



ITB # 2026-04

**Invitation to Bid (ITB)
for
Educational and Classroom Learning
Materials, Equipment, and Supplies**

ISSUED ON **July 24, 2026**
RESPONSES DUE BY: AUGUST 27, 2026
NO LATER THAN 12:00 P.M., EST

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**Early Learning Coalition of Orange County
Request for Proposals (ITB) to Provide**

Educational and Classroom Learning Materials, Equipment, and Supplies

I. INTRODUCTION

The ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. d/b/a EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF ORANGE COUNTY (Coalition) and the FOUNDATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INC. (Foundation) located at 7700 Southland Blvd. Ste 100, Orlando, FL 32809 is seeking proposals from one or more qualified vendor(s) to provide a Educational Materials, Equipment and Supplies. This service is being procured through Request for Proposal (ITB) to select the best qualified responsible vendor that is most advantageous to the COALITION through an open, competitive process taking price, service value and all other factors into consideration. Please consider this communication a formal Request for Proposal (ITB), responses to which will be used to determine the best-qualified firm for these services and will be the basis for negotiating a contract.

The Coalition and the Foundation are both not-for-profit corporations organized under the laws of the state of Florida and have been determined exempt by the Internal Revenue Service under the provisions of IRS Code, Section 501(c)(3). The Florida Division of Early Learning has certified the Coalition as a local early learning coalition for the purposes of implementing programs authorized by Florida Statute Chapter 411.01 and part V of Chapter 1002. Our principal function is the provision of oversight, and policy guidance to the early childhood School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten Education systems in Orange County, Florida.

Renewal: Any award from this ITB will be based on an initial 1-year contract. Up to three (3) 1-year annual renewals shall be contingent upon the availability of funds, satisfactory performance evaluations by the Coalition, and at the discretion of the Coalition. Renewal must be in writing and is subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in the initial contract and any written amendments signed by the parties. **The price/discount of the commodity or contractual service to be renewed must be specified in the bid, proposal, or reply,** except that an agency may negotiate lower pricing. A renewal contract may not include any compensation for costs associated with the renewal.

II. STATEMENT OF WORK

1. Scope of Services:

Coalitions are required to ensure that programs are developmentally appropriate and research-based, involve parents as their child's first teacher, serve as preventive measures for children at risk of future school failure, enhance the educational readiness of eligible children, and support family education.

Please submit a comprehensive price list of products and/or services that will address the specific goals of each of the categories listed below. Bidders may submit quotes for all the categories or a portion of the categories. All bids must clearly designate the category for which the products and/or trainings apply. Each list must include, but not be limited to, a product name, product/item number, retail price, discounted price or percentage discount, and a designation for each product and/or service that can only be purchased through your company (sole source).

Estimated Total for Year One: \$600,000.00.

Coalition may increase or decrease its estimated investments in any amount based on the needs of Coalition and funding appropriations.

The quote for commodities and services must include the following information:

- Company name and address
- Company telephone and fax number
- Company contact, telephone number, and e-mail address
- Company website address
- Federal I.D.
- A detailed, discounted price list itemizing learning materials, equipment, supplies and/or services described below. The best possible discounts should be submitted considering the volume of purchases.
- A detailed summary of value-added products and/or services including but not limited to, customer service, shipping, ability to drop ship materials, rush order delivery discounts, provider conference and training support, special events support (such as community events, provider appreciation events, etc.), merchandise return process, and any other value-added enhancements available.
- The bid should be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the vendor on company letterhead.

Category I – Performance Standards and Outcome Measures

To enhance the implementation effectiveness of legislative requirements in meeting key developmental benchmarks, the Coalitions utilize the following reference (as periodically amended):

- *The Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards – Birth to Kindergarten (2017)*

Goal: Provide materials that promote physical development, approaches to learning, social and emotional development, language and literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific inquiry, social studies and creative expression through the arts.

Category II – Classroom Consumable Supplies

To strengthen activities offered in classroom settings that encourage fine and gross motor skill development, hand and eye coordination, and other key developmental skills, the Coalitions may provide a wide range of products.

