



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

- SOLICITATION TITLE:** Required External Audit Services for Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Annual Financial Statements
- SOLICITATION #:** 87-P-12-25-MS
- SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES:** Washoe County School District (WCSD) is soliciting formal proposals from qualified firms to provide required external financial audit services to cover fiscal years ending June 30th of 2025, 2026, and 2027 with 1-year (optional) contract renewals that would cover 2028 and 2029. The services shall include the audit of WCSD's financial statements and WCSD's OPEB Trust's financial statements submitted in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) pronouncements, and Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 287.017 and 354.624.
- DUE DATE & TIME:** **January 24, 2025 at 2:00 pm (local time)**
- PUBLIC OPENING:** **January 24, 2025 at 2:30 pm (local time) via TEAMS Meeting (refer to Section 1.6.2)**
- QUESTIONS DEADLINE:** All questions/inquiries regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing and are **due no later than 4:30 pm (local time) on January 13, 2025** via email to: solicitations@washoeschools.net or submitted directly on the WCSD's Solicitations website at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>.
- AGENCY LOCATION:** Washoe County School District
The Brown Center - Purchasing Department
14101 Old Virginia Road, Room 0
Reno, Nevada 89521-8912
- HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (excluding holidays)
- SURETY REQUIREMENT:** NONE REQUIRED
- FACILITATING BUYER:** Monica Schuerr-Howden, Assistant Director of Procurement & Contracts
- PUBLISH DATE:** January 6, 2025
- SOLICITATION # OF PAGES:** 29
- SOLICITATION EXHIBITS:**
- EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE PAGE (**REQUIRED FORM**)
 - EXHIBIT B – VENDOR/CONTRACTOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM (**REQUIRED FORM**)
 - EXHIBIT C – PRICE SCHEDULE FORM (**REQUIRED FORM**)

NOTE: The Facilitating Buyer for this solicitation is named above. Interested parties may **NOT** contact anyone else regarding this solicitation. Any interested Proposer contacting any other individual including, but not limited to, WCSD staff, officials, evaluation committee members, or Board of Trustees may have their RFP submission rejected from evaluation and award consideration.

NOTE: Proposal submissions will **NOT** be accepted via email, fax, or verbally at any point of time in the RFP process (e.g., withdrawal and/or resubmitting for updated pricing). Only sealed proposal submissions will be accepted. Any

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proposal submissions that are otherwise received will be rejected. WCSD only accepts signatures done manually (also known as a wet signature) or electronic digital signatures that are certified. Non-certified electronic digital signatures will NOT be accepted. A typed signature, even in a cursive font, does NOT meet the requirements of an official digital signature. A digital signature must be accompanied by a certified digital stamp issued through programs like Adobe Acrobat DC, Docu-Sign, or other similar programs that produce a digital stamp certifying the electronic digital signature. Any signatures on required forms that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted and the Proposer's submission will be deemed "Non-Responsive" and will be rejected. If there are any questions about this requirement, please submit a question by the Questions/Inquires deadline, so that it can be answered prior to the submission deadline.

All **REQUIRED FORMS** (see list below) specific to this solicitation are to be completed, signed, and included with proposals and are available for download on WCSD's Solicitation website at:
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GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

1.0 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

1.1 In response to this RFP, Proposers shall submit clearly labeled and indexed portfolios or binders with appropriate section and sub-section numbers as referred to herein. Please provide the following:

1.1.1 One (1) original proposal labeled "MASTER".

1.1.2 Four (4) identical bound proposals labeled "COPIES."

1.1.3 One (1) identical electronic copy of the proposal, including all completed and signed **REQUIRED FORMS**, in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or Adobe PDF format on one (1) flash drive with the sealed proposal submission.

- If discrepancies are found between the "MASTER" and the "COPIES" of proposals, the "MASTER" will be used to resolve the discrepancy.

1.1.4 **FINANCIAL STABILITY (REQUIRED FOR PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE CONSIDERATION)**

A. Submit only one (1) copy of (A) Balance Sheets and (B) Income Statements for the last three (3) consecutive years of business operation.

B. If the requested documents (A and B above, at minimum) are not provided with the proposal, then WCSD reserves the right to reject the proposal as "non-responsive."

C. The financial documents are to be provided in one (1) separate, sealed envelope so that they can be easily forwarded to WCSD's Office of Business and Financial Service

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for review (Section 59.0– EVALUATION CRITERIA #1).

- Do NOT include any financial stability documentation in the proposal portfolios or binders.

D. Should a privately held company deem certain financial information to be *CONFIDENTIAL*, it must identify what information is to be considered confidential as deemed so by law.

1.2 Provide five (5) copies of **EXHIBIT C** (Section 60.0 – EVALUATION CRITERIA #2). Copies must be submitted in one (1) separate, sealed envelope and identified as EXHIBIT C – PRICE SCHEDULE FORM.

➤ **EXHIBIT C – PRICE SCHEDULE FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**

1.2.1 Any prices provided in the Proposer’s proposal that are relevant to products that may be supplied in addition to the work/service shall be *F.O.B. Destination* and exclusive of all federal, state, and local taxes. No shipping charges will be allowed.

1.2.2 All costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals to this RFP shall be the responsibility of the Proposer.

1.3 Neither the WCSD, the Purchasing Department, nor any officer or employee thereof shall be responsible for the pre/post-opening of or failure to open a proposal not properly addressed, identified, or mislabeled.

1.4 Proposals submitted verbally, by telephone, email, and/or facsimile will NOT be accepted.

1.5 Proposals and any signed/acknowledged Addenda/Amendment(s) shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box and labeled using the following format:

Company Name: _____
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MAIL OR DELIVER PROPOSALS TO:
Washoe County School District
The Brown Center – Purchasing Department
14101 Old Virginia Road, Room 0
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1.6 For a proposal to be accepted, it is mandatory that the proposal documents be received and time-stamped by the WCSD Purchasing Department (address noted above), no later than 2:00 pm (local time) on the DUE DATE & TIME identified on Page 1 of this RFP document.

1.6.1 **Late proposals will NOT be accepted.** A proposal may be received any time prior to the DUE DATE & TIME. Should a proposal arrive after the DUE DATE & TIME, the Proposer will be notified.

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1.6.2 Proposals will be opened publicly via a TEAMS meeting on January 24, 2025 at 2:30 pm (local time):

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 264 362 837 53

Passcode: n7yp3TJ7

1.7 All accepted proposals and accompanying documentation by WCSD's Purchasing Department become the property of WCSD and will not be returnable to the submitting Proposer.

1.8 Proposal information should be prepared to provide a straightforward, concise delineation of capacities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP and submitted with all **REQUIRED FORMS** identified in this RFP document.

1.8.1 Expensive bindings, color displays, promotional materials, etc., are not necessary or desired. Emphasis should be placed on conformance to RFP instructions, responsiveness to RFP requirements, completeness, and clarity of content.

1.9 Any irregularities and/or lack of clarity in this RFP should be brought to the attention of WCSD's Purchasing Department for correction and/or clarification via email to: solicitations@washoeschools.net or submitted directly on the WCSD's Solicitations website at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing> prior to the QUESTIONS DEADLINE identified on Page 1 of this RFP document.

1.10 Addenda/Amendment(s) issued may become an integral part of this RFP and are posted and available at:

- WCSD Solicitations website at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>
- DemandStar at <https://www.demandstar.com> (*paid Membership required*)

1.10.1 It is strongly suggested that the Proposer acknowledge receipt of Addenda/Amendment(s) by signing and returning any Addenda/Amendment(s) with the proposal.

