

Questions & Answers

Bid #12-205-248-RFP/Computers, Personal, Windows Platform

- 1.) Does the District intend to participate in a Self-Maintainer Program or will you rely on the terms of the standard OEM warranty?

Yes, we intend to do both.

- 2.) **Question:** The Insurance Specifications for Contractors section of the RFP states the following:

A written explanation of that insurance company's position will be attached to the Certificate of Insurance filed with the School Board of Pinellas County's Risk Management Department.

We understand this is prepared by the District, is that correct? No,

The intent here, is: If you are awarded this bid, and a contract, and the insurance company/companies providing your coverage in connection with this contract will not name the Pinellas County School Board as an "Additional Insured" and "Certificate Holder" on all policies related to the contract, the insurance company/companies will provide an explanation of their policy regarding this refusal, and attach the explanation(s) to your certificate(s) of insurance to be filed with the School Board of Pinellas County's Risk Management Department.

- 3). I have a question concerning General Terms & Conditions section **26. Bid Samples**

The bidder shall provide product samples, without charge, when requested. Does the district plan on requesting samples, if so will this happen after proposals have been submitted after May 1st during the evaluation timeframe? We will not exercise this option of the General Terms & Conditions.

The successful bidders' samples may be retained until all the terms of the purchase order or contract have been fulfilled. Can you please provide clarification, does this mean for the life of the 3 year contract or until the contract agreement has been signed and board approved? The difference is substantial and outside of normal parameters for demo program guidelines. If samples are provided for evaluation our normal guidelines don't extend beyond 90 days which require either return or purchase of the units, less they be deemed as gifts which is in violation of government regulations.

We will not exercise this option of the General Terms & Conditions.

- 4). For compliance with section **45. Standards of Conduct** we require a copy of the school districts "Standards of Conduct" in writing. Could you please send a copy.

The Standards of conduct are posted on the Pinellas County Schools Website/ About Us/ District Policies and Bylaws: Board Policies: 1210, 3210, & 4210

- 5). With changes incorporated to T-2, high end teacher laptop, on addendum 3, do you still require an internal optical? 13" or smaller falls into the ultraportable category and internal optical drives are not industry standard in this form factor. If the optical is required, would a external USB solution be acceptable to Pinellas County Public Schools?

Yes, external optical drive is acceptable, must include cable and software to burn DVDs.