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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Requesting Bids for Furnishing Instructional Materials to the State of Florida

Sealed bids addressed to the Florida Department of Education and marked “Sealed Bid” will be received in the office of the Commissioner of Education no later than 5:00 p.m. (EDT), May 7, 2012. Bids shall include proposals for furnishing instructional materials effective April 1, 2013, for a period of five years in the areas of K-5 Mathematics, K-5 Comprehensive Core Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, and Language Programs, K-5 Comprehensive Intervention Reading Programs, and K-5 Supplemental/Intervention Reading Programs.

All materials bid for adoption must meet the criteria established in the detailed specifications and the policies and procedures available by accessing the Department of Education Website: http://www.fldoe.org/bii/instruct_mat or from the Instructional Materials Office, Room 424, Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400. The bid shall state the lowest wholesale price at which the materials will be furnished, at the time the adoption period provided in the contract begins.

Each bidder shall furnish electronic samples of required materials submitted, at a time designated by the Department of Education, which samples shall be identical with the electronic samples approved and accepted by the state instructional materials reviewers and with the copies furnished to district superintendents as provided in Section 1006.38(2), Florida Statutes.

The Department requires digital instructional materials bid for adoption to meet the industry standard protocols for interoperability. Adopted materials must be accessible through the school districts’ Local Instructional Improvement System (LIIS) and a variety of mobile and desktop digital devices. The LIIS minimum standards for school districts are available on the Florida Department of Education’s website: http://www.fldoe.org/arra/LIISMS.asp.

Contracts must be executed and required bonds submitted within 30 calendar days after receipt of the contract. The Department of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) announces that continuing professional services are required for the following disciplines: Civil Engineering (CE), Projects included in the scope of this agreement will be specific projects for renovations, alterations, and additions that have a basic construction budget estimated to be $1,000,000 or less, or studies for which the fee for professional services is $100,000 or less. Campus Service contracts for these projects provide that the consultant will be available on an as-needed basis for the upcoming fiscal year, July 2, 2012 – June 28, 2013. Award of contract is for an initial period of one (1) year with an Owner's option to renew for up to one (1) year. The consultant receiving the award will not have an exclusive contract to perform services for these projects. The university may have additional campus service professionals under contract during the same time period. Firms desiring to provide professional services shall submit a letter of interest specifying the discipline for which they are applying and a completed USFSP “Professional Qualifications Supplement” form. Proposals must not exceed 40 pages, including the “Professional Qualifications Supplement” and letter of interest. Pages must be numbered consecutively. Submittals that do not comply with these requirements or do not include the requested data will not be considered. No submittal material will be returned.

Attach to each letter of interest:
1. The USFSP “Professional Qualifications Supplement,” dated April, 2009, completed by the applicant. Applications on any other form will not be considered.
2. A copy of the applicant’s current Professional Registration Certificate from the appropriate governing board. An applicant must be properly registered at the time of application to practice its profession in the State of Florida.

If the applicant is a corporation, it must be properly chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida. Selection of finalists for interview will be made on the basis of professional qualifications, including experience and ability; past experience; design ability; volume of work; and distance from project. The plans and specifications for University projects are subject to reuse in accordance with the provisions of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a consultant may not submit a proposal for this project if it is