- Proposers are responsible for obtaining any Addenda/Amendment(s).
- Failure to submit a signed Addenda/Amendment(s) may result in rejection and/or disqualification of a Proposer's proposal.

1.10.2 If the Proposer is a paid member of DemandStar and has downloaded a solicitation document from DemandStar at www.demandstar.com, Proposer will electronically receive from DemandStar any Addenda/Amendment(s) issued.

1.11 An authorized representative of the Proposer's firm must sign where applicable on **EXHIBIT A** which is available for download at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>

➤ **EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**

1.11.1 Any proposal will be disqualified and rejected if **EXHIBIT A** is not signed and included in the proposal.

1.11.2 WCSD only accepts signatures done manually (also known as a "wet" signature) or certified electronic digital signatures. Non-certified electronic digital signatures will NOT be accepted. A typed signature, even in a cursive font, does NOT meet the requirements of an official

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digital signature. A digital signature must be accompanied by a certified digital stamp issued through programs like Adobe Acrobat DC, Docu-Sign, or other similar programs that produce a digital stamp certifying the electronic digital signature. Signatures on the **REQUIRED FORMS** that do not meet these requirements will NOT be accepted and may cause the proposal to be deemed "NON-RESPONSIVE" and cause for rejection. If there are any questions about this requirement, please submit a question by the QUESTIONS DEADLINE (refer to Page 1), so that it can be answered before the proposal DUE DATE & TIME.

1.11.3 WCS D reserves the right to reject any proposal received, or any part thereof for any of, but not limited to, the following additional causes:

- A. Evidence of collusion among Proposers exists.
- B. Proposer fails to meet any terms and conditions as specified in this RFP.
- C. Evidence submitted by Proposer leads WCS D to believe that Proposer will be unable to carry out the obligations of any resulting contract of this RFP and complete the work/service described.
- D. WCS D investigation determines that Proposer is not qualified to meet the obligations of the contract and complete the work described.
- E. Cost of work/service exceeds budgetary constraints.
- F. **EXHIBIT A** is not signed or is not properly signed and returned with the proposal submission.

1.12 WCS D's payment terms are NET 30 after service(s) are rendered and in receipt of an accurate invoice. WCS D reserves the right to not pre-pay for products and/or service(s). WCS D is tax-exempt and does not pay state/local taxes, interest, or late fees.

1.12.1 The awarded Proposer(s) must allow for WCS D Procurement Card (PCard) purchases/orders/transactions.

1.13 Exceptions to any General and/or Special Terms, Conditions, and Specifications in this solicitation must be noted accordingly on **EXHIBIT A**.

1.13.1 If more space is required to note exceptions than what is provided on **EXHIBIT A**, Proposer must attach additional sheet(s) referencing the solicitation title and solicitation number and submit **ALL pages with EXHIBIT A** with their proposal.

1.13.2 If additional pages of documented "exceptions" are not included with the submitted proposal, those pages of documented "exceptions" **will not** be accepted after the DUE DATE & TIME of submission and will not be considered for proposal evaluation and award.

1.13.3 Failure to note exceptions shall be interpreted to convey that the Proposer agrees to perform in the manner described and/or specified.

1.13.4 WCS D reserves the right to accept or reject any exceptions if deemed to be in the best interest of WCS D.

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1.13.5 If there are any questions/inquiries about this requirement, Proposers are to submit their questions in writing via e-mail to solicitations@washoeschools.net or directly on WCSD's Solicitations website at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing> by the QUESTION DEADLINE (refer to Page 1), so that they can be answered prior to the proposal DUE DATE & TIME (refer to Page 1).

1.14 Proposer assumes all risks involved with the method of proposal delivery the Proposer chooses. WCSD assumes no responsibility for the Proposer's failure to deliver a proposal in accordance with this RFP.

1.15 All proposals and accompanying documentation that are accepted by WCSD's Purchasing Department become the property of WCSD and will not be returned.

1.16 Proposer shall provide with proposal, a completed and signed **EXHIBIT B** available for download at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>.

➤ **EXHIBIT B – VENDOR/CONTRACTOR (EMPLOYEE) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**

1.16.1 Failure to submit a completed and signed **EXHIBIT B** with the proposal may be grounds for disqualifying the proposal from evaluation and award consideration.

1.17 **The Facilitator for this RFP is identified on Page 1 of this document. Proposers may NOT contact anyone else regarding this RFP. Proposers contacting any other individual including, but not limited to, WCSD staff, officials, evaluation committee members, or Board of Trustees may be disqualified.**

2.0 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

2.1 Proposals may be withdrawn by written notification delivered via e-mail to solicitations@washoeschools.net provided such notice is received prior to the DUE DATE & TIME identified on Page 1 of this RFP.

2.2 A request for withdrawal of a proposal received after the DUE DATE & TIME will not be considered.

3.0 PROPRIETARY & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

3.1 WCSD is a public entity as defined by state law and, as such, it is subject to the Nevada Public Records Law (Nevada Revised Statute, Chapter 239). Under said law, all WCSD records are public (unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential), subject to inspection and may be copied by any person.

3.2 Proposers are advised that after a LETTER OF INTENT (Recommendation of Award) has been issued the complete content of all proposals will become public record, and nothing contained in the proposal will be deemed confidential unless deemed so by law.

3.3 Proposers should not include any information in their proposal that is proprietary in nature or that they would not want to be released to the public. Thus, proposals should contain sufficient information to be evaluated without reference to any proprietary information.

3.4 WCSD reserves the right to consider financial statements from privately held companies as confidential, but the separate, sealed envelope (refer to Section 1.1.4(C)) containing the financial statements must be marked *CONFIDENTIAL* for any consideration to be given.

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4.0 PROPOSER FORMAL INTERVIEWS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 WCS D reserves the right to require, any or all, Proposers to attend an interview session and/or give a presentation or demonstration (either by virtual means or in-person) to gauge suitability to provide work/service and to illustrate their abilities to meet the requirements of this RFP.

❖ **Refer to Section 60.1 for additional and important information.**

4.2 No cost allowance or per diem will be paid by WCS D for this requirement.

4.3 WCS D also reserves the right to recommend any Proposer for award from their evaluated and scored proposal without presentations and/or formal interviews if deemed to be in the best interest of WCS D.

5.0 GOVERNING LAW, COMPLIANCE WITH LAW, AND ATTORNEY FEES

5.1 Should there be any resulting contract of this RFP, the awarded Proposer agrees that the contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Nevada.

5.2 No action involving the proposal and/or resulting contract may be brought except in the federal courts located in Washoe County, Nevada, USA.

5.3 Proposer shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, ordinances, or other legal requirements which apply.

5.4 All parties agree that in the event of a dispute, each party will bear its own costs of litigation and/or attorney's fees.

6.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

6.1 Any breach, controversy, or claim arising out of, related to the RFP, and/or any resulting contract of this RFP shall be settled by arbitration unless WCS D, at its sole option, rejects arbitration by so notifying Proposer.

6.2 If the WCS D rejects arbitration, the Proposer shall have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of rejection to send notice to commence litigation of the work/service via a summons and complaint upon the WCS D.

6.3 Failure to effectively provide work/service to the WCS D within said time shall act as a bar to litigation of the claim, which was the subject of the request for arbitration.

