of Insurance
2. Copies of policy endorsements
 - a) listing Aldine ISD as Additional Insured
 - b) providing Waivers of Subrogation in favor of Aldine ISD
3. Deductible amounts listed by policy type
4. A statement of claims against aggregate limits

Certificate Holder:

Aldine Independent School District
c/o Purchasing Department
2520 W.W. Thorne Blvd.
Houston, TX 77073
E-mail: bids@aldineisd.org

4.0 CERTIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

PAGES 29-48 MUST BE READ, INITIALED AND OR SIGNED WITH YOUR BID

4.0.1 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

EDGAR CERTIFICATIONS

ADDENDUM FOR AGREEMENT FUNDED BY U.S. FEDERAL GRANT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Aldine ISD is in the process of ensuring that all policies and procedures involving the expenditure of federal funds are compliant with the new Education Department General Administrative Guidelines (“EDGAR”). Part of this process involves ensuring that all current vendors agree to comply with EDGAR. You must complete this form and return to Aldine ISD along with your bid.

The following certifications and provisions are required and apply when Aldine ISD expends federal funds for any contract resulting from this procurement process. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.326, all contracts, including small purchases, awarded by the District and the District’s subcontractors shall contain the procurement provisions of Appendix II to Part 200, as applicable.

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

APPENDIX II TO 2 CFR PART 200

- (A) **Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.**

Pursuant to Federal Rule (A) above, when Aldine ISD expends federal funds, Aldine ISD reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

Does Vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor _____

- (B) **Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)**

Pursuant to Federal Rule (B) above, when Aldine ISD expends federal funds, Aldine ISD reserves the right to immediately terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process in the event of a breach or default of the agreement by Vendor in the event Vendor fails to: (1) meet schedules, deadlines, and/or delivery dates within the time specified in the procurement solicitation, contract, and/or a purchase order; (2) make any payments owed; or (3) otherwise perform in accordance with the contract and/or the procurement solicitation. Aldine ISD also reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately, with written notice to vendor, for convenience, if Aldine ISD believes, in its sole discretion that it is in the best interest of Aldine ISD to do so. Vendor will be compensated for work performed and accepted and goods accepted by Aldine ISD as of the termination date if the contract is terminated for convenience of Aldine ISD. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and Aldine ISD reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in Aldine ISD’s best interest.

Does Vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor _____

- (C) **Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3**

CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs,

Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

Pursuant to Federal Rule (C) above, when Aldine ISD expends federal funds on any federally assisted construction contract, the equal opportunity clause is incorporated by reference herein.

Does Vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- (D) **Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148).** When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (D) above, when Aldine ISD expends federal funds during the term of an award for all contracts and subgrants for construction or repair, Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

Does Vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- (E) **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).** Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (E) above, when Aldine ISD expends federal funds, Vendor certifies that Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act during the term of an award for all contracts by Aldine ISD resulting from this procurement process.

Does Vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- (F) **Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.** If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (F) above, when federal funds are expended by Aldine ISD, the vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Aldine ISD resulting from this procurement process, the vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (F) above.

Does Vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non- Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Pursuant to Federal Rule (G) above, when federal funds are expended by Aldine ISD, the vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Aldine ISD member resulting from this procurement process, the vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (G) above.

Does Vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (H) above, when federal funds are expended by Aldine ISD, the vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Aldine ISD resulting from this procurement process, the vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

Does Vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (I) above, when federal funds are expended by Aldine ISD, the vendor certifies that during the term and after the awarded term of an award for all contracts by Aldine ISD resulting from this procurement process, the vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). The undersigned further certifies that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid for on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Does Vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

(J) Procurement of Recovered Materials – When federal funds are expended by Aldine ISD, contractors and their sub-contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include: (1) procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; (2) procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and (3) establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Does Vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL FUNDS

When federal funds are expended by Aldine ISD for any contract resulting from this procurement process, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.333. The Vendor further certifies that Vendor will retain all records as required by 2 CFR § 200.333 for a period of three years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

Does Vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor _____

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

When Aldine ISD expends federal funds for any contract resulting from this procurement process, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.; 49 C.F.R. Part 18).

Does vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of vendor _____

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICA PROVISIONS

DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENT WITH FEDERAL FUNDS-EXPANISON OF BUY AMERICAN 200.322

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

For purposes of this section:

- 1) “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
- 2) “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Vendor certifies that Vendor is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Buy America Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy America Act must still follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition.

Does vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of vendor _____

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICABILITY TO SUBCONTRACTORS

Vendor agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the contract shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.

