



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

SOLICITATION TITLE: K-5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADOPTION

SOLICITATION #: 101-P-03-26-MS

SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES: Washoe County School District (WCSD) is soliciting proposals from qualified publishers to provide comprehensive, standards-aligned English Language Arts (ELA) instructional materials for Kindergarten through Grade 5.

**DUE DATE & TIME: May 22, 2026 at 2:00 pm (local time)**

**PUBLIC OPENING: May 22, 2026 at 2:30 pm (local time) via TEAMS Meeting (refer to Section 1.5.2)**

QUESTIONS DEADLINE: All questions/inquiries regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 pm (local time) on April 22, 2026** submitted directly on the WCSD's Solicitations website at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing> or submitted via email to: [solicitations@washoeschools.net](mailto:solicitations@washoeschools.net).

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 PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL: Monica Schuerr-Howden, Assistant Director of Procurement & Contracts

PUBLISH DATE: April 9, 2026

SOLICITATION # OF PAGES: 36

### SOLICITATION EXHIBITS:

- EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE PAGE **(REQUIRED FORM)**
- EXHIBIT B – VENDOR/CONTRACTOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM **(REQUIRED FORM)**
- EXHIBIT C – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS BID SHEETS **(REQUIRED FORM)**
- EXHIBIT D – WCSD MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT **(REQUIRED FORM)**
- EXHIBIT E – K-5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RUBRIC (CAP)
- EXHIBIT F – SOCIAL STUDIES (NVACSS) STANDARDS INTEGRATION RUBRIC
- EXHIBIT G – K-5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RUBRIC (TEACHER)
- EXHIBIT H – NDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CONTENT STANDARDS ALIGNMENT FORM **(REQUIRED FORM)**
- EXHIBIT I – NDE HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (HQIM) EVALUATION FORM **(REQUIRED FORM)**
- EXHIBIT J – DIGITAL ACCESS INFORMATION FORM **(REQUIRED FORM)**
- EXHIBIT K – NDE SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT STANDARDS ALIGNMENT FORM **(REQUIRED FORM)**

**NOTE: The Facilitating Procurement Professional 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 RFQS submission rejected from evaluation and award consideration.**

**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\*\*\***

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

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**AWARDED VENDOR REQUIREMENT:**

*WCSD intends to issue two (2) purchase orders pursuant to this solicitation. The first purchase order will be issued in Spring 2027, with delivery required no later than June 30, 2027. The second purchase order will be issued on July 1, 2027, with delivery required no later than August 1, 2027.*

*The awarded Vendor shall work closely with WCSD and Mountain State Schoolbook Depository to coordinate production, logistics, and delivery schedules to ensure that all ordered quantities are furnished within the specified timeframes.*

*The awarded Vendor will be required to hold contract pricing through June 30, 2028.*

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## **GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS**

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**GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS**

***NOTE:*** If there is a “parent” company and/or if the company is a “dba,” Proposers should specify that in their submission on **EXHIBIT A**.

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL**

***NOTE:*** *Proposers are to submit proposals with all REQUIRED FORMS in a separate package from all other sample textbook packages clearly marked "PROPOSAL ONLY".*

In response to this RFP, Proposers shall submit clearly labeled and indexed portfolios or binders and are to provide the following:

One (1) original bound proposal labeled as “MASTER”.

- With exception to EXHIBIT H and **EXHIBIT K**, Proposers are to include physical hard copies of the **REQUIRED FORMS** with their proposals.

One (1) identical bound proposal, each one labeled as “COPY”.

- If discrepancies are found between the “MASTER” and any “COPY” of the proposal, the “MASTER” will be used to resolve the discrepancy.

One (1) identical electronic copy of the proposal, including all **REQUIRED FORMS** (in their original format) completed and signed (if applicable) on one (1) flash drive with the sealed proposal submission.

- All **REQUIRED FORMS** must remain in their original formats and remain as separate forms. Do not “embed” forms into proposals.