6.4 If the matter is arbitrated, WCS D shall designate whether the rules of the American Arbitration Association or the rules of the Nevada Arbitration Association shall apply. Nevada courts may enter judgment on such awards.

6.5 The parties agree that an arbitrator may not award attorney's fees in any case.

6.6 Unless specifically stated herein, if there exists any conflict and/or inconsistency between terms set forth in this RFP, the awarded Proposer's response to this RFP, and any contract submitted by the awarded Proposer, the language in this RFP shall take precedence.

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7.0 DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

7.1 As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment & Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Proposer must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from transactions with any federal department or agency.

NOTE: Submission of a signed EXHIBIT A in response to this solicitation is the certification that the Proposer, Proposer's firm, and/or any Contractor/Subcontractor is not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any state or federal department or agency. Submission is also an agreement that WCSD will be notified of any change in this status.

7.2 If WCSD was required by NRS 332.039 to advertise for this RFP, then by way of a submitted signed proposal, the Proposer provides a written certification that the Proposer is not currently engaged in, and during any term of any resulting contract of this RFP, shall not engage in, a Boycott of Israel as outlined in NRS 332.065 (effective July 1, 2018). The term "Boycott of Israel" has the meaning ascribed to that term per NRS 332.065(5)(a).

7.3 Loss of Contract and/or Inability to Fulfill Requirements

7.3.1 If Proposer has had a contract terminated, or has a pending termination, or a settlement to avoid litigation or termination for default during the past five (5) years, all such incidents must be described. Termination for default is defined as notice to stop performance, due to Proposer's non-performance, or poor performance, and the issue was either: (i) not litigated; or (ii) litigated and such litigation determined Proposer to be in default. Proposer shall submit full details of all terminations for default, settlements, or pending terminations experienced in the past five (5) years including the other party's name, address, and telephone number. Proposer shall also present its position on the matter to WCSD's Purchasing Department.

7.3.2 WCSD shall evaluate the facts and at its sole discretion may reject the Proposer's proposal if the facts discovered indicate that the completion of any contract resulting from this RFP may be jeopardized by the selection of Proposer. If Proposer has experienced no such settlement or terminations for default in the past five (5) years and has no pending terminations, it must affirmatively declare this to be so in the proposal.

8.0 NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

8.1 Should the funding authority of WCSD fail to appropriate funds to continue payment on a resultant contract of this RFP, WCSD may cancel said contract without termination charge or penalty. Written notification from WCSD shall be made should this occur.

8.2 WCSD would only exercise the FUNDING OUT CLAUSE above if WCSD is unable to appropriate the necessary funds to pay for the work/service under this RFP.

8.3 If WCSD is unable to appropriate the necessary funds to pay for the work/service under this RFP WCSD reserves the right to contract with another party for the same work/service immediately following the termination of a resultant contract specific to this RFP.

8.4 Should WCSD appropriate the funds at a later time, WCSD reserves the right to issue a new RFP for said work/service.

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9.0 DEFAULT AND CONTRACT TERMINATION RIGHTS

- 9.1 In case of default by any awarded Proposer(s), WCSD reserves the right to impose any of the following actions:
- A. Deduct any unpaid balance due to awarded Proposer(s).
 - B. Procure the service(s) and/or product(s) from another source.
 - C. Hold the defaulting Proposer(s) responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
 - D. Assess a penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the total proposal price.
 - E. Commence proceedings against any surety held in conjunction with the proposal.
 - F. Prohibit Proposer(s) to submit proposals for a period of not less than one (1) year and no more than five (5) years.
 - G. Pursue other appropriate legal remedies.

10.0 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- 10.1 Any resulting contract from this RFP may be terminated in whole or in part by WCSD with or without cause without penalty or fee only after the contracted Proposer is given:
- A. Not less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice of intent to terminate.
 - B. An opportunity for consultation with the Director of Procurement and Contracts of WCSD prior to termination.

11.0 JOINDER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NOTE: Preference will not be given to any Proposer working under any other existing contracts that allow joint use by public agencies.

NRS 332.195 Joinder or Mutual Use of Contracts by Local Governments, states the following:

1. *Except as otherwise provided in this section:*

(a) A governing body or its authorized representative and the State of Nevada may join or use the contracts of local governments located within or outside this State with the authorization of the contracting vendor. The original contracting local government is not liable for the obligations of the governmental entity which joins or uses the contract.

(b) A governing body or its authorized representative may join or use the contracts of the State of Nevada or another state with the authorization of the contracting vendor. The State of Nevada or another state is not liable for the obligations of the local government which joins or uses the contract.

2. *A governing body or its authorized representative or the State of Nevada shall not join or use a contract pursuant to this section if a contractor's license issued pursuant to Chapter 624 of NRS is required for any portion of the work to be performed under the contract.*

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12.0 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

12.1 WCSD acknowledges its responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. WCSD expects all Proposers to be knowledgeable about and comply with the requirements of the ADA.

13.0 INSTALLATION

13.1 If applicable, the awarded Proposer shall make good and to the satisfaction of WCSD any damage resulting from the work/service caused by any installation. Wherever, in these specifications, a specific brand, make, and/or model of item is specified, the awarded Proposer shall comply strictly with the specifications and recommendations of that manufacturer as to the installation and/or application of that particular item.

14.0 REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE & VERIFICATION

NOTE: WCSD reserves the right to amend/adjust any limits (both occurrence and aggregate) listed herein with respect to all insurance coverages based on the estimated project/construction budget (if applicable) should it be deemed in the best interest of WCSD.

14.1 Any awarded Proposer shall, at the awarded their sole expense, procure, maintain, and keep in force for the duration of the contract insurance conforming to the minimum limits as specified in this solicitation.

14.2 Any awarded Proposer shall provide WCSD with a Certificate of Insurance (COI) form with Additional Insured Endorsement(s) affecting the coverage required.

14.3 The authorized Insurer(s) of any awarded Proposer(s) and/or subsequent insurance company(s) issuing the policy(s) shall have no recourse against WCSD for payment of any premiums, costs, or assessments under any form of policy nor shall they have no right of recovery or subrogation against WCSD.

14.4 Any required insurance shall be approved by WCSD and be in effect prior to the procurement of any service(s) and/or product(s) rendered by any awarded Proposer and shall continue in force as appropriate until the completion of the contract term.

14.5 An "ACORD 25 Certificate of Insurance Form" or a form substantially similar must be submitted by any awarded Proposer(s) to WCSD to evidence the insurance policies and coverages required.

14.6 The COI must be signed by a person authorized to bind coverage on behalf of any awarded Proposer(s). The COI must name WCSD as the "Certificate Holder" as follows:

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- 14.7 For substantiating the requirement of WCSD to be named as an "Additional Insured," the COI's "Description of Operations/Locations/Vehicles" section shall state the following:

WCSD, its officers, employees, and volunteers are to be named as an "Additional Insured" on the awarded Proposer(s)' general liability. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to WCSD, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers.

