

Independent School District No. 1
PC and Related Technology Bid 20-14
Questions and Answers
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Question 1: Considering current issues with product availability would you consider accepting AMD products instead of Intel?

Answer 1: We have been standardized on Intel based systems for many years and prefer to continue with that standard.

Question 2: Do you have a preferred computer brand you are looking for?

Answer 2: We do not have a preferred computer brand as long as the computers meet or exceed the specifications listed in the bid packet.

Question 3: Where will items 4 (250GB SSD) and 6 (Half Height Video Card) be used?

Answer 3: Items 4 and 6 are for repair purposes or stock on hand and not intended for immediate use with the computers in this RFP.

Question 4: Can you clarify Special Information item #11?

Answer 4: When received, District personnel will be imaging each computer with our Windows 10 LTSC image. We cover our specific Windows install through our EES agreement with Microsoft, thus we require an applicable Windows license be included with each computer. No “white glove” services are being requested.

Question 5: Do you consider “slim desktop computer” similar to SFF (Small Form Factor)?

Answer 5: We use “slim desktop computer” as a very generic descriptive term, the case size is more properly defined by the In Win CE685 or CK709 case specifications.

Question 6: Is your “slim desktop computer” larger than “mini tower desktop computer”?

Answer 6: In general, no, the “mini tower” is significantly larger than the “slim desktop”. Specifically, the “slim desktop computer” case is defined by the In Win CE685 or CK709 specifications and the “mini tower computer” case is defined by the In Win EFS063.

Question 7: With everything going on and inventory and lead times will you accept bids on systems pre-loaded with Windows 10 Pro?

Answer 7: For our imaging process, empty hard drives are most convenient and our preference. Having Windows pre-loaded will not disqualify a bid, but please note that deviation on your response as we will want to take that into account when evaluating responses.

Question 8: Do you have a loading dock? What size is it?

Answer 8: Yes, we have loading docks of the typical size where trucks can back up and pallet jack pallets off without a lift gate. As well we have fork lifts so should be well positioned to receive freight via common carriers.

Question 9: What are you going to do with the old equipment and the trash from the new?

Answer 9: Old equipment will be disposed of as required by Idaho Code and District Policy. This typically turns out to be recycling based on the advanced age of our outgoing hardware. As for packaging of the new computers, we recycle as much as possible and the remainder goes to the landfill.

Question 10: Is a tool-free case a requirement for the computers?

Answer 10: While a tool-free case is convenient, we do not consider that feature to be a requirement of the bid.

Question 11: Is the "RGB" reference a typo in the Half Height Video Card, Item #6?

Answer 11: The reference to RGB in item #6 refers to the analog HD-15 output port.

Question 12: The NVidia Geforce GT 730 is not a current video card, would you accept another recommendation?

Answer 12: Yes, we will consider alternative recommendations. The key features of the card listed are the three video outputs (VGA(HD-15), DVI, and HDMI), it's half height/low profile size, and it being fanless.

Question 13: On the NVidia Geforce GT 730 video card you ask for RGB, is that correct or did you mean VGA?

Answer 13: On this item RGB was incorrectly used, we are looking for a VGA (HD-15) output rather than RGB component outputs. Note: Answer 12 above has been updated to reflect this clarification.

Question 14: In light of the COVID-19 situation will you accept emailed bids?

Answer 14: Idaho Code requires sealed bids on a project of this size. At this time, that Code is still in effect and only sealed bids can be accepted.