Goal: Provide consumable supplies, including, but not limited to construction paper, glue, paint, crayons, markers, books, etc. that can be used to strengthen key developmental skill sets as identified above. This also includes outdoor materials such as playground equipment that helps support a child's learning experience through outdoor play.

Category III – Family Engagement Activities

To support family and child engagement in the home setting to encourage social emotional skills, physical development, gross and fine motor, cognitive development, etc. The coalition may provide a wide range of products.

Goal: Provide activities to promote early learning within the home setting. This includes materials such as construction paper, glue, paint, crayons, markers, musical instruments, books, etc. that can be used to strengthen key developmental skill sets as identified above. In addition to indoor items, outdoor materials such as playground equipment are used to help support a child's learning experience through outdoor play.

Services

Please provide information regarding:

- Ability to drop ship items if requested, no later than 4:00pm, to the designated shipping location
- Proof of delivery required for items shipped directly to childcare providers with duplicate packing slips provided to Coalition
- An ELCOC designated account representative
- Availability of online ordering
- Ability to participate in ELCOC events
- Free/discounted shipping

- Return /exchange process
- Any additional value-added services

All items purchased through a contract as a result of this award:

- May be delivered to multiple destinations in Orange County
- Will be stored at the vendor's facility until delivery with no storage fees charged to either the Coalition or the delivery destination.
- Will require a Coalition approved Purchase Order

Orders delivered to the coalition require, at a minimum, a liftgate and pallet removal

The following delivery schedule will apply to orders delivered to Coalition: 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday excluding holidays

Minimum Vendor Requirements:

- Qualified, able, and available to provide the services and products as requested
- Proven history of providing Services to similar organizations with demonstrated success
- Knowledge of Early Learning Coalition business requirements a plus
- Eligible to receive Federal and State funding as required by law, regulation, Coalition funder contracts, program guidance and COALITION policy

Evaluation Criteria:

The COALITION's Rating Committee will evaluate the proposals to make recommendations for selection in accordance with established evaluation criteria. The Committee will select the applicant(s) who best conforms to the ITB and represents the best value to the COALITION. The COALITION will evaluate the responses, announce the award of the ITB, and begin contract negotiations for services. An applicant's response to this ITB should contain the Vendor's best terms from a price and technical standpoint within the marketplace. If agreement on terms of service cannot be reached with the selected Vendor, COALITION shall negotiate with their next selection(s) until an agreement is reached with a Vendor. At any time during the negotiations, COALITION may modify the choice of a selected Vendor if determined to be in the best interest of COALITION. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the COALITION reserves the right to conduct discussions with Vendors if later determined by the COALITION to be necessary. COALITION reserves the right before recommending any award to take any action necessary to determine the ability to perform the work in accordance with specifications, terms, and conditions.

Multiple Awards:

Recognizing that no one vendor may be able to supply all of the materials to be covered by this bid, it is anticipated that multiple proposals will be selected.

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

Does the Bid Proposal quoted discounted pricing reflect requested categories – Early Learning Materials, Equipment, Consumable Supplies, Training?	20%
Is the Bid Proposal quoted discounted pricing competitive based on sample comparisons of competitive bids submitted?	35%
Value added services described in the proposal	20%

were comprehensive and reflected additional cost savings.	
Advantageous Shipping and return policies.	20%
Sole source documentation provided, if applicable.	5%
Total	100%

III. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND DEADLINES*

All times listed reflect Eastern Standard Time (EST)

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	METHOD
Request for Proposal Released	Friday, July 24, 2026	By 9:00am	Coalition website: elcoforangeconomy.org/procurement/ Orlando Sentinel and LaPrensa Newspapers
Signed <i>Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal</i> (Exhibit 1) due no later than	Monday, August 3, 2026	12:00 pm	Email to: arichter@elcoc.org
Last day to submit written inquiries to the Coalition	Wednesday, August 12, 2026	12:00pm	Email to: arichter@elcoc.org
Coalition posts answers to written inquiries on the website	Thursday, August 13, 2026	3:00 pm	Coalition website: elcoforangeconomy.org/procurement/ and Proposer email
Proposals must be received by the Coalition (flash drive and email)	Thursday, August 27, 2026	12:00 pm	7700 Southland Blvd. Ste. 100 Orlando, FL 32809 and email to: arichter@elcoc.org
Meeting of Procurement Committee for evaluation	TBD	TBD	7700 Southland Blvd. Ste. 100 Orlando, FL 32809 or remote platform
Award Posting	Within 24 hours after decision is reached	TBD	Coalition website: elcoforangeconomy.org/procurement/ and Proposer email