Provide an electronic copy of **EXHIBIT C** (EVALUATION CRITERION #5) on the flash drive and two (2) hard copies in one (1) separate, sealed envelope labeled as *“EXHIBIT C – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS BID SHEETS”*.

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.

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

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.

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

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  
Reno, Nevada 89521-8912

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.

**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.

Proposals will be opened publicly via a TEAMS meeting on May 22, 2026 at 2:30 pm (local time):

**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29088623432662?p=11CoK4F7QftPA6GSn>

Meeting ID: 290 886 234 326 62

Passcode: Q9ho2sh9

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.

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.

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.

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](mailto: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.

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*)

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).

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- Failure to submit a signed Addenda/Amendment(s) may result in rejection/disqualification of a Proposer's proposal.

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

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>

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

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 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.

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

Evidence of collusion among Proposers exists.

Proposer fails to meet any terms and conditions as specified in this RFP.

Evidence submitted by Proposer leads WCSD 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.

WCSD investigation determines that Proposer is not qualified to meet the obligations of the contract and complete the work described.

Cost of work/service exceeds budgetary constraints.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

If there are any questions/inquiries about this requirement, Proposers are to submit their questions in writing directly on WCSD's Solicitations website at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing> or via e-mail to [solicitations@washoeschools.net](mailto:solicitations@washoeschools.net) 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).

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.

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

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

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

**The Facilitator for this RFP is identified on the cover sheet 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.**

### **WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL**

Proposals may be withdrawn by written notification delivered via e-mail to [solicitations@washoeschools.net](mailto:solicitations@washoeschools.net) provided such notice is received prior to the DUE DATE & TIME identified on Page 1 of this RFP. A request for withdrawal of a proposal received after the DUE DATE & TIME will not be considered. The submitted proposal will be noted as "RB" (Reject Bid) on the Recommendation of Award (ROA) Tabulation.

### **PROPRIETARY & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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 (NRS 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.

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Proposers are advised that after a LETTER OF INTENT (also referred to as the 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.

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.

**FORMAL INTERVIEWS AND PRESENTATIONS**

WCSD 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. No cost allowance or per diem will be paid by WCSD for this requirement. Refer to RFP Schedule (Page 31) for additional information.

WCSD 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 WCSD.

**GOVERNING LAW, COMPLIANCE WITH LAW, AND ATTORNEY FEES**

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. No action involving the proposal and/or resulting contract may be brought except in the federal courts located in Washoe County, Nevada, USA. Proposer shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, ordinances, or other legal requirements which apply. All parties agree that in the event of a dispute, each party will bear its own costs of litigation and/or attorney's fees.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

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 WCSD, at its sole option, rejects arbitration by so notifying Proposer.

If the WCSD 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 WCSD.

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

If the matter is arbitrated, WCSD 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.

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

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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**DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS**

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.***

If WCSD was required by NRS 332.045 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).

**Loss of Contract and/or Inability to Fulfill Requirements**

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.

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.

**NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

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.

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.

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.

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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### **DEFAULT AND CONTRACT TERMINATION RIGHTS**

In case of default by any awarded Proposer(s), WCSD reserves the right to impose any of the following actions:

Deduct any unpaid balance due to awarded Proposer(s).

Procure the service(s) and/or product(s) from another source.

Hold the defaulting Proposer(s) responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

Assess a penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the total proposal price.

Commence proceedings against any surety held in conjunction with the proposal.

Prohibit Proposer(s) to submit proposals for a period of not less than one (1) year and no more than five (5) years.

Pursue other appropriate legal remedies.

### **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

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 and (B) an opportunity for consultation with the Director of Procurement and Contracts of WCSD prior to termination.

### **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:

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.

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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**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES**

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.

**INSTALLATION**

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.

**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.***

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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:

*Washoe County School District  
The Brown Center – Purchasing Department  
14101 Old Virginia Road, Room 0  
Reno, Nevada 89521-8912*

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:

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*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.*

The COI shall state that if any of the policies described 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.

Upon renewal of the policies listed, awarded Proposer(s), or authorized Insurer(s) shall WCSD with replacement certificates.