- 14.8 The COI shall state that if any of the described policies are canceled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. Furthermore, each insurance policy shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or non-renewed by either any awarded Proposer(s) or the authorized Insurer(s) without a replacement COI being provided to WCSD during any valid term of the contract.
- 14.9 Upon renewal of the policies listed, awarded Proposer(s), or authorized Insurer(s) shall WCSD with replacement certificates.
- 14.10 All COIs and relative endorsements are to be received by awarded Proposer(s) and must be reviewed and approved by WCSD's Purchasing Department prior to the procurement of any product(s) and/or services to be rendered.
- 14.11 WCSD reserves the right to require awarded Proposer(s) to make available/check the wording of all required insurance policies at any time.
- 14.12 Awarded Proposer's insurance coverage shall be the primary insurance. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by WCSD, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers shall be more than that awarded Proposer's insurance and shall not contribute to it in any way.
- 14.13 Failure of any awarded Proposer(s) to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to WCSD, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers.

15.0 GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

- 15.1 During any term of the resulting contract of this RFP, the awarded Proposer providing work/service to WCSD shall maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance with the following coverages through an insurance carrier(s) licensed to do business in the State of Nevada and having a current A.M. Best rating of A-:VII or better:
- Each Occurrence
 - Medical Expense
 - Personal & ADV Injury
 - General Aggregate
 - Products-Completed Operations Aggregate
- 15.2 Limits shall not be less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence combined single limits with (at minimum) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate.

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16.0 COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

16.1 If applicable to the work/services outlined in this RFP, During any valid term of this contract, including any subsequent renewals thereof, any awarded Proposer(s) shall maintain Automobile Liability Insurance with the following coverages (at minimum) through a licensed insurance carrier(s) and having a current A.M. Best rating of A-:VII or better to include:

- All owned autos
- Non-owned autos (in use by Employees)
- Hired autos

16.2 Limits shall not be less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.

17.0 WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE

17.1 During any valid term of an awarded contract of this RFP, including any subsequent renewals thereof, any awarded Proposer(s) shall have and maintain Workers' Compensation coverage as required by law for the duration of the contract to include Employer's Liability Coverage (noted at Statutory Limits) with a minimum limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

18.0 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

18.1 During the initial term of a resulting contract of this RFP and for any additional time specified by WCSD thereafter, including any subsequent renewals thereof, the awarded Proposer(s) shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance (Errors and Omissions) with minimum limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

18.1.1 WCSD reserves the right to require a higher limit for service(s) that may constitute said requirement.

18.1.2 WCSD requires that Professional Liability Insurance include coverage for unintentional breach of contract.

18.1.3 Professional Liability Insurance may be proved under primary policies or by a combination of primary and excess policies.

18.1.4 Professional Liability is not covered under additional Umbrella Liability Insurance.

19.0 DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

19.1 Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the WCSD before any work/service is rendered and/or products procured. WCSD reserves the right to request additional documentation, financial or otherwise, prior to approving the deductibles and self-insured retentions before any work/service is rendered and/or products procured.

19.2 WCSD shall be notified of any changes to the deductibles or self-insured retentions made during any term of any resulting contract of this RFP or during any term of any policy.

19.3 It is understood that the awarded Proposer is responsible for and shall assume payment of all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions.

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20.0 LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION

- 20.1 Proposers must be licensed and/or incorporated to do business in the State of Nevada.
- 20.2 Proposer shall possess all applicable licenses and/or certifications to perform the type of work/service in this RFP.
- 20.3 Proposer shall possess appropriate city and/or county business licenses, if applicable.

21.0 VESTED INTEREST

- 21.1 Awarded Proposer cannot receive any benefits (directly or indirectly) and/or be party to other contracts that may emanate from recommendations, contracting actions, and or activities related to this RFP.
- 21.2 The only benefit the awarded Proposer may derive from this project is payment for rendered work/service, products procured specific to the work/service, and applicable deliverables as outlined in any resulting contract of this RFP, including identified deliverables in awarded Proposer's initial RFP response and subsequent written additions to the resulting contract of this RFP authorized/approved by WCSD.
- 21.3 Proposer covenants that it presently has no interest and that it will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner and/or degree with the performance of work/services required under the resulting contract of this RFP.
- 21.4 Proposer covenants to its knowledge and ability that no person having any such interest shall be employed in performance of said work/service.

22.0 WARRANTY OF WORK/SERVICE

- 22.1 Proposer warrants that any work/service rendered under any resulting contract of this RFP shall be performed with the degree of skill, care, and judgment customarily accepted as sound quality practices and procedures.
- 22.2 Proposer further warrants that any work/service rendered under any resulting contract of this RFP shall fulfill the requirements and intent of the entire contract inclusive of Proposer's proposal. If work/service fails to meet the requirements and/or is deemed to be inadequate in the judgment of WCSD, awarded Proposer shall re-perform the work/service and/or portion of the work/service that is unsatisfactory.
- 22.3 Awarded Proposer shall be liable for all costs/expenses incurred in the performance of corrective work and work/service, including travel, per diem, etc.
- 22.4 If applicable, Proposer is to provide information regarding any relevant manufacturer's warranty for any product(s) that may be provided as part of this solicitation. If the cost of a warranty is separate from the total proposed item price, the Proposer must provide the pricing of the warranty on **EXHIBIT C**, if applicable. The Proposer is responsible for providing details about the manufacturer's warranty with the bid submission. This should include the commencement and duration of the warranty, what parts and repairs are covered under the warranty, and the process for filing a claim under the warranty.

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23.0 ASSIGNMENT

- 23.1 Any attempt by awarded Proposer(s) to assign and/or otherwise transfer any interest in any resulting contract of this RFP without the prior written consent of WCSD shall be considered "VOID."
- 23.2 Should a firm be acquired through formal purchase/acquisition by a Proposer that was awarded a contract resulting from this RFP, WCSD may grant permission for this type of assignment if the newly acquired firm submits financial documentation as outlined in Section 1.1.4 and those documents are reviewed in the same manner as the originally awarded Proposer.

24.0 CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

- 24.1 Proposer shall preserve any information obtained, assembled, and/or prepared in connection with the performance of any resulting contract of this RFP in the utmost professional confidence.

25.0 FORCE MAJEURE

- 25.1 Neither party shall be liable for failure and/or delay in performance under any resulting contract of this RFP, in whole or in part, to an act of God, including, but not limited to pandemics (e.g., COVID-19), epidemics, fire, naturally caused explosions and/or flood; employee/company strike, lockout and/or other labor dispute, civil commotion, human-caused explosions, and/or sabotage; acts of any government; unforeseen shortages and/or unavailability of fuel, power, transportation, raw materials and/or supplies; inability to obtain and/or delay in obtaining governmental approvals, permits, licenses and/or allocations; and any other causes which are not within either party's reasonable control, whether or not the cause is specifically identified above.
- 25.2 WCSD will not terminate any contract with the awarded/contracted organization that is unable to complete and perform the work/service due to FORCE MAJEURE.
- 25.3 WCSD maintains the ability and right to secure other suppliers to provide said work/services, temporarily, if deemed to be in the best interest of WCSD, until the awarded and contracted Proposer is able to return to said work/service and able to meet the requirements of any resulting contract of this RFP.

26.0 INDEMNIFICATION

- 26.1 Proposer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless WCSD, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against all liability, claims, demands, and expenses including court costs and attorney's fees on account of any injury, loss, damage, which arises from any work performed under any resulting contract of this RFP, if such injury, loss, and/or damage is due to the gross negligence and/or intentional misconduct of Proposer, any Sub-Proposer of Proposer, and/or any officer, employee, and/or agent of Proposer in the performance of work/service hereunder.
- 26.2 Proposer agrees to indemnify and hold WCSD harmless from any claim involving patent infringement and/or copyrights on goods supplied.
- 26.3 WCSD agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Proposer, its officers, and its employees harmless from and against any and all liability, claims, demands, and expenses including court costs and attorney's fees on account of any injury, loss, and/or damage which arises out of the work performed under any resulting contract of this RFP, if such injury, loss, and/or damage is due to the gross negligence and/or intentional misconduct of WCSD and/or any officer, employee, and/or agent of WCSD subject to the provisions of NRS 41, including, but not limited to NRS 41.035:

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Actions against certain officers and employees of political subdivisions for acts or omissions of other persons.

