Contract JNI-720-15 between BCPS and Houghton Mifflin

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Request for Information
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

FOR

Digital/Online and Print Resources for Middle School Mathematics and Algebra I

SOLICITATION NUMBER: JNI-720-15

BID ISSUED DATE: October 23 2014

PRE-BID: NONE.

DUE DATE: November 13, 2014

DUE TIME: 3:00 P.M. (Eastern Time Zone)

RETURN TO: BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Maria Everett, Coordinator, Secondary Mathematics
Jefferson Building, 3rd Floor
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Please identify your submission as a “Response to Request for Information” for JNI-720-15 on the outside of all materials.

Baltimore County Public Schools reserves the right to waive informalities and the submission of a response to the request for information does not make an obligation to purchase the items.

For updated bid information, please call the “Bidder’s Hotline” at 410-887-7819 or visit our website
www.bcps.org/offices/purchasing/bidboard/

Jack Nichols’ email: jnichols@bcps.org
FAX: (410) 887-7831, Phone: (410) 887-7818
1.0 General Scope & Services

1.1 The Office of Mathematics PreK-12 is beginning the process of choosing new core instructional resources for our middle school mathematics (Mathematics 6, PreAlgebra, and Mathematics 8) and Algebra 1 courses. As Baltimore County Public Schools move towards one-to-one devices and a digital conversion for curriculum, assessments, and learning, it is imperative that the core instructional resources selected have both digital/online and print resources. The chosen core instructional resources must address the varying needs of all our students, including those with learning disabilities; provide a cohesive program that prepares students for success in Algebra 1; and provide learning experiences that build a conceptual understanding of mathematical concepts.

These materials will be used to develop a Common Core State Standard-aligned Middle School Mathematics and Algebra 1 curriculum in which many different types of texts are needed, including digital/multi-media resources. The core instructional resources should help teachers fully implement the BCPS curriculum.

In order to most effectively use purchased digital materials, it is imperative that our students are able to access materials through our One System as well as specific devices in use, HP Elite. The publisher must deliver, to our One System providers, metadata in the .csv format for data-tracking purposes as well as access to eTexts/activities that can be run across all operating systems and web browsers. This includes, but is not limited to, the ability to access all digital content using native software/apps without the need for third-party Web browsing software to enable flash content. If flash is required, it must be included at no additional cost to BCPS.

We would like to review only the digital version of your core instructional resources. Please provide access information for five Office of Mathematics personnel. Information related to online access for your core instructional resources can be emailed to Maria Everett at meverett@bcps.org by November 13, 2014. Please address any questions by email to Maria Everett at meverett@bcps.org and an email copy to Jack Nichols at jnichols@bcps.org.

After an initial review of the core instructional resources, selected publishers will be invited to present to the selection committee during the week of December 8 or December 15, 2014. This invitation will include a list of the key elements the committee will consider in choosing the core instructional resource.
Action Required: Approval of contract
Board Meeting Date: 6/14/2016

Contract # and Title: JNH-720-15 Mathematics for Grades 6-8, Algebra 1, and Professional Development Services
Term: 6 years Extension: 4 years End Date: 6/30/2026

Procurement Type: New contract
Number of Vendors Requesting Solicitation: 1
Number of Bids Received: 1

Procurement Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-106, Textbooks, materials of instruction, and supplies

Estimated Contract Spending Authority: $2,328,000
Funding Source: Operating budget

Description:
- This contract will provide for digital and printed student and teacher materials for all Grades 6-8 and Algebra 1 classrooms.
- This contract will include a six-year digital access, a two-year supply of hard copies for Grades 7-8 students, and hard class sets for Algebra 1 students.
- The Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) mathematics resources provide a rich set of digital and print resources including: videos, a note taking feature, personalized instruction options, and animated mathematics tutorials.
- As part of the contract, HMH will provide central office and school-based professional development services.
- This material was approved by the Curriculum Committee on May 19, 2016.

Method of Award Recommendation:
This material was selected in accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent’s Rule 6002: Selection of Instructional Materials, and Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-106. Textbooks, materials of instruction, and supplies. Paragraph (a). On the recommendation of the county superintendent and subject to the provisions of this article, each county board shall adopt procedures for the selection and purchase of the following necessary items, at the lowest price consistent with good quality, for use in the public schools: (1) Textbooks; (2) Supplementary readers; (3) Materials of instruction; (4) Visual and auditory aids; (5) Stationery; and (6) School supplies.

Blueprint 2.0
This contract supports Blueprint 2.0: Goal 1, Academics, Strategic Initiatives A and C.

Recommended Award To: Location:
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Orlando, FL

Responsible School/Office: Department of Academics
Contact: Dr. Richard Weisenhoff, Executive Director

Revised 12/7/15