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.

Awarded Proposer(s) shall furnish WCSD with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language affecting coverage required by this clause and a copy of the declarations and Endorsements pages of the CGL and an excess policies listing all policy endorsements. All certificates and endorsements, and copies of the declarations and endorsements pages are to be received and approved by WCSD before services commence.

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. 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.

### **GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

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

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.

### **COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE**

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

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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

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

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE**

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).

**PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

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). WCSD reserves the right to require a higher limit for service(s) that may constitute said requirement. WCSD requires that Professional Liability Insurance include coverage for unintentional breach of contract. Professional Liability Insurance may be proved under primary policies or by a combination of primary and excess policies. Professional Liability is not covered under additional Umbrella Liability Insurance.

**DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS**

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.

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.

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

**LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION**

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

**VESTED INTEREST**

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.

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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.

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.

Proposer covenants to its knowledge and ability that no person having any such interest shall be employed in performance of said work/service.

### **WARRANTY OF WORK/SERVICE**

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.

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.

Awarded Proposer shall be liable for all costs/expenses incurred in the performance of corrective work and work/service, including travel, per diem, etc.

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 proposal 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.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

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."

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 and those documents are reviewed in the same manner as the originally awarded Proposer.

### **CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION**

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.

**FORCE MAJEURE**

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.

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.

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.

**INDEMNIFICATION**

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.

Proposer agrees to indemnify and hold WCSD harmless from any claim involving patent infringement and/or copyrights on goods supplied.

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

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.

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

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.

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**NO THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS**

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

**NON-ENDORSEMENT**

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.

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.

**RECORDS**

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

**OTHER EXPENSES**

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.

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.

**REFERENCES**

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. References, including but not limited to currently employed WCSD staff, officials, Evaluation Committee members, or Board of Trustees will NOT be accepted.

**PROPOSAL NEGOTIATIONS**

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.

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.

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### **RFP AND CONTRACT AWARD GUIDELINES**

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.

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.

Contractual commitments are contingent upon the availability of funds as evidenced by the issuance of a WCSD Purchase Order (PO).

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.

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.

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.

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.

### **LETTER OF INTENT (RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD)**

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*)

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

### **APPEAL BY UNSUCCESSFUL PROPOSER**

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.

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.

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

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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).

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.

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.

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.

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

**SURETY**

When a *surety* is required (refer to the cover sheet 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.

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

After formal award of this RFP has been made public, any submitted surety of the unsuccessful Proposer(s) shall be returned. Depending on the proposal requirements, the amount of surety shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the total proposal submitted. 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.

**PERFORMANCE BOND**

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.

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.

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.

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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.

### **PENALTIES**

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.

### **SEVERABILITY**

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.

### **USAGE REPORT**

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. Usage reports are to be received within seventy-two (72) hours of request and sent via email to [purchasing@washoeschools.net](mailto:purchasing@washoeschools.net) noting in the email "Subject" line the following: **USAGE REPORT FOR RFP #101-P-03-26-MS**

### **PRICE ADJUSTMENT AND COST ESCALATION**

Unless otherwise stated herein, prices shall remain firm and fixed for the first six (6) months of the Initial Term. Thereafter, WCSD may consider a request for a price increase or decrease. A price adjustment may also be requested: (i) at the time a renewal is requested, or (ii) after the first six (6) months of any active Renewal Term. All requests must be submitted in writing with sufficient documentation supporting the proposed adjustment (e.g., changes in an objective, third-party benchmark like the Consumer Price Index) and are subject to the WCSD's review and mutual written agreement of both parties. 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.

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## **SCOPE OF SERVICES & PROPOSAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

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### **SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES**

WCSD is soliciting proposals from qualified publishers to provide comprehensive, standards-aligned English Language Arts (ELA) instructional materials for Kindergarten through Grade 5.

The instructional materials shall support high-quality literacy instruction aligned with the Science of Reading and must incorporate a structured literacy approach, a robust and explicit writing component, and integrate social studies content to incorporate knowledge building and vocabulary development.