*** Times and locations are subject to change. Applicants who have submitted a "Notice of Intent to Submit" will be notified of any changes made to the Schedule of Events. Changes will be posted at <https://elcoforangeconomy.org/procurement/>**

Point of Contact:

The point of contact for purposes of this ITB is:

Amy Richter

Director of Contracts and Procurement

Email: arichter@elcoc.org

INFORMATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY TELEPHONE. Any information received through oral communication shall not be binding on the Coalition and shall not be relied upon by any respondent.

IV. SOLICITATION PROCESS

Should you be interested in providing these services, please include the following information in your response:

A. Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal

As a condition of submitting a proposal, vendors are required to submit a Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal form (**Exhibit 1**) which shall set forth the name and address of the firm participating in this solicitation, and which bears the original signature of an authorized agent of the Proposer no later than the date specified on Section III to the Point of Contact and address listed in Section III. **The submission of the Notice of Intent is mandatory and will provide the Coalition with the address and contact person for each Proposer so that any notices of action can be forwarded appropriately.** Failure to submit a Notice of Intent by the deadline will render the proposer's reply non-responsive and will result in rejection of the respondent's proposal.

B. Fees

Cost proposals must be Vendor's best offer on a fixed price. Vendor must provide the costs for each year; separate pricing/discounts for the initial 1-year contract; and pricing/discounts offered for potential renewals for the following 3 years. Price quotes must be guaranteed for the first year; however, costs may be re-negotiated at the beginning of each fiscal year for renewal periods. If no price adjustments are submitted by the vendor to the Coalition during the period of June 1st to June 15th for subsequent years covered by this ITB, the most current quote shall apply for the following fiscal year.

C. References

Description of vendor qualifications and experience including but not limited to contact information for two client references and a brief description of the services provided.

D. Other Information

1. Include any additional information not already requested that you consider essential to your response. If there is no additional information to include, in a blank sheet of paper write "There is no additional information we wish to present."
2. Certified Minority Owned or Veteran Owned business documentation, if applicable.
3. **Bidders should note that the issuance of this solicitation does not require the Coalition to enter into an agreement with any party. Further, the Coalition reserves the right to withdraw or change this Invitation to Bid at any time when doing so is in the best interest of the Coalition.**
4. The Coalition may request additional or supplemental documentation, affidavits, or other written evidence that Vendor has all the necessary certifications, licenses and/or approvals or authorizations to deliver and/or provide the commodities and/or services stated in the ITB.

E. Format and Submission

1. Respondent shall submit to the Coalition one (1) PDF copy of the response to arichter@elcoc.org as well as one (1) copy of the response submitted on a flash drive as PDF File viewable in Adobe Acrobat Reader. Flash drives are to be submitted to 7700 Southland Blvd. Unit 100, Orlando, FL 32809 ATTN: Amy Richter. The submission (envelope, flash drive and email), the application (Attachment A) and supporting

documents (Attachments B-F) should have the name of the respondent, and the ITB number marked clearly.

2. The signature must be of the designated agent officially authorized to act as the contractual agent for the organization or collaborative partnership. Electronic signatures with proper date stamp are accepted.
3. All supporting documents must relate to the Application being submitted. Proposals may not exceed 15 pages (excluding the budget pages and mandated signed documents and/or certifications).

F. Inquiries

All inquiries regarding this solicitation must be made electronically to arichter@elcoc.org and must be received by the date on the Schedule of Events section. Any information received through oral communication shall not be binding on the Coalition and shall not be relied upon by any respondent. Responses to questions will be posted on the ELCOC website <https://elcoforangecounty.org/procurement/>.