26.4 The obligation of this section shall not apply to damages for which WCSD is/shall become liable by final judgment to pay to a third party as the result of the negligence of WCSD. Nothing herein shall constitute a waiver by WCSD of any and all rights and privileges under any governmental immunity act and/or related statute.

27.0 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

27.1 Any drawings, written reports, and/or other works (works) made and/or provided to WCSD by Proposer shall be considered works for use and become the property of WCSD. Any such works shall not be stamped with the Proposer's proprietary markings.

28.0 NO THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS

28.1 Any resulting contract of this RFP is made for the benefit of WCSD and the awarded Proposer and not for any outside party.

29.0 NON-ENDORSEMENT

29.1 As a result of the selection of an awarded Proposer to supply work/service and/or products under this RFP, WCSD is neither endorsing nor suggesting that the Proposer's work/service is the best and/or only solution.

29.2 The awarded Proposer agrees to make no reference to WCSD in any literature, promotional material, brochures, sales presentations, or the like, without prior express written consent of WCSD.

30.0 RECORDS

30.1 Records shall be maintained as required by the awarded Proposer in compliance with applicable municipal, federal, and/or state laws, ordinances, codes, and as prescribed by WCSD.

30.2 Upon prior written notice, at a mutually agreed upon time and place, all records shall be made available to WCSD.

30.3 WCSD may audit, examine and/or take excerpts and/or transcripts from such records including, but not limited to, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment, and/or any other data as may be pertinent to this RFP.

31.0 OTHER EXPENSES

31.1 In the event that WCSD agrees to pay for any of Proposer's expenses directly related to work/service and/or products relevant to this RFP, no overhead and/or profit shall be permitted.

31.2 Proposer shall only receive reimbursement in amounts that are consistent with applicable travel guidelines established by WCSD policies, regulations, and procedures for its employees at the time the reimbursement request(s) are made.

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32.0 REFERENCES

- 32.1 WCSD may investigate information supplied by Proposer to determine its accuracy. Proposer supplying a reference and/or customer list gives the WCSD permission to contact references listed and understand that any information gathered may be used in the evaluation of the proposal.
- 32.2 References, including but not limited to currently employed WCSD staff, officials, Evaluation Committee members, or Board of Trustees will NOT be accepted.

33.0 PROPOSAL NEGOTIATIONS

- 33.1 WCSD may open negotiations with responsive Proposers prior to award. At its sole discretion, the WCSD reserves the right to award any resulting contract of this RFP without negotiation based upon written proposals.
- 33.2 WCSD reserves the right to accept any proposal that it deems most favorable to the WCSD, and to reject any or all proposals or any portion of any proposal submitted which is not in the WCSD's best interest.

34.0 RFP AND CONTRACT AWARD GUIDELINES

- 34.1 WCSD reserves the right to waive any minor informalities or irregularities in proposals and/or any resulting contract of this RFP in its best interest.
- 34.2 WCSD reserves the right to award a resulting contract of this RFP based on individual scope of work/service elements, groups of elements, or all elements to a single Proposer. Taking into consideration the specified evaluation criteria, WCSD will select the Proposer whose proposal is most advantageous to the WCSD.
- 34.3 Contractual commitments are contingent upon the availability of funds as evidenced by the issuance of a WCSD Purchase Order (PO).
- 34.4 Any additional contract documents conjoined as part of this RFP for final award consideration are subject to approval by WCSD's legal counsel and may require approval of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or Board of Trustees prior to execution.
- 34.5 Once awarded, this RFP and any resulting contract of this RFP will be the final expression of a contract between the parties and may not be altered, changed, and/or amended except by mutually approved and executed amendments.
- 34.6 Unless specifically stated herein, if there exists any conflict and/or inconsistency between terms set forth in this RFP document, the awarded Proposer's proposal, and any additional contract submitted by the awarded Proposer, the language in this RFP document shall take precedence unless otherwise approved by WCSD.
- 34.7 WCSD reserves the right to hold proposals for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of opening before awarding or rejecting said proposals.

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35.0 LETTER OF INTENT (RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD)

35.1 It is the responsibility of the interested Proposer to obtain the LETTER OF INTENT (Recommendation of Award) available for download at:

- WCSD Solicitations website at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>
- DemandStar at <https://www.demandstar.com> (*paid Membership required*)

35.2 Proposer may also obtain a copy of the LETTER OF INTENT (Recommendation of Award) by sending an email request to solicitations@washoeschools.net

36.0 APPEAL BY UNSUCCESSFUL PROPOSER

36.1 Any unsuccessful Proposer (Appellant) may appeal the results in the solicitation's LETTER OF INTENT (Recommendation of Award) if they believe applicable provisions of the law were violated.

36.2 Appellant must submit a notice of protest to WCSD's Director of Procurement and Contracts no later than five (5) business days from when the LETTER OF INTENT (Recommendation of Award) is posted. The notice of protest must include a written statement setting forth with specificity the reasons the person filing the notice believes the applicable provisions of the law were violated.

36.3 Appellant shall submit with the notice of protest a bond (i.e., Protest Bond or Appeal Bond) with a good and solvent surety company, authorized to do business in the State of Nevada or submit other security in a form approved by WCSD, who will hold the bond or other security until a determination is made on the appeal. The bond shall be in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total dollar value of the Appellant's **EXHIBIT C**, up to a maximum amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

36.4 If the Appellant is not satisfied with WCSD's Director of Procurement and Contracts' response, Appellant may then appeal to an appeals committee designated by WCSD.

36.5 If the Appellant is not satisfied with the appeals committee's response, the Appellant may then appeal to WCSD's Board of Trustees, who will render the final decision.

36.6 WCSD will postpone any award action until after WCSD's Board of Trustees renders a final decision. Appellant will not seek any type of judicial intervention until WCSD has rendered its final decision on the protest.

36.7 If an appeal is granted and a bond was required, the full amount of the posted bond will be returned to Appellant.

36.8 If the appeal is denied/not upheld, a claim may be made against the bond by WCSD for expenses suffered by WCSD as a result of the unsuccessful appeal.

36.9 WCSD is not liable for any costs, expenses, attorney's fees, loss of income, or other damages sustained by the Appellant in an appeal process.

37.0 SURETY

37.1 When a *surety* is required (refer to Page 1 for requirement), the surety must be submitted with the proposal. The surety shall be issued by a creditable surety company authorized to do business in the State of Nevada.

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- 37.2 The surety shall be acceptable only in the form of a Bond, Performance Bond (if applicable) Certified Check, or Cashier's Check in the amount stated and made payable to:

Washoe County School District
RE: RFP # _____
The Brown Center – Purchasing Department
14101 Old Virginia Road, Room 0
Reno, Nevada 89521-8912

- 37.3 After formal award of this RFP has been made public, any submitted surety of the unsuccessful Proposer(s) shall be returned.
- 37.4 Depending on the proposal requirements, the amount of surety shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the total proposal submitted.
- 37.5 Said amount to be forfeited to WCSD should Proposer, to whom the contract is awarded, fails to enter into the contract in accordance with this solicitation.

