



## Ocean Springs School District Invitation to Submit RFQ-No Price

### REBID Server Environment Upgrade SY21

The Ocean Springs Board of Education invites you to participate in an RFQ-No Price- by submitting a proposal for REBID Server Environment Upgrade SY21. This will be a reverse auction bidding process. This invitation will be advertised in the MS Press and specifications and guidelines may be obtained by visiting [www.ossdms.org](http://www.ossdms.org) or [www.centralclearinghouse.com](http://www.centralclearinghouse.com) or obtained in the School Business Office, 2300 Government Street, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, 39564. Official Bid Documents may be downloaded, and electronic bids may be submitted at [www.centrauctionhouse.com](http://www.centrauctionhouse.com). For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Electronic submittal of RFQ-No Price is not required, but is encouraged.

#### Bid & Implementation Timeline:

Posting of Bid Notice to the State Bid Bank	7/10/2020
First Publication of the Bid Notice by the Newspaper	7/12/2020
Second Publication of the Bid Notice by the Newspaper	7/19/2020
Bidder Specification Response Form Return Deadline	7/29/20, 2:00 PM CDT
Email to Qualified Bidders	7/31/2020
Reverse Auction-Server Environment	8/6/2020, 10:00 AM CDT
Recommendation to the BOT	8/11/2020

RFQ-No Price may be submitted electronically by contacting Central Bidding at 225-810-4814 and setting up an account or in person or via postal service of choosing to the Ocean Springs School District Business Office, 2300 Government St. Ocean Springs, MS 39564, ATTN: Purchasing. RFQ-No Price submissions are to be in a sealed envelope clearly marked **REBID-Request for Qualifications-No Price Server Environment Upgrade SY21-Reverse Auction** and returned no later than 2:00 PM CST, July 29, 2020 at which time submissions will be opened in the Ocean Springs School District Business Office located 2300 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Late submissions will not be accepted.

#### Purpose and Need

The purpose for this bid is to furnish the hardware, software and ancillaries necessary to replace and upgrade the server base for Ocean Springs School District including the virtual environment and storage in the IT Department and the data servers at all school and operational sites.

## Instructions to Bidders and Bid Conditions

RFQ-No Price submissions are due and will be opened at 2:00 PM CST, July 29, 2020, in the Business Office of the of the Ocean Springs School District, 2300 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. RFQ-No Price submissions may also be submitted electronically at [www.centrauctionhouse.com](http://www.centrauctionhouse.com). Submissions are to be submitted in sealed envelopes, clearly marked: **REBID-Request for Qualifications-No Price Server Environment Upgrade SY21-Reverse Auction**. Vendors who are deemed qualified to participate in a reverse auction will be notified July 31, 2020 via email.

- Reverse Auction will take place beginning August 6, 2020, 10:00 AM CDT.
- The Board reserves the right to reject any and all submissions either in whole or in part, or to reject a bid which is in any way incomplete or irregular and to waive informality or waive any part thereof. Bids to remain firm until December 31, 2020.
- The Ocean Springs School District may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, in the event funding is either in proration or otherwise no longer available.
- Any questions should be emailed to both the Chief of Instructional Technology, Doyle Reid [dreid@ossdms.org](mailto:dreid@ossdms.org) and Purchasing, Amy Armata, [aarmata@ossdms.org](mailto:aarmata@ossdms.org). Answers to questions will be posted as memos on the following websites: [www.ossdms.org](http://www.ossdms.org) and [www.centrauctionhouse.com](http://www.centrauctionhouse.com).
- Ocean Springs School District is exempt from Mississippi sales tax and most Federal taxes. Exemption certification information appears on all purchase orders issued by the District.
- Any licenses or permits that may be required to perform any of the work or provide any equipment anticipated by this request for bids shall be obtained by and at the expense of the service provider. Evidence of any required licenses or permits shall be provided to the School District upon request. Any fines or penalties levied by any governmental entity for conduct by the service provider in connection with the work contemplated by this request for bids shall be paid for by the service provider.
- The scope of this contract may be scaled up or down to meet funding guidelines with the Ocean Springs School District budget.
- This project will be a deliverable based engagement.
- The Ocean Springs School District will not award this project based solely on lowest bid, but rather most qualified bidder and the following criteria will be considered:
  - Price of the eligible goods and services
  - Meets or exceeds the minimum specifications
  - Vendor qualifications, certifications, etc.
  - Prior experience, references
  - Compatibility with existing network infrastructure and equipment
- The Ocean Springs School District reserves the right to review resumes, check credentials and approve or disapprove the assignment or reassignment of vendor personnel.
- All equipment and work will be in accordance with specifications and funding deemed acceptable by the Ocean Springs School District.
- Equipment must be shipped to 400 Holcomb Ave, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.  
**If equipment is shipped by freight, the delivering company must deliver with a lift gate. The district does not have a loading dock.**