1. Interested entities who submitted an "Intent to Submit a Proposal" form, must also submit a vendor registration application. Forms can be found at the Coalition website: <https://elcoforangecounty.org>. On the Vendor Registration Form please ensure you state the Products and/or Services provided.
2. Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the Coalition posting the notice of intended award, any employee or Board Member concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the sole Point of Contact or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

G. Cost of Preparation of Proposal

The Coalition is not liable for any costs incurred by the Respondent in replying to this ITB.

H. Insurance. The Respondent is required to maintain commercial insurance of such a type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonable associated with the resulting contract.

I. Licenses, Permits and Taxes. The Proposer shall pay for all licenses, permits, and taxes required for this project. In addition, the Proposer shall comply with all federal, state, and local

codes, laws, ordinances, regulations, and other requirements applicable to the work specified in this solicitation at no additional cost to the Coalition.

J. Special Provisions

1. Immigration and Nationalization Act. The Coalition shall consider the employment by any Respondent of unauthorized aliens a violation of section 274A (e) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act. If the contractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for rejection of the proposal or, if subsequently discovered, for unilateral cancellation of the Contract.
2. Warranty of Authority. Each person signing the attachments and subsequent contract(s) warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and bind the respective party to the contract.
3. Convicted Vendors. A person or affiliate placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime is prohibited from doing any of the following for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list:

- submitting a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
 - submitting a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
 - submitting bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
 - being awarded or performing work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and
 - transacting business with any public entity in excess of the Category Two threshold amount (\$25,000) provided in section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes.
 - any proposal received from a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list shall be rejected by the Coalition as an unresponsive proposal and shall not be further evaluated.
4. Discriminatory Vendors. An entity or affiliate placed on the discriminatory vendor list pursuant to section 287.134 of the Florida Statutes may not:
- i. submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
 - ii. submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
 - iii. submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
 - iv. be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; or
 - v. transact business with any public entity.
5. Failure to Perform Prior Contracts. Failure to have performed any contractual obligations with the Coalition in a manner satisfactory to the Coalition will be a sufficient cause for disqualification. To be disqualified as a Proposer under this provision, the Proposer must have:
- i. Previously failed to satisfactorily perform in a contract with the Coalition, been notified by the Coalition of the unsatisfactory performance, and failed to correct the unsatisfactory performance to the satisfaction of the Coalition; or,
 - ii. Had a contract terminated for cause by the Coalition, by any agency of the State of Florida, or by any Children's Services Council.
 - iii. The Proposer or any of its staff have participated in the development and review of the ITB documents for this Solicitation.
6. Respondent Representation and Authorization. In submitting a response, each respondent understands, represents, and acknowledges the following (if the respondent cannot so certify to any of following, the respondent shall submit with its response a written explanation of why it cannot do so):
- i. The respondent is not currently under suspension or debarment by the State or any other governmental authority.
 - ii. To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the response, the respondent, its affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental authority and have not in the last ten (10) years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract.
 - iii. Respondent currently has no delinquent obligations to the State, including a claim by the State for liquidated damages under any other contract.
 - iv. The submission is made in good faith, prices, and amounts -actual or approximate- have been arrived at independently and not pursuant to any consultation, agreement, or discussion with, or inducement from, or disclosed to, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive response. Nor they will be disclosed before the