38.0 PERFORMANCE BOND

- 38.1 When a Performance Bond is required, the awarded Proposer shall agree to furnish WCSD with a Performance Bond in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the proposal award for the initial term of the contract.
- 38.2 The Performance Bond shall be made payable to WCSD, executed by one or more surety companies authorized to do business in the State of Nevada.
- 38.3 The Performance Bond shall be conditioned upon the awarded Proposer's full performance of the work/service, in accordance with the plans, specifications, terms, and conditions of the award of RFP.
- 38.4 In the event the contract is renewed, a new Performance Bond, if applicable, shall be requested for one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the proposal for the renewal term.

39.0 PENALTIES

- 39.1 In case of default by awarded Proposer, the WCSD may procure the work/service and/or products from other sources and may deduct from any unpaid balance due Proposer and/or collect against the submitted surety, bond, or security for the amount of excess costs so paid.

40.0 SEVERABILITY

- 40.1 If a competent court or arbitrator holds any of the terms, covenants, provisions, and contracts contained herein invalid, illegal, and/or unenforceable, any resulting contract of this RFP shall be interpreted as if such invalid terms, covenants, provisions, and/or contracts were not contained herein, and the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

41.0 USAGE REPORT

- 41.1 When requested by WCSD, the awarded Proposer(s) will be responsible for compiling usage reports for any time period covered under this contract including, but not limited to product/service name, description, quantities ordered, invoice number, and invoiced pricing.

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41.2 Usage reports are to be received within seventy-two (72) hours of request and sent via email to purchasing@washoeschools.net noting in the email "Subject" line the following:

➤ **USAGE REPORT FOR RFP #87-P-12-25-MS**

END OF GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

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SPECIAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

42.0 GENERAL RFP SCOPE OF SERVICES

42.1 WUSD is soliciting formal proposals from qualified firms to provide required external financial audit services to cover fiscal years ending June 30th of 2025, 2026, and 2027 with 1-year (optional) contract renewals that would cover 2028 and 2029. The services shall include the audit of WUSD’s financial statements and WUSD’s OPEB Trust’s financial statements submitted in conformance with GAAP, GASB pronouncements, and NRS 287.017 and 354.624.

43.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR AUDIT OF WUSD’S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

43.1 The requested services are to include an examination of financial statements and a compliance examination in accordance with the Uniform Guidance provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

43.1.1 These services should include reporting on Internal Controls and Compliance Over Financial Reporting on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and any other applicable reports deemed necessary by accounting pronouncements.

43.2 The audit is to be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

43.2.1 It is WUSD’s preference that the independent auditor be knowledgeable with those parts of the NRS that affect the operations of WUSD.

43.3 The primary purpose of the examination is to express an opinion on the financial statements and that such an examination is subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularity may not be detected. If conditions are discovered which lead to the belief that material errors, defalcations or other irregularities may exist, or if any other circumstances are encountered that require extended services, the auditor will promptly advise WUSD’s Board of Trustees.

43.3.1 No extended services shall be performed unless authorized in a contractual agreement or in an amendment to the agreement.

43.4 The independent auditor’s report shall contain required findings and must be presented to WUSD’s Board of Trustees not more than thirty (30) days after the report is submitted.

43.5 Refer to: <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/548> to review WUSD’s most recent Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR). The most recent ACFR dated June 30, 2024, includes the requested services format of both audit opinions and reports from the external auditor.

44.0 PROJECT MANAGEMENT

44.1 No later than May of each year, the awarded audit firm will conduct an entrance conference with the Chief Financial Officer and other staff of WUSD. Within a week of the entrance conference, the audit firm will prepare a detailed project schedule to include required completion dates for:

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- A. Year-end Audit – substantive testing of financial information, completion of any remaining tests from interim.
- B. WCSD to provide draft annual comprehensive financial report schedules.
- C. Conduct Year-End Audit Exit Meeting with management.
- D. Coordinate and complete testing follow-up.
- E. Complete review of draft Notes.
- F. Complete review of Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A).
- G. Complete review of transmittal letter.
- H. Complete review of statistical section.
- I. Complete final reviewed draft of annual comprehensive financial report from audit firm to WCSD (comments and changes in redline).
- J. Provide audit opinions.

44.2 A preliminary draft of the audit report shall be provided to WCSD’s Chief Financial Officer on or before October 15th of each year. The independent auditor will participate in an exit conference on the audit report with WCSD’s Superintendent and WCSD’s principal Office of Business and Financial Services representatives.

44.3 The final report must be distributed and presented to WCSD’s Board of Trustees by October 31st of each year. The independent auditor, along with WCSD’s principal Office of Business and Financial Services representatives, will subsequently present the audit report to WCSD’s Internal Audit Committee and then the Board of Trustees in October or no later than November of the year the audit is issued.

44.4 Project management timelines for milestone tasks that need to be accomplished in order to meet the due dates in Sections 44.1 and 44.2 above are to be discussed and agreed upon during an entrance conference in May of each year.

45.0 REQUIRED REPORT

45.1 The required audit report shall be prepared and submitted in conformance with GAAP and NRS 354.624.

46.0 AUDIT REPORT PREPARATION

46.1 WCSD will prepare the Table of Contents, Introductory Section, Financial Section - Management’s Discussion and Analysis, Basic Financial Statements, Fund Financial Statements, Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules, and the Statistical Section of the audit report. The independent auditor will provide the Opinion Letters on firm letterhead, and any other applicable reports required.

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46.2 WCSD requests that submitted proposals include a price for the submitting firm’s preparation of the Notes to Financial Statements and the comparative cost if WCSD prefers to prepare the Notes.

46.3 WCSD will assemble the final report for public presentation and distribution.

47.0 WCSD ENROLLED STUDENT & EMPLOYEE COUNTS

- Student Enrollment = 64,037
- Employees (Certified) = 4,138
- Employees (Administrators) = 466
- Employees (Education Support Professionals (formerly Classified)) = 2,862

48.0 FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Total Government-wide Net Position	\$ (90,533,434)
Total Government-wide Revenues	\$ 1,091,349,830
Total Government-wide Expenses	\$ 1,036,382,790

	Expenditures/Expenses (\$)
MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:	
General Fund	533,674,730
Special Education Fund	108,465,727
Debt Service Fund	70,473,481
Foundations – Non Govt Fund	3,752,850
2024A Extended Bond Rollover Fund	3,379,692
WC1 Sales Tax Revenue Bond Fund	38,790,509
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:	
* Special Revenue Funds	168,281,332
Capital Projects Funds	111,693,197
Debt Service	33,677,300
PROPRIETARY FUNDS:	
Enterprise Funds:	
Nutrition Services	44,692,294
Internal Service Funds:	
Workers’ Compensation	3,638,875
Health Insurance	88,493,252
Property and Casualty	8,665,779
FIDUCIARY FUNDS:	
Assets/Liabilities	
Agency Funds:	
Education Alliance	203,678
Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Assoc.	616,292
Expenditures/Expenses	
Trust Funds:	
Other Post-Employment Benefits Program (OPEB)	6,443,464
Private Purpose Scholarship Trust	112,207

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES:	
* Included in Nonmajor Governmental Funds above	
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 93,374,525