## Bidder Qualifications and Bid Format

Each bidder must meet all of the following minimum standards:

- Authorized sales and/or Service Company for each and every product bid. No bidder may offer for sale any product they are not authorized and approved by the manufacturer to sell and/or service.
- Each bidder must have an open and active parts account with the manufacturer on all lines of equipment proposed. SERVICE AFTER THE SALE IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND A BIDDER MAY NOT OFFER A PRODUCT THAT IS NOT PRESENTLY SUPPORTED BY AN EXCELLENT TRACK RECORD OF PROVIDING SERVICE THROUGH THE MANUFACTURER.
- Financial stability. Bidder must provide proof of ability to handle this project with lines of credit from manufacturer that will allow shipment of product on credit until project is signed for, accepted and completed. No payment will be provided for any equipment installed until the final inspection and acceptance has been approved by the district.
- Established in providing products and/or repair service.
- In good financial standing with manufacturers of all products proposed in this bid.

**General Equipment Requirements:** All equipment and materials used shall be standard components, regularly manufactured, regularly utilized in the manufacturer's system.

- All systems and components shall have been thoroughly tested and proven in actual use.
- Equipment of like standards or specification may be substituted in the bid, but must meet or exceed the specifications listed in the scope of work. If a substitution is made, detailed specifications should be shown for the equipment.
- Individual components should be itemized as specified on bid format attachment including equipment, software, licenses, and warranties, with a combining total shown for the entire bid package.
- **Refurbished equipment will not be considered.**

**Specification Response Form:** The purpose of the Specification Response Form is to provide you with the detailed specifications that we require as well as a form you will complete so that you can tell us exactly what you are proposing to meet our specifications. Be sure to include additional materials, if necessary, to help us determine if your product meets our specification. With the Specification Response Form, we determine beforehand if you meet the specifications. If you do, you then can bid, through the auction process, on the equipment and services you proposed within the Specification Response Form.

**Reverse Auction Process:** This process is where you register with Central Bidding at least 5 days prior to the reverse auction to receive credentials and go online and place your bid for the equipment and services you proposed in the Specification Response Form.

**Timing of the Reverse Auction and anti-snipping:** The reverse auction will open at 10:00 AM CDT with the bidding window set to 20 minutes. **There will be a no Anti-Snipping mechanism during this bid.**

# STANDARD TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND CONDITIONS OF BID

For the purposes of clarity, the terms contractor, vendor and seller shall be synonymous. The terms Ocean Springs School District and owner shall be synonymous. The terms BID and Proposal shall be synonymous.

**1. Purchases:** Every purchase by the Ocean Springs school District of goods, services, or both, shall be governed by the following terms and conditions, except to the extent that such terms, and conditions are specifically modified or altered by the terms and conditions of the specifications sheets/s.

**2. Gratuities:** The District may, by written notice to the Seller, cancel this contract without liability to Seller and District if it is determined by District that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Seller, or any agent, or representative of the Seller, to an officer or employee of the District with a view toward securing a BID or securing favorable treatment with determinations with respect to the performance of such BID. In the event this BID is canceled by District pursuant to this provision, District shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Seller. Prohibition against Personal Interest in Bids: If any member of the Board of Trustees of the District or any employee of the District has any interest, either direct or indirect, in the business of the Seller, such interest must be disclosed in Seller's BID. At the discretion and interpretation of the District, such interest may disqualify the Seller/Vendor as meeting the requirements of this BID.

**3. Special Tools and Test Equipment:** If the price stated in the Proposal includes the cost of any special tooling or special equipment fabricated or required by Seller for the purpose of fulfilling Seller's obligations, such special tooling equipment and any process sheets related thereto shall become the property of the District, to the extent feasible, and shall be identified by the Seller as such.

