



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RFP TITLE: ENGLISH, LANGUAGE, AND ART (ELA) GRADE K - 12

RFP #: 007-2021

ADDENDUM No. 1: Questions/Answers

1. Question: Will a K – 8 only solution be accepted?

Answer: No, the District is seeking K – 12 Solution

2. Question: Considering the current limitations due to COVID-19 outbreak, will the District accept digital proposal submission via email with electronic signature?

Answer: The District will not accept digital proposal submission via email with electronic signatures.

3. Question: Considering the current limitations due to COVID-19 outbreak, will the notary requirement be waived?

Answer: The District will not waive the notary requirements.

4. Question: We would like to confirm you are looking for a single solution for grade K- 12 and would not consider a program for K – 8 only?

Answer: See Answer No. 1

5. Question: Will the District accept a proposal that offers a solution for a subset of grades requested (such as K – 5 or 6 – 8)?

Answer: See Answer No. 1

6. Question: Given current concerns about COVID-19 and recommendations to face-to-face contact, would the District accept e-signatures for all required forms?

Answer: The District will not accept e-signatures.

7. Question: In order to minimize the risks of spreading COVID-19 through physical handoff of bid materials, would the District accept electronic submission via email or file sharing?

Answer: The District will not accept digital proposal submission via email or file sharing

8. Question: The RFP's Scope of Services (Attachment A) indicates that "Materials must be digital and must provide support for all grade K-12." Would the district accept bids for partial grade bands (K-8 for example) and make separate awards to multiple vendors serving different grade bands?

Answer: See Answer No. 1

9. Question: For Attachment A Scope of Services #4, please clarify what is meant by "all over training"?

Answer: We are considering training to be provided to specific administrators on completion program /product duration.

10. Question: For Attachment A Scope of Services #6, please clarify what is requested in response to "Target number of Schools, Students and Grades"?

Answer: We request that you only submit a proposals for the targeted number of schools, students, and grades.

11. Question: The IXL Service is a SaaS offering and thus has a terms of service and privacy policy that specifically describe how the service operates and how IXL processes data provided in connection with the Service. Please confirm that the District will accept and/or review inclusion of the terms of service and privacy policy to the extent not inconsistent with the terms of the RFP. IXL's terms of service and privacy policy may be found at ixl.com/termsofservice and ixl.com/privacypolicy.

Answer: The District will review and confirm the terms of services and privacy policy.

12. Question: Please confirm that the District will inform IXL before any information marked as confidential is disclosed pursuant to any freedom of information statute

and that the District will consider any and all exceptions to disclosure as permitted by applicable law before any disclosure.

Answer: This District will inform each company that presents a proposal before any information marked as confidential is disclosed pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) statute.

13. Question: Please advise regarding the process for requesting edits to the proposed contract language in Exhibit G and confirm that the District will consider proposed redlines. We have attached redlines that we would anticipate proposing based on the template language provided in Exhibit G.

Answer: The District will review all redlines (Exhibit G) contracts to fit the unique situation presented by this RFP.

14. Question: We are a corporation, what specifically are you looking for in section 5.2.1.1? Licensing and certification in the field of the requested services.

Answer: Prefer Licensing and Certification in the Education field.

15. Question: Would SLPS like to see both one-year and three-year pricing in Attachment B?

Answer: One-year pricing.

16. Question: Is your District looking for a holistic program solution for K-12? Or will partial grade spans be considered?

Answer: See Answer No. 1

17. Question: Please provide a more description of what the Evaluation committee is going to be evaluating on/looking for in the program?

Answer: The District is looking for a supplemental ELA program that is digital. We are seeking an intervention and enrichment and adapts to student levels, We are looking for a program that provides skill based practice in a fun and student-friendly manner.

18. Question: Is the Virtual School currently using a program for this need? What is it? Does it currently meet the District's needs? If not, why?

Answer: No, we are seeking a supplemental program which is different from a platform for virtual learning.

19. Question: Is the intent of this bid to select 1 provider or multiple solutions? (Section 3.6 eludes to the possibility of multiple, but the opening line of the bid indicates single)

Answer: The District would prefer one (1) provider.

20. Question: Can you confirm that the SAM Status Report can be found on the Check Status tab of the SAM website?

Answer: www.sam.gov

21. Question: 5.2.3.4 Copies of Licenses and Certifications (including, but not limited to, license to conduct business in the City of St. Louis, Missouri)

Answer: Please provide a copy of organization/company Business License.

22. Question: Will the District accept proposals for a K – 6 ELA digital only program?

Answer: See Answer No. 1

23. Question: What is the number of classrooms per grade in the District?

Answer: This varies depending on the school. We average about 2 - 3

24. Question: What is the number of students per grade in the District?

Answer: 1300

25. Question: Is the District willing to consider programs that include online assessment, progress monitoring, and placement tools – but is not “adaptive”?

Answer: Yes

26. Question: Per Item 3.4 in the attached, is the correct to understand that responses to all questions submitted will be posted no later than Monday, October 5th?

Answer: Yes