- opening of the proposals.
- v. The respondent has made a diligent inquiry of its employees and agents responsible for preparing, approving, or submitting the response, and has been advised by each of them that he or she has not participated in any communication, consultation, discussion, agreement, collusion, act or other conduct inconsistent with any of the statements and representations made in the response.
 - vi. The respondent has fully informed the Coalition in writing of all convictions of the firm, its affiliates (as defined in section 287.133(1)(a) of the Florida Statutes), and all directors, officers, and employees of the firm and its affiliates for violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract for violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract. This includes disclosure of the names of current employees who were convicted of contract crimes while in the employment of another company.
 - vii. Neither the respondent nor any person associated with it in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, or position involving the administration of federal funds has:
 - o within the preceding three years been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them or is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
 - o within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government contracts terminated for cause or default.
 - viii. The product or service offered by the respondent will conform to the specifications without exception.
 - ix. The respondent has read and understands the terms and conditions, and the submission is made in conformance with those terms and conditions.
 - x. If an award is made to the respondent, the respondent agrees that it intends to be legally bound to the Contract that is formed with the Coalition.
 - xi. The respondent shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Coalition and its employees against any cost, damage, or expense which may be incurred or be caused by any error in the respondent's preparation of its bid.
 - xii. All information provided by, and representations made by, the respondent are material and important and will be relied upon by the Coalition in awarding the Contract. Any misstatement shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Respondent of the true facts relating to submission of the bid. A misrepresentation shall be punishable under law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 817 of the Florida Statutes.
7. Minor Irregularities/Right to Reject. The Coalition reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity, technicality, or omission and to accept or reject any and all bids, or separable portions thereof, if the Coalition determines that doing so will serve the State's best interests. The Coalition has at its sole discretion the absolute right to cancel, amend, modify, supplement, or clarify this ITB solicitation at any time. The Coalition may reject any response not submitted in the manner specified by the solicitation documents.
8. Withdrawal of Proposal. A written request for withdrawal, signed by the Proposer, may be considered if received by the Coalition within 72 hours after the Proposal due date indicated in the Calendar of Events. A request received in accordance with this provision may be granted by the Coalition upon proof of the impossibility to perform based upon an obvious error on the part of the Proposer.

9. Notice of Contract Award. The Contract(s) shall be awarded to the Proposer(s) whose Proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the Coalition, taking into consideration price and technical merits. The Coalition will post a Notice of its Intended Award at <https://elcoforangecounty.org/procurement/> following the selection of the Successful Proposer. If the notice of award is delayed, in lieu of posting the notice of intended award, the Coalition will post a notice of the delay and a revised date for posting the notice of intended award.
10. Public Records/Proposer Trade Secrets. Article 1, Section 24 of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, F.S., guarantees every person access to all public records. All information contained within each Proposal submitted to the Coalition pursuant to this ITB is part of the public domain after the Contract is awarded. Proposers must invoke the exemptions to disclosure provided by law, in their Proposals by providing the specific statutory authority for the claimed exemption, identifying the data or other materials to be protected, and state the reason, in writing, why the exclusion from public disclosure is necessary. Such claimed exempt information shall be segregated from the remainder of the Proposal. The proposer agrees that no right or remedy for damages shall be had against the Coalition that arises from any disclosure made by Coalition herein, in good faith. Further, Proposer agrees that it shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Coalition harmless from and against any losses, expenses, liabilities, costs, (including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees and costs), claims or actions by a third party that relates to Proposer's claimed exemptions herein.
11. No Discrimination/Identical or Tie Responses. The Coalition, in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ensures that in any Contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Proposals and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration of award. The Coalition will follow the laws set forth in §287.057, F.S., when evaluating identical responses from multiple Proposers. If two equal responses to an ITB are received and only one response is from a certified minority business enterprise, the Contract shall be awarded to the certified minority business enterprise pursuant to § 287.057(12), F.S.
12. Protests and Disputes. Any unsuccessful Proposer who is adversely affected by the Coalition's decision concerning a procurement solicitation or Contract award under this ITB may protest such decision by filing a protest in compliance with Section 120.57(3), F.S. The protest must be filed in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision (or intended decision) and my file a formal written protest within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed as required by s. 120.57(3), F.S. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Any Applicant who desires to file a formal protest to this ITB, must accompany that protest with a bond payable to the Coalition in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the Coalition estimate of the total volume of the Contract amount in accordance with s. 287.042(2)(C), F.S. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payments of all costs which may be adjudged against the Proposer in any administrative hearing in which the action is brought and in any subsequent appellate court proceedings. In lieu of a bond, the Coalition may accept a cashier's check or a money order in the amount of the bond. Failure to file the proper bond at the time of filing the formal protest will result in a denial of the protest. The notice of protest must be submitted to the Coalition's CEO at 7700 Southland Blvd., Ste. 100, Orlando, Florida, 32809 in writing within 72 hours of the Notification of Intent to Award.