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49.0 MAJOR BANK ACCOUNTS

Wells Fargo Accounts:

- Depository Account
- Payroll Disbursement Account (ZBA)
- General Disbursement Account (ZBA)
- Nutrition Services Depository Account

Third Party Fiduciary Accounts:

- HHP (Health Insurance) – Wells Fargo
- CCSI (Workers' Compensation Insurance) – Wells Fargo

50.0 CUSTODIAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

US Bank Accounts:

- Operating Liquidity
- Operating Core
- Bonds
- Capital Projects/Debt Service

Other Investment Accounts:

- Nevada Local Government Investment Pool (for Workers' Compensation)
- Nevada Retirement Benefits Investment Fund (for OPEB)

51.0 REPORTING ENTITY

51.1 WCSD was organized as a result of legislation enacted in 1956. WCSD provides a full range of elementary and secondary educational services including local, state, and federal programs. As with all school districts in Nevada, its boundaries are conterminous with the County. During fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024, WCSD operated 104 schools consisting of 66 elementary schools, 17 middle schools, 12 comprehensive high schools, 6 alternative schools, and 8 charter schools. WCSD employed approximately 9,140 employees (certified, ESP (previously Classified), administrative, and substitutes) and served 59,900 students during FY24. WCSD's mission is focused on creating an education system where all students achieve academic success, develop personal and civic responsibility, and achieve career and college readiness for the 21st century.

51.2 WCSD's governing Board of Trustees consists of 7 members elected by the public for 4-year terms and is ultimately accountable for the fiscal matters of WCSD. The Superintendent is responsible to the Board of Trustees for the general efficiency of the school system, including personnel, finance, administration and instruction, student services, and all other phases of WCSD operations. In addition, the Superintendent develops policy for constructive relations between schools and the community, and assures programs are responsive to current and future student needs, and compatible with community expectations.

51.3 The Office of Business and Financial Services develops and administers a budgeting system that serves as the primary means by which most of the financing, acquisition, spending and service-delivery activities of WCSD are controlled. The use of an annual operating budget is prescribed under NRS Chapter 354. The budget is approved by the Board of Trustees through public hearings and is submitted to the Nevada Tax Commission for compliance review.

51.4 WCSD is currently using PowerSchool BusinessPLUS integrated financial and human resources enterprise resource planning software. This package includes accounts payable, general ledger, fixed assets, inventory, purchasing, payroll, and human resources.

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51.5 WCSD has General Obligation Bonds with an outstanding balance on June 30, 2024, amounting to \$1,244,452,000.

- Estimated No. of Vendors = 5,000
- Estimated No. of Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits = 150,000
- Estimated No. of Accounts Payable Checks = 6,000
- Estimated No. of Purchasing Card Transactions = 30,000

52.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR AUDIT OF WCSD'S OPEB TRUST'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES

52.1 The requested services are to include an examination of financial statements and a compliance examination in accordance with the Uniform Guidance provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Additionally, the services should include reporting on Internal Controls and Compliance Over Financial Reporting on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and any other applicable reports deemed necessary by accounting pronouncements.

52.2 The audit is to be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Further, it is desirable that the independent auditor is knowledgeable with those parts of the NRS that affect the operations of WCSD.

52.3 The primary purpose of the examination is to express an opinion on the financial statements and that such an examination is subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularity may not be detected. If conditions are discovered which lead to the belief that material errors, defalcations or other irregularities may exist, or if any other circumstances are encountered that require extended services, the auditor will promptly advise the Board. No extended services shall be performed unless authorized in the contractual agreement or in an amendment to the agreement.

53.0 PROJECT TIMELINE

53.1 The audit of the OPEB Trust's financial statements shall begin no later than October and shall be completed by December 31st of each year.

54.0 ANNUAL PREPARATION OF IRS FORM 990

54.1 The OPEB Trust is required to file an IRS Form 990, Organization Exempt from Income Tax, return on an annual basis. The form is to be prepared by the independent auditor using the information from the audited OPEB annual financials.

54.2 This form shall be completed and provided to WCSD for review and approval no later than March of the next year.

54.3 This form requires compensation information for the OPEB board of trustees. This information will be prepared by WCSD staff and provided to the auditors upon request.

55.0 DESCRIPTION OF WCSD'S OPEB TRUST AND RECORDS TO BE AUDITED

55.1 The OPEB Trust was established by WCSD's Board of Trustees on June 24, 2008, to fund and account for the costs of retiree healthcare benefits pursuant to NRS 287.017 and is intended to qualify as a Voluntary Employee's Beneficiary Association (VEBA) under Internal Revenue Code

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(IRC) Section 501(c)(9). The OPEB Trust is governed by a 5-member board appointed by the Board of Trustees.

- 55.2 The Washoe County School District Retiree Health Benefits Plan (WCSDRHP) is the single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan that WCSD contributes to. WCSD also provides OPEB for certain former employees through the Nevada Public Employees’ Benefits Plan (NPEBP), which is a single-employer defined benefit plan administered by the State of Nevada.
- 55.3 WCSD also sponsors the WCSD Retiree Life Insurance Plan, which is a single-employer defined benefit life insurance plan that makes available various levels of life insurance eligible to retired employees at a reduced blended rate cost.
- 55.4 Although assets of these plans are commingled for investment purposes, each plan’s assets may be used only for the payment of benefits on behalf of the members of that plan. Prior to 2024, all assets of the OPEB Trust were invested in the Retirement Benefits Investment Fund (RBIF), managed by the Nevada Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS). In 2024, the Trust decided to withdraw a significant portion of its assets from RBIF and invest in US Treasury STRIPS (T-STRIPS) as part of a new asset-liability matching program. As of September 30, 2024, the market value of total assets was \$96,119,038. Of this amount, \$19,724,951 remained in RBIF, with the remainder invested by the OPEB Trust in T-STRIPS and short-term liquid investments.
- 55.5 WCSD contracts with a certified actuary firm to prepare an actuarial report for OPEB. As of June 30, 2024, the number of participants is 6,818.

56.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

56.1 WCSD intends to award this RFP to one (1) Proposer for the audit of both its financial statements and its OPEB Trust’s financial statements for an initial term of 3 year to cover fiscal years ending 2025, 2026, and 2027 following the formal award by WCSD’ Board of Trustees. The award would also include two (2) optional 1-year renewals that would cover fiscal years ending 2028 and 2029, providing the awarded contract of this RFP’s terms, conditions, and pricing remain unchanged, unless otherwise agreed to via an Amendment to renew.

56.1.1 WCSD reserves the right to award this RFP to multiple Proposers if deemed to be in its best interest.

57.0 RFP PROCESS AND SELECTION MILESTONES:

The following is the **TENTATIVE** schedule for this RFP’s process and selection milestones. WCSD reserves the right to change the schedule at any time.

