

MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

STUDENT AND PARENT BUS NOTIFICATION SOFTWARE

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SUBMISSION/CONTACT ADDRESS

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Quotes will be accepted in electronic format.

Summary

The Mansfield Public Schools are seeking licensing for **Student and Parent Bus Notification Software**.

Specifications

Student and Parent Bus Notification Software is defined as system software with the following capabilities:

1. Compatibility with both traditional desktop platforms (i.e. Windows) as well as mobile platforms (i.e. Android / iOS).
2. Software either hosted in the cloud or hosted locally on a VMware compatible system.
3. Notification capabilities both end-user requested and District centrally pushed out to users.
4. GPS compatibility in the Mansfield region with real-time data reporting.
5. Integration with SIS software database to allow for automated transfer of data.
6. Security features to ensure safety of student information by incorporating technologies such as SSL encryption and user-based authentication.
7. Sufficiently robust database engine to service peak usage intervals given the overall size of the student population serviced.

Proposal Submission Requirements

Quotes will be accepted in electronic format only. If there are any additional costs for shipping or otherwise, it should be listed on the quote. We are a sales tax exempt local government entity and as such the costs should not include sales tax.

Vendors may use a format of their own choosing for the quote. The quote can be submitted to Jaime Russell at the email addresses noted earlier on this RFQ. Questions about the process should be directed to Jaime Russell.

Selection Process

The District will consider three primary factors in the selection award. First, the District will consider the capabilities of the software to meet the District's specifications. The District is seeking software that will successfully meet its needs and will consider each proposed solutions' ability to meet the specifications. Second, the District will consider the vendor's ability to fulfill this product request. The vendor should be one that not only is authorized to sell the software solution, but also is capable of doing so in a reasonably timely manner (the software should be available for download or shipping within one month or less of commitment of a purchase order by the District). Third, the District will consider pricing as part of its due diligence in ensuring the best use of District funding. The District requires a solution that meets the specified needs, however it also seeks to contain costs.

The District does not expressly state or imply any obligation to reimburse responding applicants for any expenses incurred in preparing submissions in response to this request. The selected firm is expected to meet any relevant state and federal legal requirements. The District is seeking to finalize the process during the month of May 2016 and as such vendors should submit their quotes in a timely manner, though the District reserves the right to extend the process if needed. The District is an equal opportunity employer. The District reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, to select an applicant in a manner that is advantageous to the District, and to waive all formalities in the bidding. The vendor is responsible for submitting a quote for consideration in a timely manner. The District reserves the right to request additional information from the vendor.