Does vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of vendor _____

CERTIFICATION OF BAN ON FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS

Federal grant funds may not be used to purchase equipment, services or systems that uses “covered telecommunications” equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. **“Covered telecommunications”** means

- Purchases from Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities)
- Video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

Vendor agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the Contract shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.

Does Vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor _____

4.0.2 STATE AND LOCAL CERTIFICATIONS

A. CERTIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL I as a contractor and / or my company do not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. (Tex. Gov't §§ 2270.001-.002, 808.001-.006, .051-.057, .101-102.)

This prohibition does not apply to a sole source proprietorship (Tex. Gov't Code HB793)

Vendor certifies that Vendor is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Certification of Prohibition on Contracts with Companies that boycott Israel.

Does vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

I am a sole source proprietor _____

B. CERTIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS WITH TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

I and / or my company does not and will not do business with companies known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization. (Tex. Gov't §§ 2252.151-.154.)

Vendor certifies that Vendor is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Certification of Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Doing Business with Terrorist Organizations.

Does vendor agree? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

C. CERTIFICATION REGARDING CONTRACTING INFORMATION

Compliance with Gov't Code 552.372, SB 943: The requirements of the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, Subchapter J, may apply to this bid or contract if it is valued at more than \$1 million. The contractor or vendor agrees the contract can be terminated if the contractor or vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter, including the preservation of all "contracting information" (as defined in 552.003) and the provision, upon request of the governmental entity with whom you are contracting, of all contracting information. Contracting information includes, but is not limited to, records, communications and other documents related to the bid process, contract, payments, receipts, scope of work/services, and performance.

Does vendor agree, if applicable? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

D. CERTIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS \$100,000 OR MORE WITH COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ENERGY COMPANIES

I and / or my company does not and will not during the contract term boycott energy companies. (Tex. Gov't Code SB13)

Vendor certifies that Vendor is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Certification of Prohibition on Contracts with Companies that Boycott Energy Companies.

Does vendor agree, if applicable? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

E. CERTIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS \$100,000 OR MORE WITH COMPANIES THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST FIREARM OR AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES

I and / or my company does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate against such an entity or association during the contract term. This prohibition does not apply to a sole source proprietorship (Tex. Gov't Code SB19).

Vendor certifies that Vendor is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Certification of Prohibition on Contracts with Companies that Discriminate against Firearm or Ammunition Industries.

Does vendor agree, if applicable? YES Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

I am a sole source proprietor _____

F. CERTIFICATE OF PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THIS STATE (LONE STAR INFRASTRUCTURE ACT).

If I and / or my company are granted direct or remote access to control critical infrastructure, except for product warranty and support purposes, then I attest that my company is not headquartered in or owned or controlled by citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or another country that is designated by the governor as a threat to critical infrastructure or is owned or controlled by a company or other entity that is owned or controlled by citizens of or the government of any such country. (Tex. Gov't Code SB2116)

Vendor certifies that Vendor is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Lone Star Infrastructure Act.

Does vendor agree, if applicable? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor _____

4.0.3 ETHICS AND DISCLOSURES

A. COVENANTS AGAINST GRATUITIES

The offeror represents and certifies as part of its offer that neither it nor any of its employees, representatives or agents have offered or given gratuities valued at **\$100.00** or more (in the form of entertainment gifts or otherwise) directly or indirectly to any director, officer, employee, or agent/consultant of the District with a view toward securing favorable treatment in the awarding, amending, or the making of any determination with respect to the performing of the contract.

Does vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor _____

B. CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE CERTIFICATION The Conflict of Interest Questionnaire must be filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity. A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. For more information see <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/CIS.pdf>

Vendor certifies to file a questionnaire with the records administrator of the local government not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed.

Who must file and types of Conflicts for Disclosure:

- 1) Trustees, Superintendents and others - Substantial Interest in a Business Entity or real property
- 2) Trustees, Superintendents and others - Interest in real property to be acquired by Aldine ISD
- 3) Trustees, Superintendents and other local officers - Income over \$2,500 from District vendor
- 4) Trustees, Superintendents and other local officers - Gifts over \$100 from a District vendor
- 5) Trustees, superintendents and local government officers – Family Relationships
- 6) District Vendor - Gave income or gifts to a trustee, superintendent or officer, or family relationship

Does vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor _____

C. EMPLOYEE OF ALDINE ISD

Are any of the offerors owners/partners/interested parties an employee of Aldine ISD?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, complete the conflict of interest questionnaire found on

<https://www.aldineisd.org/community/vendors/ciq-form-for-vendors/>

4.0.4 BUSINESS STRUCTURE/OWNERSHIP

A. TYPE OF BUSINESS

- (a) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it operates as (Mark with an "X"):

☐ An individual
☐ A partnership
☐ A sole proprietorship
☐ A corporation
☐ Another entity_____.