The proposed program must address the needs of diverse learners and provide coherent, standards-aligned and research-based instruction designed to improve literacy outcomes for all students.

The selected vendor shall provide all instructional materials, teacher resources, assessments, digital tools, implementation supports, and professional learning necessary for the successful implementation a high-quality K–5 ELA program in WCSD classrooms.

### **PROPOSAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Instructional materials must be aligned to the Nevada Academic Content Standards for K-5 ELA and the following:

- A. Science of Reading: Instructional materials must demonstrate alignment with research on how students learn to read, including but not limited to explicit and systematic instruction in phonological awareness, explicit and systematic phonics instruction, instruction in word recognition and decoding, development of reading fluency, explicit vocabulary instruction, explicit instruction in language comprehension, and opportunities for oral language development.
- B. Structured Literacy Approach: The instructional materials must include a structured literacy framework that provides explicit, systematic, and cumulative instruction supporting Tier 1 core instruction and interventions for students needing additional support. The materials must also include a clear sequence for phonics and spelling patterns, use multisensory instructional strategies, where appropriate, provide practice with decoding and encoding, include high-frequency word instruction, support automaticity and fluency development.
- C. Writing Instruction: The program must include a comprehensive writing component that provides explicit instruction in the writing process across grade levels and content areas in opinion/argument writing, informational/explanatory writing and narrative writing. Materials should support a gradual release of responsibility model, and include teacher modeling, guided practice and independent writing opportunities.
- D. Social Studies Integration: The instructional materials must support the development of background knowledge through integrated content, including social studies topics. The program should incorporate historical, civic, cultural, and geographic topics.

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- E. Text Selection and Reading Materials: The proposed program must include a variety of complex literary and informational text from diverse author and perspectives. Texts must support knowledge-building within units, provide decodable texts aligned with phonics instruction (K-5 as needed), read-aloud and shared reading materials and scaffolded texts to support differentiated instruction.
- F. Assessment System: The instructional materials must include formative, progress monitoring and summative assessments that provide data to support instructional decision making for phonological awareness, phonics and decoding, fluency, vocabulary, reading comprehension and writing proficiency.
- G. Supports for Diverse Learners: The instructional materials must support the needs of diverse learners and should include scaffolding strategies, language supports, small-group instruction guidance, intervention pathways and enrichment opportunities.
- H. Spanish Language Materials: The instructional materials must be available in Spanish, grades K-5, for dual language immersion and bilingual instructional programs. The core Spanish instructional materials must be a translated version of the English core instructional materials to ensure instructional coherence across languages and support implementation of the same program model in dual language settings. Spanish language materials must be translated by qualified professional translators and/or bilingual educators with expertise in literacy instruction. Vendors must ensure that translations accurately reflect instructional intent and grade-level expectations and maintain academic vocabulary and disciplinary language appropriate for Spanish.
- I. Family Engagement and Support: The instructional materials must offer resources, in a variety of languages, for families to support learning at home including, but not limited to letters to caregivers, activities and guidance for families to support reading at home, digital resources and tools.
- J. Materials must be relevant to students and reflect the diversity of our students and society in a culturally responsive manner.
- K. Materials must comply with accessibility standards for students with visual impairments via ADA compliant resources or other technology.
- L. Professional Learning: Vendors must provide professional learning opportunities and implementation planning and support including initial and on-going implementation trainings, and new teacher on-boarding with options for both in-person and on-demand professional learning.
- M. Technology Support and Digital integration: Vendors must provide technology support for the life of the adoption. Digital materials must integrate with Clever and meet accessibility standards.
- N. Vendors must provide guidance to support reviewers in navigating the instructional materials. This should include a short video demonstrating the best way to review the materials via the digital platform, information on using the digital materials to plan for a typical lesson and guidance on how to support students in using the digital platform.