**4. Warranty and Price:** The price to be paid by the District shall be contained in Seller's proposal which Seller warrants to be no higher than Seller's current prices on order for products/services of the kind and specification covered by this agreement for similar quantities under similar or like conditions and methods of purchase. The Seller warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this BID upon an agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee that would exceed the BID proposal pricing. For breach or violation of this warranty, the District shall have the right in addition to any other right or rights to cancel this BID without liability and to deduct from the BID price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

**5. Warranty Products:** Seller shall not limit or exclude any implied warranties. Any attempt to do so shall render this BID void at the option of the District. Seller warrants that the goods/services furnished will conform to the specification, drawings and descriptions contained in the BID Documents and to the sample/s furnished by Seller, if any.

**6. Safety Warranty:** Seller warrants that the product or service sold/distributed in the District shall conform to the standards promulgated by the U. S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970. In the event the product/service does not conform to OSHA standards, District may discontinue the use of products/services at the Sellers expense.

**7. No Warranty by District against Infringements:** As part of this BID for sale, Seller agrees to ascertain whether goods manufactured or services provided in accordance with the specifications attached to the agreement will give rise to the rightful claim of any third person by way of infringement or the like. District makes no warranty that the production of goods/services according to the specification will not give rise to such a claim. In the event the Seller is sued on the grounds of infringement or the like will result, the Seller will notify District to the effect in writing, of the notification of infringement. If District does not receive notice and is subsequently held liable for the infringement or the like, Seller will indemnify the District and hold District harmless from any loss, cost or expense. If Seller ascertains that production of the goods/services in accordance with the specifications will result in infringement or the like, this BID shall be null and void. The Seller at the end of the warranty period shall deliver to the District any and all documents and operating manuals for technology, equipment, telecommunication access/passwords and training to maintain the equipment to continue to operate the systems.

**8. Commitment of Current Revenue:** The BID is conditioned on a best effort attempt by this governing body to obtain and appropriate funds for payment of the BID and the continuing right to terminate. This BID is a commitment of the District's current revenues only.

**9. Advertising:** Seller shall not advertise or publish, without District's prior consent, the fact that District has entered into this BID, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper requests for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state or local government.

**10. Right to Assurance:** Whenever one party to this BID in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, he may demand that the other party give written assurance of this intent to perform. In the event that a demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days of the request, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the BID.

**11. Independent Contractor:** Seller shall perform the services and/or provide goods required by the BID Document as an independent contractor and shall furnish such services/goods in its own manner and method. Under no circumstances or conditions shall any agent, servant, or employee of Seller be considered as an employee of the District.

**12. Hold Harmless:** Seller shall fully indemnify, save and hold harmless the District, its officers, employees, and agents (hereafter "the indemnities") against any and all liability, damage, loss, claims, demands and actions of any nature whatsoever on account of personal injuries (including, without limitation on the foregoing, worker's compensation and death claims), or property loss or damage of any kind whatsoever, which arise out of or in any manner connected with, or are claimed to arise out of or be in any manner connection with, the performance of the BID and its awarded products/services. Seller shall, at its own expense, investigate all such claims and demands, attend to their settlement or other disposition, defend all actions based thereon and pay all charges of attorneys and all other costs and expenses of any kind arising from any such liability, damage, loss, claims, demand and actions.

**13. Assignment Delegation:** No right or interest in this BID shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Seller without the written approval of the District. No BID or its provisions may be assigned, sublet or transferred without the written consent of the District. The performance of this BID by Seller is of the essence of the BID and the District's right to withhold consent to such assignment or delegation by Seller shall wholly void and hold totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph.

**14. Waiver:** No claim or right arising out of a breach of this BID can be discharged in whole or in part by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved.

**15. Modifications:** The signed BID can be modified or rescinded only by a written request signed by both parties and their duly authorized agents.

**16. Modification to Specifications:** Any and all variances from the items specified must be submitted in writing to the Business Office in addition to detailed manufacturer's specifications ten (10) days prior to BID Opening.

**17. Non-Resident Vendors:** Non-resident vendors must include documentation of the non-resident vendor's state preference laws. This is the amount or percentage of preference states give to resident vendors from their own state when awarding Bids. If the local state does not have a non-resident vendor's preference law, please attach a letter stating such. Such non-resident preferences shall be treated in a reciprocal manner.

**18. Applicable Law:** This BID shall be governed by the Mississippi Code as enacted by legislature which is effective and in force on the date of this BID together with any other laws of the United States, The State of Mississippi, Ordinances of the County of Jackson, Mississippi and the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi and the policies and procedures of the Ocean Springs School District.