- (b) If incorporated, under the laws of the State of:_____.

B. CONTINGENT FEE

- (a) Except for full-time bona fide employees working solely for the offeror, the offeror represents as part of its offer that it (Mark with an "X"):

☐ Has
☐ Has not

...employed or retained any company or persons to solicit or obtain the contract, and

☐ Has
☐ Has not

...paid or agreed to pay any person or company employed or retained to solicit or obtain this contract any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other fee contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract.

- (b) The offeror agrees to provide information relating to (a) above, as requested by the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and, when any item in subparagraph (a) is answered affirmatively, to promptly submit to the Assistant Superintendent of Finance a completed "Statement of Contingent or Other Fees."

G. PARENT COMPANY INFORMATION

- (a) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it (Mark with an "X"):

☐ Is
☐ Is not

Owned or controlled by a parent company. A parent company, for the purpose of this provision, is one that owns or controls the activities and basic business policies of the offeror. To own the offering company means a parent company must own more than 50 percent of the voting rights in that company.

- (b) If the offeror is not owned or controlled by a parent company, it shall insert its own Employer's identification Number here: _____
- (c) If the offeror is owned or controlled by a parent company, it shall enter in the space below the name and main office address of the parent company and the parent company's Employer Identification Number.

(d)

Name of Parent Company:
Main Office Address:
Telephone Number:
e-Mail Address:
Parent Company's Employer's Number:
Name of Offering Company:

(e) List other company names/ DBA's that are owned, operated and invoiced by your organization.

Na me	Addre ss	Phone Number

4.0.5 HUB CERTIFICATION

Aldine ISD is committed to diversity and equal opportunity in the procurement of goods and services. In order to ensure this commitment, the district encourages small minority and women business enterprises to certify as a (Historically Underutilized Business) through certifying agencies such as the State of Texas HUB program, City of Houston SBE certification, City of Austin SBE certification, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) SBE certification, and Texas Department of Transportation SBE certification.

Please indicate if your company is a certified registered HUB (Historically Underutilized Business).
(Attach copy of HUB certificate if applicable)

Company Name	Certified HUB		VID Number/ Certification ID	Certifying Agency
	☐ Yes	☐ No		
	☐ Yes	☐ No		

4.0.6 CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY

If you or your company owns real or personal property within Aldine ISD boundaries, please provide the address(es) and HCAD tax account number(s). If none, please indicate under item B.

A. Address HCAD Tax Account Number (13 digits)

1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____

List additional account numbers on a separate page. Additional accounts are listed ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. There is no real or personal property located in Aldine ISD boundaries to report

Does vendor agree? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

4.0.7 RESIDENT CERTIFICATION

The 1985 Texas Legislature passed HB 620 relating to bids by nonresident contractors. The pertinent portion of the Act has been extracted and is as follows:

Section 1. (a)

- (1) "Nonresident bidder" means a bidder whose principal place of business is not in this state, but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.
- (2) "Texas resident bidder" means a bidder whose principal place of business is in this state, and includes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

Section 1. (b)

The state or a governmental agency of the state may not award a contract for general construction, improvements, services, or public works projects or purchases of supplies, materials, or equipment to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident's bid is lower than the lowest bid submitted by a responsible Texas resident bidder by the same amount that a Texas resident bidder would be required to underbid a nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident's principal place of business is located.

My company is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in HB 620.

Does vendor agree and certify? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

.....

My company is a Nonresident Bidder of Texas as defined in HB 620 OR GOV 2252.001

Principal Place of business is: _____
(City and State)

Does vendor agree and certify? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

4.0.8 CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

- (a) By submission of this offer, the offeror certifies, and in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:
- (b) Each person signing this offer certifies that:

- [] He is the person in the offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to prices being offered herein and that he has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a) above.
- [] He is not the person in the offeror's organization responsible for the decision as to the prices being offered herein but that he has been authorized in writing to act as an agent for the persons responsible for such decision in certifying that such persons have not participated, not attempt has been made to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a) above, and as their agent does hereby so certify; and (ii) has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a) above.

4.0.9 CERTIFICATION OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies that he or she is duly authorized to execute this contract on behalf of offeror and that the undersigned and the company, corporation, firm, partnership, individual, or other entity for whom the undersigned provides this certification has not prepared its bid, offer, or proposal in collusion with any other proposer, offeror, competitor, any other entity engaged in the business being transacted, or any District employee or representative. The offeror certifies that the contents of the offer or proposal submitted as to prices, terms or conditions of said proposal have not been communicated by the offeror, its employee, or agent to any other person engaged in the type of business being transacted prior to the official opening of this bid.