The formal written protest must be submitted within ten (10) days after the date of the notice of protest is filed and must fully identify the facts resulting in the contested issues. The protest procedure shall be governed by s. 120.57(3), F.S.

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Exhibit 1

Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal Form

ITB 2026-04 EDUCATIONAL and Classroom Learning Materials, Equipment, and Supplies

Proposer Name

Services to be provided

Proposer FEID No. _____

Proposer Contact Person's Name and Title

Proposer Address

Telephone Number | Fax Number | Email Address | Website

Ph: _____ Fax _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Name and email of Proposer's Project Director (if different from above)

Signature of Authorized Official*

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Name of Coalition Representative Receiving "INTENT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL" Form:

Date Received: _____ Time Received: _____

Delivery Method: ☐ Electronically submission

*An authorized official is an officer of the Proposer's organization who has legal authority to bind the Proposer to the provisions of the Proposal. This usually is the President, Chair of the Board, or Owner of the entity. A document establishing delegated authority must be included with the Proposal if signed by other than the president, chair, or owner.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Early Learning Coalition of Orange County

ITB #2026-04 | Educational and Classroom Learning Materials, Equipment, and Supplies**Number of Pages included:** _____**Date** _____**Name:** _____**Street Address:** _____**City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____**Mailing Address (if different):** _____**City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____**Telephone:** _____ **Fax Number:** _____**Email Address:** _____**Website Address:** _____**Date Entity/Business Established (Mo/Year)** _____**Fiscal Year End (month):** _____**Type of Business:**

Private, For-Profit ____ Private, Not-for-Profit ____ Public/Government ____

Other _____ Federal I.D.: _____

Cost (Summary Only)Total Discount Quoted- Initial Contract: \$ _____Total Discount Quoted Renewal 1: \$ _____ Total Discount Quoted Renewal 2: \$ _____Total Discount Quoted Renewal 3: \$ _____

Name/Position of Person Completing Application:

Email Address: _____

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida

County of _____

_____ being first duly sworn deposes and says that:

1. He/she is the (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of the Respondent that has submitted the attached Proposal;
2. He/she is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Proposal;
3. Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal;
4. Neither the said Vendor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Respondent, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the Work for which the attached Proposal has been submitted; or to refrain from bidding in connection with such Work; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication, or conference with any Respondent, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or any other Respondent or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements of the Proposal price or the Quote price of any other Respondent, or to secure through any collusion, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the proposed work;
5. The price or prices quoted in the attached response are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Respondent or any other of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

On this the _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared _____

Enter name of individual(s) who appeared before notary and whose name(s) is/are subscribed to within the instrument and he/she/they acknowledge that he/she/they executed it.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Personally known _____ or produced identification _____

Notary Signature: _____

My commission expires: _____

(Seal)



I, _____, as an authorized
(Name and Title)
representative of _____, certify that no
(Name of Firm)
member of this firm nor any person having interest or ownership in this firm has:

- Furthermore, I attest that:

1. As signatory on this Proposal, I hereby certify that I have the authority to submit this application. I agree to abide by all conditions of this Solicitation, and I certify that I have the authority to execute this Solicitation.
2. I further certify that the response complies with the requirements of the ITB including, but not limited to, the certification requirements.
3. I further acknowledge that I know I had the right to object to the form of the ITB but I have submitted without objection.

Print Name of Authorized Official:

Title: _____

Signature of Authorized Official:

Date: _____

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

The Coalition will not award a Contract where the prospective Contractor has failed to review and sign the CERTIFICATIONS contained in this section. In performing its responsibilities under this Contract, the Contractor hereby certifies the following:

- A. Debarment and Suspension Certification (29 CFR Part 95 and 45 CFR Part 74)**
- B. Certification Regarding Lobbying (29 CFR Part 93 and 45 CFR Part 93)**
- C. Drug free Workplace Certification (29 CFR Part 98 and 45 CFR Part 82)**
- D. Nondiscrimination & Equal Opportunity Assurance (29 CFR Part 37 and 45 CFR Part 80)**
- E. Certification Regarding Public Entity Crimes, section 287.133, F.S.**
- F. Compliance with Requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**
- G. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000**

A. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS – PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTION.