**19. Interpretation Evidence:** The BID Documents are intended by the parties as the final expression of their agreement and are intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in this agreement. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this agreement shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of this agreement even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection. Whenever a term defined by codes, is used in this agreement, the definition contained in the code is to control.

**20. E-Verify Program:** Vendor/Seller represents and warrants that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act (Senate Bill 2988 from the 2008 Regular Legislative Session) and will register and participate

in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work with the State of Mississippi. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Vendor/Seller agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the State, to provide a copy of each such verification to the State. Vendor/Seller further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Mississippi. Vendor/Seller understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject Vendor/Seller to the following: (a) termination of this Agreement and ineligibility for any state or public contract in Mississippi for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public, or (b) the loss of any license, permit, certification or other document granted to Vendor/Seller by an agency, department or governmental entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or (c) both. In the event of such termination/cancellation, Vendor/Seller would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the State due to contract cancellation or loss of license or permit.

**21. Venue:** Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this BID shall lie in Jackson County, Mississippi.

**22. Payments:** No partial payments will be given for services/products until the job/order is complete.

## Server Environment Upgrade SY21 Specifications Response Form

**Bids must provide equipment with these specifications or higher.**

Please respond to the items below by entering "Yes" or "No".

Attach specification sheets that detail brand, part numbers and/or description.

<b><i>Virtual Environment</i></b>	
<b><i>Specification</i></b>	<b><i>Yes/No</i></b>
<p>Must meet specification or higher-</p> <p>Server Virtualization Environment that will support at least 1152 GB DDR4 RAM, 6 Intel XEON (168 logical cores), six 10GB ethernet NICs (this project will require a SAN)</p> <p>5 years of support maintenance, 24x7 Proactive monitoring, engineer response</p>	
<p>Must meet specification or higher- SAN 80TB usable SSD Dual 10G Ethernet.</p> <p>OSSD Definition of usable is the amount of usable storage after raid 6 is applied. it is the maximum amount of unique, incompressible data that can be stored if the data reduction ratio were 1:1.</p> <p>5 years support maintenance, 24x7 proactive monitoring, engineer response</p>	
<p>Block hours for Installation support and post-installation support. - Environment pre-configured and ready for installation (Rack and Stack). This should not be performed at our site, but your site and then sent to us.</p>	
<p>2-24 port rack mountable switch managed-L3-managed-24xSFP+ desktop, rack mountable, 10-10G Multimode SFP+ GBICS- Equal to or higher spec than Brocade VDX 6740</p> <p>5 year 4-hour support</p>	
<p>Equal to or higher spec -VMware vSphere which supports ESXi, vMotion, High Availability, vShield Endpoint, vSphere Replication</p> <p>5-year 24x7 support</p>	

### ***Data Servers for Schools and Operational Sites***

<b>Specification-</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
Quantity-8 servers Equal or higher specifications-  DUAL XEON OCTA Core CPU, 32GB RAM total useable storage 70TB (RAID 6) expandable to 110TB useable, Need rails for rack mount server Dual power supplies, dual NICs, basic USB and VGA  OSSD Definition of usable is the amount of usable storage after raid 6 is applied. it is the maximum amount of unique, incompressible data that can be stored if the data reduction ratio were 1:1.  5-year 24x7 hardware warranty, onsite service.	

#### **References: #1**

Company Name:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Email:	
Contact Phone Number:	

#### **References: #2**

Company Name:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Email:	
Contact Phone Number:	



By submitting this bid we acknowledge and accept all terms and conditions and any addenda, if applicable. Check [www.ossdms.org](http://www.ossdms.org) or [www.centrauctionhouse.com](http://www.centrauctionhouse.com) for addenda and Question and Answer Memos.

How do you intend to submit your bid, electronically or by paper? \_\_\_\_\_. If you intend to attend the reverse auction and submit a paper bid you will need to be at the OSSD Central Office located at 2300 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564, at least 2 hours prior to the reverse auction start time. Additional registration documents must be completed at least 5 days prior to the start of the reverse auction and will be supplied by the OSSD or Central Bidding.

**BID SUBMITTED BY:**

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Name of Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Bid

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Mailing Address of Company

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Typed Name and Position of Representative

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City, State, Zip Code

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Signature of Representative

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Telephone Number

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