4.0.10 COMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATION

- (a) All oral and written communications with the District regarding this solicitation shall be exclusively with, or on subjects and with persons approved by, the person identified by Aldine ISD. Discussions or communications with any other person could result in disclosure of proprietary or other competitive sensitive information, or otherwise create the appearance of impropriety or unfair competition, and thereby compromise the integrity of the District's procurement system.
- (b) By submission of this offer, the offeror certifies that it has not, and will not, prior to contract award, communicate orally or in writing with any District employee or other representative (Including Board of Education members, District contractors or District consultants) other than the individual or person(s) and subjects approved by the individual, named by Aldine ISD, except as described below: (CHECK "NONE" IF OFFEROR HAS NOT HAD ANY PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS).

☐ None

Does vendor agree and certify? YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor _____

- (c) Describe communications in the table below if offeror has had any communications with Aldine ISD employee or Aldine ISD representative.)

Name of Offeror	Name of Aldine ISD Individual	Communication Subject and Date

4.0.11 FELONY CONVICTION NOTICE FORM

(Section 44.034, Subsection (a), of the *Texas Education Code*, the undersigned offeror certifies that the person or owner or operator, including employees or agents of the business entity named in this bid or contract, have not been convicted of a felony, unless a completed "Felony Conviction Notice Form" is attached as an Exhibit to the Offer.

Subsection (b) states "a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract".

The offeror agrees to comply with all applicable state laws and Board policies regarding criminal background checks. Before entering into a contract with the District, Proposer must give notice if the Proposer or any personnel has been convicted of a felony, as defined by Texas law, from District property where students are regularly present.

Employee or agent includes as example, but not by way of limitation, persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in Texas Labor Code 406.096) including all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the Proposer has undertaken to perform on the project regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, owner-operators, employees of any such entity that furnishes persons to provide services on the project.

Services include, without limitation, providing the hauling, or delivering of equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. Services do not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets. The District shall have the sole discretion to determine what constitutes a "location where students are regularly present." Proposer's violation of this section shall constitute a default under the General Terms and Conditions of the contract.

This Notice is not required of a Publicly-Held Corporation.

I, the undersigned agent for the firm named below, certify that the information concerning notification of felony convictions has been reviewed by me and the following information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

Vendor's Name: _____

Authorized Company Official's Name (Printed): _____

A. My firm is a publicly-held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.

Signature of Company Official: _____

B. My firm is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted a felony.

Signature of Company Official: _____

C. My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony. (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Name of Felon(s): _____

Details of Conviction(s): _____

Signature of Company Official: _____

4.0.12 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENT OF CONTRACTORS

State law contains numerous security requirements that school districts and those who do business with the school district must follow.

Section 22.0834 of Texas Education Code requires the following: any person who does not hold a Chapter 21 TEA certification that is offered employment after January 1, 2008, by an entity contracting with a school district, and who will (1) perform continuing duties related to the contract, and **(2) has or will have direct contact with students,** must submit to a national criminal history record review, including fingerprinting, prior to submitting a bid.

This means that any contractor / vendor engaged after January 1, 2008, providing continuing services to the District and who may be performing such work at a campus or other Aldine ISD facility where students are present as part of a normal school day, will be subject to a fingerprint check prior to the start of work. For companies, this means that any new employee hired after January 1, 2008, by the company to perform work for the District under the above referenced criteria, is subject to this law.

The law further provides that vendors are responsible for obtaining the fingerprinting as well as the cost associated with the process. An overview of the Aldine ISD process is outlined below:

1. The next step for the potential vendor is to secure a contract with a Aldine ISD school or department and undergo a background check before services can commence.
 - a. Can go to the districts website to start the process by going to www.aldineisd.org , go to “Community” under “Resources” click “Criminal Background Check” and click on “Criminal Background Check”
2. Questions regarding this process must be directed to Aldine ISD, Human resources 281-985-7570 or Iris Toro, 281-985-7570 or Norma Cisneros, 281-985-7190

4.0.13 SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR ALL REPRESENTATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

FCC CYBERSECURITY PILOT PROGRAM RFP# TS 2526-8

These Representations and Certifications are material representations of fact upon which reliance will be placed at the time of the awarding of a contract. If it is later determined that the offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous Representation or Certification, in addition to any other remedies the District may have, the District may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default and/or recommend that the offeror be debarred or suspended from doing business with the District in the future. In addition, a false entry could be a violation of the *Texas Penal Code*, Paragraph 37.10. **Offeror signs under the pains and penalties of perjury.**