The undersigned Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a federal department or agency;
2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Contract been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
3. Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A.2. of this certification; and/or
4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/Proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause of default.
5. Where the Contractor is unable to certify any of the statements in this certification, such Contractor shall attach an explanation to this Contract.

B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING – Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements. The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employees of Congress, or employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall also complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that language of this certification be included in the documents for all subcontracts at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients and contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.
4. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this Contract was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this Contract imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

C. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS.

Pursuant to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and its implementing regulations codified at 29 C.F.R. 98, Subpart F. I, the undersigned Vendor, attest and certify that the Vendor will provide a drug-free workplace by the following actions:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Vendor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees concerning:
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
 - b. The policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs.
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the resulting contract be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph C.1 of this certification.
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph C.1 of this certification that, as a condition of employment under the contract, the employee will:
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement.
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) calendar days after such conviction.
5. Notifying the Coalition in writing ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4.b. from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Provide such notice of convicted employees, including position title, to every Contract officer on whose Contract activity the convicted employee was working. The notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected Contract.
6. Taking one of the following actions, within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4.b., with respect to any employee who is so convicted.
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended.
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local, health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this entire certification. The following are the sites for the performance of work done in connection with the specific contract including street address, city, county, state, and zip code:

Check () if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Check () if an additional page was required for the listing of the workplaces.

The Vendor will inform the Coalition of any changes in work sites within 24 hours of such a change.

D. NON-DISCRIMINATION & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (29 C.F.R. PART 37 AND 45 C.F.R. PART 80).

As a condition of the Contract, the Contractor assures that it will comply fully with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws:

1. Section 188 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), (Pub. L. 105-220), which prohibits discrimination against all individuals in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, or belief, and against beneficiaries on the basis of either citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States or participation in any WIA Title I-financially assisted program or activity;
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45, C.F.R. Part 80), to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Respondent receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
3. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112) as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 84), to the end that, in accordance with Section 504 of that Act, and the Regulation, no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Respondent receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
4. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 91), to the end that, in accordance with the Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Respondent receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
5. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-318), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F. R. Part 86), to the end that, in accordance with Title IX and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity for which the Respondent receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
6. The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336), prohibits discrimination in all employment practices, including, job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment. It applies to recruitment, advertising, tenure, layoff, leave, fringe benefits, and all other employment-related activities, and;
7. Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, requires that Federal contractors and subcontractors not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. It also requires the contractor/subcontractor to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

E. CERTIFICATION REGARDING PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES, SECTION 287.133, F.S.

The Contractor hereby certifies that neither it, nor any person or affiliate of the Contractor, has been convicted of a Public Entity Crime as defined in section 287.133, Florida Statutes, nor placed on the convicted vendor list. The Contractor understands and agrees that it is required to inform the Coalition immediately upon any change of circumstances regarding this status.

F. COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002. At a minimum:

- It is illegal for any entity to punish whistleblowers or retaliate against any employee who reports suspected cases of fraud or abuse ([SOX, Section 1107, Section 1513 of Title 18](#), USC.)
- It is a crime to alter, cover up, falsify, or destroy any document that may be relevant to an official investigation ([SOX, Section 1102, section 1512 of Title 18](#), USC).

G. TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

In accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Child Care and Development Fund, the Respondents shall comply with section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. In each awarded contract, under which funding is provided to a private entity, section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, requires the Coalition to include a condition that authorizes the Coalition to terminate the contract, without penalty, if the Contractor (a) Engages in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the contract is in effect; (b) Procures a commercial sex act during the period of time that the contract is in effect; or (c) Uses forced labor in the performance of the contract.