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- O. Vendors must provide evidence demonstrating that the proposed instructional materials are grounded in research-based literacy practices aligned with the Science of Reading and support effective literacy instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 5.
- P. Vendors must provide evidence demonstrating the effectiveness of the proposed program in improving student literacy outcomes.
- Q. Vendors must also provide documentation describing successful implementation of the program in other school districts, including implementation case studies and available outcome data where applicable.
- R. Deliverables: Vendors must provide the digital and print materials/components required to meet the research-based results.

**TERM OF CONTRACT & ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

WCSD intends to award this RFP to one (1) Proposer. WCSD reserves the right to award each grade level individually or multiple grade levels to one (1) Proposer.

This Agreement shall have a term of seven (7) years, commencing on July 1, 2027, and continuing through June 30, 2034. This term is contingent upon formal award by the WCSD's Board of Trustees, tentatively scheduled for January 2027.

WCSD intends to issue two (2) purchase orders pursuant to this solicitation. The first purchase order will be issued in Spring 2027, with delivery required no later than June 30, 2027. The second purchase order will be issued on July 1, 2027, with delivery required no later than August 1, 2027.

The awarded Vendor shall work closely with WCSD and Mountain State Schoolbook Depository to coordinate production, logistics, and delivery schedules to ensure that all ordered quantities are furnished within the specified timeframes.

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INTERIM INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADOPTION PROCESS**

The Nevada Department of Education has introduced an interim instructional materials adoption process as a way for districts to evaluate materials for adoption that were published after the last State Board of Education English Language Arts instructional materials approval.

The Nevada Department of Education Guidance Memo 26-05 is available online at:

- ❖ <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing/Admin/ProjectDetail?ProjectID=4995>

Further information on NDE's interim instructional materials adoption process can be found online at:

- ❖ <https://doe.nv.gov/offices/office-of-teaching-and-learning/instructional-materials>

Vendors, whose materials are on the NDE's Approved Instructional Materials list, with the same copyright year, are already approved for district adoption and do not need to include the Standards Course Alignment Form for ELA in their proposal.

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Proposals for NDE approved instructional materials with updated copyrights or more significant changes AND instructional materials that are not currently approved must be submitted using **EXHIBIT H – NDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CONTENT STANDARDS ALIGNMENT FORM** and **EXHIBIT I – NDE HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (HQIM) EVALUATION FORM.**

Additionally, Proposers must also submit **EXHIBIT K - NDE SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT STANDARDS ALIGNMENT FORM.** WCSD is looking for K-5 ELA instructional materials with integrated social studies content. The intent is to cover the social studies standards through the ELA instructional materials.

Proposed instructional materials must meet the requirements detailed in the front matter of **EXHIBIT I** to be eligible for WCSD review. Materials that do not meet the mandatory thresholds cannot be reviewed by the RFP evaluation committee.

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**DATA PRIVACY AGREEMENT**

**PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION AND STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS**

WCSD is committed to protecting student privacy. This DATA PRIVACY AGREEMENT contains the understanding regarding Student Education Records, protection of Personally Identifiable Information or PII, and Data Privacy.

- A. Student Education Records - The **VENDOR** does not own any of the Student Education Records with its products. The data within the products are the property of and under the control of the District.
- B. Personally Identifiable Information PII – The **VENDOR** cannot disclose any personally identifiable information (PII) from any software applications excepting following the Agreement. PII from Student Education Records will be used only to meet the purpose or purposes of the Agreement. PII will not be shared with entities outside of the District unless under the conditions listed in the Agreement.
- C. Data Privacy – All Student Education Records will be physically and virtually protected in compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations regarding privacy, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA"), and Nevada Revised Statute 392.029.
- D. Destruction of PII, Student Data and Property –The **VENDOR** shall make the data available to District for download in .CSV format upon the expiration or termination of this agreement, or upon the District's written request. Within sixty (60) calendar days of the District's request, the **VENDOR** shall also destroy all copies it made of data and any other property, information, and documents, including confidential information, and, if requested by District, deliver to the District a certificate confirming the **VENDOR** compliance with the return or destruction obligation under this section.
- E. In the event the **VENDOR** becomes aware of a data breach or inadvertent disclosure of PII, the **VENDOR** shall fully take immediate steps to limit and mitigate such security breaches as soon as possible. The **VENDOR** legal will notify a senior member of the District, ideally the Superintendent or similar chief executive. This typically will occur within 72 hours of confirmation of the breach/event and would include known relevant details. The District and the **VENDOR** will work cooperatively in determining an action plan, including any required

