

RFP T-21001 (Student Information System) Questions and Answers

Updated 11/23/2020

- **Question:** If vendor references are not from the state of Iowa, will we be immediately disqualified from consideration, or will this only affect the phase 3 score for references?
 - **A:** Provision of references that include no references from the state of Iowa will not immediately disqualify a proposal. However, lack of implementations in Iowa may impact Phase 3 evaluation areas, including vendor references, value of the solution, and/or findings from site visits, along with the Phase 2 “vendor experience with similar implementations” area. Vendors must demonstrate that a proposed solution is fully compatible with state reporting requirements in the state of Iowa.

- **Question:** Does Iowa City want the Powerschool RFP response to be part of the Grant Wood Consortium, or a standalone response to Iowa City not related to Grant Wood.
 - **A:** We welcome both types of submissions at the discretion of the vendor. Per the RFP, multiple proposals can be submitted by any vendor that reflect multiple service delivery or support options. That said, each proposal must be self-contained and complete.

- **Question:** The RFP states that Vendor References are due on 11/24. Where shall we submit these references to?
 - **A:** Please submit references electronically to sisrfp@iowacityschools.org.

- **Question:** We see that the customer references are due on 11/24, and they can be submitted electronically to this same email address (sisrfp@iowacityschools.org). Please consider accepting the rest of the RFP response electronically via email. With next week being the Thanksgiving holiday for the district (and also for many companies), we are concerned about being able to overnight a USB drive on Monday 11/30, and it getting successfully delivered by the deadline on Tuesday 12/1/2020 at 2:00 pm Central. If we decide to ship early, it appears that November 25 – 27 are district holidays, so we’d need to ship by 11/23 in order for a package to arrive (overnight) by November 24 and have someone at the district office to accept it. Appears that allowing responses via email would be the easy answer to both concerns.
 - **A:** We appreciate the uncertainty surrounding shipping during the holiday season. While we do not plan to allow email submissions, and do not plan to change the due date, proposers may send a shipping confirmation - indicating service that should result in delivery by December 1st (i.e., overnight service shipped on November 30th), to sisrfp@iowacityschools.org. We will accept late-arriving submissions if we have received an accompanying notification prior to 2 PM on December 1, 2020. The District’s Educational Services Center is staffed for receipt of proposals on November 25th, November 30th, and December 1st. Items that would have arrived on November 26th or 27th (Thanksgiving holiday) will be received by the District the following Monday (November 30th).