By signing below, the Contractor, through the duly appointed undersigned representative, certifies and assures that it will fully comply with the applicable assurances outlined above.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Vendor

Date

End of Attachment D

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Respondents must disclose with their bids whether any officer, director, employee, or agent is also an officer or an employee of the Coalition, the State of Florida, or any of its agencies. All firms must disclose the name of any state officer, Board Member, or employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the Respondent's firm or any of its branches or affiliates.

All Respondents must also disclose the name of any employee, agent, lobbyist, previous employee of the Agency, or other person, who has received or will receive compensation of any kind, or who has registered or is required to register under Section 112.3215, Florida Statutes, in seeking to influence the actions of the Agency in connection with this procurement.

The following persons are officers, director, employee, etc., of the Coalition who have a 5% interest in the Respondent's firm:

The following persons are a state officer or employee who owns 5% or more in the Respondent's firm:

The following persons have sought to influence the Coalition in this procurement on behalf of the Respondent.

_____The Respondent has had no person seeking to influence the Coalition in connection with this procurement.

***Authorized Signature**

***Authorized Signature (Printed), Title**

***This individual must have the authority to bind the Respondent.**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING
DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION
CONTRACTS/SUBCONTRACTS**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, signed February 18, 1986. The guidelines were published in the May 29, 1987, Federal Register (52 Fed. Reg., pages 20360-20369).

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each provider whose contract/subcontract equals or exceeds \$25,000 in federal monies must sign this certification prior to execution of each contract/subcontract. Additionally, providers who audit federal programs must also sign, regardless of the contract amount. The Coalition cannot contract with these types of providers if they are debarred or suspended by the federal government.
2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when this contract/subcontract is entered into. If it is later determined that the signer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The provider shall provide immediate written notice to the contract manager at any time the provider learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this certification, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the contract manager for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The provider agrees by submitting this certification that, it shall not knowingly enter into any subcontract with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract/subcontract unless authorized by the Federal Government.
6. The provider further agrees by submitting this certification that it will require each subcontractor of this contract/subcontract, whose payment will equal or exceed \$25,000 in federal monies, to submit a signed copy of this certification.
7. The Coalition may rely upon a certification of a provider that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from contracting/subcontracting unless it knows that the certification is erroneous.
8. This signed certification must be kept in the contract manager's contract file. Subcontractor's certifications must be kept at the contractor's business location.

CERTIFICATION

- (1) The prospective contractor certifies, by signing this certification, that neither he nor his principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract/subcontract by any federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective contractor is unable to certify any of the statements in this certification, such prospective provider shall attach an explanation to this certification.

***Authorized Signature**

***Authorized Name (Printed) and Title**

***This individual must have the authority to bind the prospective Contractor.**

SUBMISSION CRITERIA FOR ITB 2026-04 Educational and Classroom Learning Materials, Equipment, and Supplies
Proposer Name: <i>(Legal name from Application Page)</i>

SECTION A: FATAL CRITERIA

	Proposer Check (v)	Coalition Check (v)
1. The Proposal was received by 12:00 p.m. on August 27, 2026 (EST) which was the time and date specified in the solicitation.		
2. The response contains all attachments fully executed.		

If all responses to Section A are “yes,” continue to next section. If one or more are “no,” the response/ application is disqualified. No further evaluation is to be done.

SECTION B: ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

	Proposer Check (v)	Coalition Check (v)
1. Was the Original application signed by a duly authorized officer of the applying organization form indicating the total number of pages in the application and budgets for the periods requested? (Attachment A)		
2. Did the response include a signed Non-collusive Affidavit? (Attachment B)		
3. Was the Statement of No involvement and Authorization to sign acknowledgement included? (Attachment C)		
4. Did the response include the signed Certifications and Assurances form? (Attachment D)		
5. Did the response include the signed Disclosure Statement/Conflict of Interest form? (Attachment E)		
6. Did the response include the signed Debarment Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary exclusion form? (Attachment F)		

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Name of Reviewer: _____

Date Received: _____ Time Received: _____

Delivery Method: _____ Electronic Submittal