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notification of the affected persons. The VENDOR will not change its privacy policy without providing at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to District during which time District may contact the VENDOR regarding any changes and the parties agree to work in good faith to resolve any reasonable concerns regarding the changes. The VENDOR will not change how data is collected, used, or shared under the terms and conditions of the Agreement in any way without notice to and consent from the District.

By signing **EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE FORM**, the VENDOR agrees to the terms and conditions laid out in this DATA PRIVACY AGREEMENT surrounding student data, protection of PII and data privacy.

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## **RFP SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST**

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**CHECKLIST FOR PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

➤ **ALL REQUIRED FORMS** for this RFP are available for download on WCSD's Solicitation website at: <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing/Admin/ProjectDetail?ProjectID=4995>

- Provide a complete TABLE OF CONTENTS in the proposal.
- Proposers are to provide the following with their proposal submission:
  - Two (2) copies of each student text.
  - Two (2) copies of each teacher's edition.
  - One (1) set of associated components.
  - Full digital access credentials to online materials for teachers and students with no restrictions to number of seats by completing and submitting **EXHIBIT J**.

**NOTE:** Additional copies and accompanying materials may be requested from selected publishers after the initial screening process is completed.

- Evaluation Criteria #1 through #4 must be addressed and included in/with the submitted proposal. Refer to Evaluation Criteria (Pages 33-34).
- 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. 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.

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- 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.
- If there is a "parent" company and/or if the company is a "dba," Proposers should specify that in the Statement/Letter of Interest and on **EXHIBIT A**.
- 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 Loss of Contract and/or Inability to Fulfill Requirements).
- 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.
- Complete and submit an electronic copy of **EXHIBIT C** (EVALUATION CRITERION #1) on the flash drive and a hard copy in one (1) separate, sealed envelope labeled as "**EXHIBIT C – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS BID SHEETS**". Refer to Submission of Proposal (Page **4**) for additional information.
  - Schedules A or B in **EXHIBIT C** must include consumable prices for the entire seven (7) year term of the contract.
- Complete, sign, and submit the following **REQUIRED FORMS** in the proposal under a separate tab or tab(s) within the proposal portfolios/binders and in electronic format on the flash drive.
  - EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE PAGE (REQUIRED FORM)**
  - EXHIBIT B – VENDOR/CONTRACTOR (EMPLOYEE) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**

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- EXHIBIT D – WCSO MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT (REQUIRED FORM)**
  - EXHIBIT I – NDE HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (HQIM) EVALUATION FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**
  - EXHIBIT J – DIGITAL ACCESS INFORMATION FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**
- Complete, sign, and provide these **REQUIRED FORMS** only on the flash drive. These forms must remain in their original format (Excel), and if printed they are in excess of 100 pages with unreadable font size.
- EXHIBIT H – NDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CONTENT STANDARDS ALIGNMENT FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**
  - EXHIBIT K – NDE SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT STANDARDS ALIGNMENT FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**

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## **RFP SCHEDULE**

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**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.

<b>MILESTONE</b>	<b>DATE / TIME</b>
Solicitation Posted/Distributed	April 9, 2026
Questions Deadline	April 22, 2026 at 4:30 pm (local time)
Addendum for Questions & Answers Posted/Distributed	May 6, 2026
Sealed Proposals & Required Forms & Exhibits DUE	May 22, 2026 at 2:00 pm (local time)
Public Comment Window Begins	October 12, 2026
Public Comment Window Ends	November 13, 2026
Letter of Intent Posted/Distributed	November 18, 2026
Award by Board of Trustees	January 2027

**FORMAL INTERVIEWS & PRESENTATIONS**

Although WCSD is not anticipating to formally interview Proposers for this RFP, WCSD reserves the right to request formal interviews and presentations (either by virtual means or in-person) to provide an opportunity for Proposer(s) who are identified as a “semi-finalist” to present to the evaluation committee should it be deemed in the best interest of WCSD.