MILESTONE	DATE / TIME
Solicitation Posted/Distributed	01/06/25
Questions Deadline	01/13/25 at 4:30 pm (local time)
Addendum for Questions & Answers Posted/Distributed	01/14/25
Sealed Proposals Due	01/24/25 at 2:00 pm (local time)
Formal Interviews & Presentations of Finalists	02/12/25 (8:30 am to 11:15 am)
Letter of Intent Posted/Distributed	02/26/25
Formal Award by WCSD’s Board of Trustees	03/11/25
Notice of Award Posted/Distributed	03/12/25

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58.0 CHECKLIST FOR PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Provide a complete TABLE OF CONTENTS in the proposal.
- Evaluation Criteria #1 through #5 (refer to Section 59.0) must be addressed and included in submitted proposal.
- Clearly identify one individual who will serve as WCSD's main point-of-contact for this RFP process only and include a phone number and email address.
- Include a Statement/Letter of Interest as follows:
 - Submit on Proposer's letterhead with the full organization name.
 - Address; phone number; fax number; organization direct email address (if available); and website address.
 - Legal status (i.e., sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, etc.).
 - State whether the organization is national, regional, or local.
 - State the location of the office from which the organization's work/service would be provided from. For organizations with multiple offices, briefly summarize for each office (identify *HOMEBASE*, if multi-office organization).
 - Explain why the organization is interested in providing work/services to WCSD.
- Provide an overview of the organization and its work/service, describing its capabilities, experience, and knowledge. Overview should demonstrate a range of experience (project types, client mix) with other public sector clients including other school districts. Explain the organization's experience with school districts of similar size.
- Complete and submit **EXHIBIT A and EXHIBIT B** in the proposal under a separate tab or tab(s) within the proposal portfolios/binders.
 - EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE PAGE (REQUIRED FORM)**
 - EXHIBIT B – VENDOR/CONTRACTOR (EMPLOYEE) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**
- Complete and submit **EXHIBIT C** in separate sealed envelope with the proposal submission. Refer to Section 1.2 for specific instructions and requirements.
 - EXHIBIT C – PRICE SCHEDULE FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**

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- Provide an organizational chart showing the structure of the team and the key personnel to be assigned to projects.
- Identify each principal of the organization and all key personnel with detailed resumes that clearly reflect the specific experience and/or professional educational background in the represented field(s) of expertise.
- Clearly identify proposed project staffing based on project size and complexity. Include resumes and a brief synopsis of the experience of said staffing.
- If the organization's assigned personnel changes for any contracted project, WCSD must review and approve the replacement personnel in advance. The replacement personnel shall have, at minimum, equivalent qualifications as the originally assigned personnel.
- Identify potential sub-consultants, if any, by name, and address and describe work that may be performed.
- If applicable, provide any information related to Loss of Contract and/or Inability to Fulfill Requirements (refer to Section 7.3).
- Provide at least four (4) business-related references specific to the scope of work/services requested in this RFP. References, including but not limited to currently employed WCSD staff, officials, Evaluation Committee members, or Board of Trustees will NOT be accepted.

References must include:

- Organization's Name
 - Organization's Address
 - Organization's Phone Number
 - Contact Person's Name
 - Contact Person's Email
 - Contact Person's Phone Number
 - Organization's Website Address
 - Description of Proposer's Work/Services Provided to the Referring Organization
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- Submit any proposed contract required by the Proposer. WCSD may elect to execute the Proposer's contract provided WCSD's standard terms and conditions in this proposal are incorporated into the final contract. Unless otherwise identified as such, WCSD's contract language takes precedence in all cases.

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59.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

❖ **EVALUATION CRITERION #1: FINANCIAL STABILITY**

Provide the following, also addressed in Section 1.1.4 (FINANCIAL STABILITY - PASS or FAIL)

NOTE: Submission and review of financial documents are required. WCSD's Office of Business & Financial Services will review all financial documents submitted by Proposers. Should a Proposer's submission of said financial documents be marked as "FAIL," then the Proposer's proposal will be rejected in its entirety and will not be considered for award.

- A. Submit only one (1) copy of (A) Balance Sheets and (B) Income Statements for the last three (3) consecutive years of business operation.
- B. If the requested documents (A and B above, at minimum) are not provided with the proposal, then WCSD reserves the right to reject the proposal as "non-responsive."
- C. The financial documents are to be provided in one (1) separate, sealed envelope, so that they can be easily forwarded to WCSD's Office of Business and Financial Service for review.
 - Do NOT include any financial stability documentation in the proposal portfolios or binders.
- D. Should a privately held company deem certain financial information to be *CONFIDENTIAL*, it must identify what information is to be considered confidential as deemed so by law.

EVALUATION CRITERION #2: PRICE SCHEDULE AND ASSOCIATED FEES

Provide **EXHIBIT C** in one (1) separate, sealed envelope as instructed in Section 1.2.

EVALUATION CRITERION #3: EXPERIENCE AND TECHNICAL APPROACH TO PROVIDING SERVICES (

Proposer's experience and success in conducting similar work; technical approach and Proposer's grasp of project as shown by the depth, breadth, and clarity of proposal.

- Describe the firm's experience auditing local governments' financial statements, preferably local school districts of a comparable size, within the guidelines of NRS 354.624.
- Describe the firm's experience auditing the financial statements of an OPEB Trust and preparation of an IRS Form 990.

EVALUATION CRITERION #4: ADEQUACY OF PROPOSER'S RESOURCES

Adequacy of resources, including personnel.

EVALUATION CRITERION #5: COMMITMENT TO TIMELINES AND DEADLINES

Timeliness of services, willingness to agree to meet deadlines for milestones.

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NOTE: Evaluation Criteria #1 through #5 listed above must be addressed and included in submitted proposals. An Evaluation Committee will review the proposals and determine the best proposal in accordance with the scoring of Sections 58.0 and 59.0. The final recommendation of award for this RFP will be subject to review and approval by WCSD’s Board of Trustees.

60.0 FORMAL INTERVIEWS & PRESENTATIONS – REQUIRED

- 60.1 WCSD has scheduled formal interviews and presentations for Proposer(s) who are identified as a “Finalist” to provide an opportunity to present their proposals to the Evaluation Committee.
- 60.2 These formal interviews and presentations are **REQUIRED** to attend for award consideration and have been scheduled to take place on **WEDNESDAY, 02/12/25**.
 - 60.2.1 Scheduled interviews will run between 8:30 am and 11:15 am. Each Finalist will be notified of their exact interview and presentation time on Friday, 02/07/25 before close of business.
 - 60.2.2 Each Finalist will be given 45 minutes to present which should also include an allotted amount of time for questions and answers.
- 60.3 The number of Proposers asked to participate as a Finalist will be determined by the WCSD’s RFP Evaluation Committee and may be changed at the sole discretion of the WCSD.
- 60.4 Formal presentations and interviews will take place at WCSD’s Purchasing Department located at 14101 Old Virginia Road, Reno, Nevada 89521.

61.0 PRICE ADJUSTMENT AND COST ESCALATION

- 61.1 WCSD will allow for a price increase or decrease after the first six (6) months of the initial term or any renewal term. Any such price increase or decrease will be based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Western Zone as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics online at: <https://www.bls.gov/cpi>. Only the percentage change, whether it is an increase or decrease, between the then-current price and the CPI change for the applicable time period will be granted.

END OF SPECIAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

❖ **ALL REQUIRED FORMS SPECIFIC TO THIS SOLICITATION (LISTED BELOW) ARE AVAILABLE ON WCSD’S PURCHASING (NON-CAPITAL) SOLICITATIONS WEBSITE AT:**
<https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>.

- ❖ **EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE PAGE (REQUIRED FORM)**
If the SIGNATURE PAGE which is a REQUIRED FORM is submitted without a valid, authorized signature (refer to Section 1.12), the submission will be rejected in its entirety.
- ❖ **EXHIBIT B – VENDOR/CONTRACTOR (EMPLOYEE) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**
- ❖ **EXHIBIT C – PRICE SCHEDULE/SPECIFICATION FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**