Name of Offering Company:
Name of Offeror:
Main Office Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
e-Mail Address:
Sales Representative Assigned to Aldine ISD:
Position with company:
Web Address:
Signature:

5.0 PROPOSAL RESPONSE

FCC CYBERSECURITY PILOT PROGRAM RFP# TS 2526-8

5.1 Submission Format:

5.1.0 All proposal responses should be typed and submitted electronically in PDF format.

5.1.1 Proposals should include a dated cover letter, addressed to the Aldine ISD Purchasing Department.

5.1.2 Proposers should clearly label all sections and organize responses to correspond with the structure of this RFP.

5.2 Required Attachments:

5.2.0 Proposers must attach a completed **response to all technical and pricing requirements** outlined for each applicable project (Project 1, 2, and/or 3).

5.2.1 Proposers must attach a completed **Bill of Materials (BOM)** for each project they are responding to.

5.2.2 If responding to **optional sub-projects** (e.g., Project 1A or Project 1B), proposers must clearly label their responses as **Optional Services** and provide pricing separately.

5.2.3 If proposing alternative solutions to the preferred manufacturers listed, proposers must provide **detailed equivalency documentation**, including how the solution meets or exceeds the required specifications.

5.2.4 Proposers must also include:

- Valid manufacturer authorization/reseller certificates (if applicable)
- At least three (3) references from K–12 school districts
- Documentation of FCC SPI billing capability
- Completed and signed compliance certifications (see Section 1.12)

5.3 Submission Deadline:

All proposals must be submitted by the date and time listed in the project timeline. Late submissions will not be accepted.

5.4 Submission Method:

All proposals and attachments must be uploaded through the Aldine ISD eBid system.

DEVIATION FORM

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You must list any and all deviations from the specifications, requirements, and/or terms and conditions.

If no deviations exist please type "NONE REQUESTED"

Substantial deviations may result in your bid not being awarded.

Company Name

Representative Name (Printed)

Title of Representative

Representative Signature

Date

7.0 REFERENCES

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Vendor Name_____

The following information must be provided and returned for consideration in the awarding of this proposal.

Please list three references with whom you have contracted previously for the same type of services or products asked for in this bid:

1. Organization/Vendor Name_____

Contact person_____ Phone# w/area code_____

Email Address_____

2. Organization/Vendor Name_____

Contact person_____ Phone# w/area code_____

Email Address_____

3. Organization/Vendor Name_____

Contact person_____ Phone# w/area code_____

Email Address_____

8.0 NOTICE OF NO SUBMISSION

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Aldine ISD would like know why you are not submitting a bid/proposal. Your response will be considered to determine if future changes are necessary.

Indicate reason(s) for no submission:

1. _____ We do not offer the requested product(s)/service
2. _____ Quantities offered or scope of job is too small to be supplied by my company.
3. _____ Quantities offered or scope of job is too large to be supplied by my company.
4. _____ Specifications are "too tight" or appear to be written around a proprietary product.
(Please explain) _____
5. _____ Cannot propose against manufacturer on this item.
6. _____ Cannot propose against jobber on this item.
7. _____ Time frame for submitting a bid was too short.
8. Other: _____

IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A BID/PROPOSAL and wish to remain on the Aldine ISD bid/proposal list for this item, please indicate:

- _____ I wish to remain on the bid/proposal list
- _____ I do not wish to remain on the bid/proposal list

_____ Printed Name	_____ Title
_____ Vendor Signature	_____ Date
_____ Company Name	_____ Telephone
_____ Address	_____ Fax
_____ City, State, Zip	_____ Email Address

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9.0 AGREEMENT TERMS

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There is no guarantee of minimum or maximum purchases. Contracts for purchase of specific products or services will be put into effect by means of an Aldine ISD purchase order(s) or service contract upon authorized request and approval.

I agree to the terms and conditions within this bid/proposal including any accepted deviations.

I also agree that any deviation from the guidelines, requirements and specifications, were submitted on the Deviations Form. Once the contract has been approved, no deviation will be considered without approval. Aldine reserves the right to accept or deny any deviation. Any unaccepted deviations will require legal counsel review, if/when a contract for specific services is initiated.

Company Name

Date

Representative Name, Title (Printed)

Phone

Representative Signature

Email Address

A FALSE STATEMENT IN ANY OFFER SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 37.10 OF THE *TEXAS PENAL CODE*.