The number of Proposers asked to participate will be determined by the WCSD’s Instructional Materials Adoption Evaluation Committee and may be changed at the sole discretion of the WCSD. Formal presentations and interviews will take place at a WCSD local site of choice or virtually. Proposers chosen to participate in the interview and presentation process will be notified of the actual date, time, and location.

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## **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**RFP EVALUATION CRITERIA**

➤ **EVALUATION CRITERION #1: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS BID SHEETS (EXHIBIT C)**

Cost proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the estimated total cost of all required and accepted materials in print and digital format of student materials.

➤ **EVALUATION CRITERION #2: TEACHER EVALUATION RUBRIC (EXHIBIT G)**

WCSD K-5 English Language Arts Instructional Materials Rubric for use by Teacher Committee Members.

The following criteria constitute the rubric for the evaluation of instructional materials:

- Phonological & Phonemic Awareness (K-1 only)
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Writing

Reviewers will evaluate the extent to which a set of materials best aligns to the criteria by assigning one of the following ratings:

- 2 – Yes
- 1 – Partially Evident
- 0 – Not Evident

➤ **EVALUATION CRITERION #3: CAP EVALUATION RUBRIC (EXHIBIT E)**

WCSD K-5 English Language Arts Instructional Materials Rubric for use by Community Administrator and Parent Committee Members (CAP).

The following criteria constitute the rubric for the evaluation of instructional materials:

- Criteria 1: Web-Based Version
- Criteria 2: Student Relevancy
- Criteria 3: Diverse Learners
- Criteria 4: Culturally Relevant
- Criteria 5: Learning at Home
- Criteria 6: Textual Materials

Reviewers will evaluate the extent to which a set of materials best aligns to the criteria by assigning one of the following ratings:

- 2 – Yes
- 1 – Partially Evident
- 0 – Not Evident

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➤ **EVALUATION CRITERION #4: SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS INTEGRATION RUBRIC (EXHIBIT F)**

WCSD Social Studies (NVACSS) Standards Integration Rubric for use by Teacher Committee Members.

The following criteria constitute the rubric for the evaluation of instructional materials:

- Criteria 1: Standards Alignment and Coverage
- Criteria 2: Integration with ELA Instruction
- Criteria 3: Inquiry & Critical Thinking

Reviewers will evaluate the extent to which a set of materials best aligns to the criteria by assigning one of the following ratings:

- 2 – Yes
- 1 – Partially Evident
- 0 – Not Evident

***NOTE: Evaluation Criteria # 1 through # 4 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 the Evaluation Criteria. The final recommendation of award for this RFP will be subject to review and approval by WCSD's Board of Trustees.***

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## **REQUIRED FORMS AND EXHIBITS**

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**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/Admin/ProjectDetail?ProjectID=4995>

- ❖ **EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE PAGE (REQUIRED FORM)**  
If the SIGNATURE PAGE, which is a REQUIRED FORM, is submitted without an authorized signature, the submission will be rejected in its entirety.
- ❖ **EXHIBIT B – VENDOR/CONTRACTOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**  
Is to be completed, signed, and submitted with the proposal submission.
- ❖ **EXHIBIT C – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS BID SHEETS (REQUIRED FORM)**  
Must be completed and submitted with the proposal submission.
- ❖ **EXHIBIT D – MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT (REQUIRED FORM)**  
Must be completed and submitted with the proposal submission.
- ❖ **EXHIBIT E – K-5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RUBRIC (CAP)**
- ❖ **EXHIBIT F – SOCIAL STUDIES (NVACSS) STANDARDS INTEGRATION RUBRICS**
- ❖ **EXHIBIT G – K-5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RUBRIC (TEACHER)**
- ❖ **EXHIBIT H – NDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CONTENT STANDARDS ALIGNMENT FORM (REQUIRED FORM)**  
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