# Jackson Public School District



# Jackson Public School District 662 South President Street Jackson, MS 39201

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RFP 2023 - 19

**Title: Online Digital Literacy** 

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Submission Deadline: September 14, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time)

PLEASE SUBMIT ORIGINAL RFP DOCUMENTS IN THE FORMAT/DESIGN ISSUED ALONG WITH OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO THE PROPOSAL, BY MAIL, HAND DELIVERY OR BY UPLOADDING TO <a href="https://www.centralbidding.com">www.centralbidding.com</a>

If you would like the tabulation for this RFP after Board Approval, please go to <a href="www.jackson.k12.ms.us">www.jackson.k12.ms.us</a>. Double click on Departments and select Finance and Operations. Open the Purchasing page. Select Purchasing Approved Bids/RFPs. These documents will give you the tab sheet approved by the Jackson Public School District Board of Trustees. If the RFP in question is not listed, contact the Purchasing Office at 601-960-8799 for assistance.

Questions regarding proposal specification are to be addressed to the Project Administrator, Rajeeni Scott listed above.

## PROPOSAL FORM

Board of Trustees Jackson Public School District Jackson, Mississippi

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I/We, propose to furnish and deliver all items and/or to perform all services according to all sections of this rfp document (Proposal Form, Instructions and Conditions, detailed written Specifications, and Addendum if applicable) and in the quantities at the indicated prices, as called for in the document(s). All quantities indicated have been checked very closely, and both unit price and total price (where requested) have been submitted with the understanding that we shall be responsible for making complete and satisfactory delivery accordingly, within the time frame agenda (if applicable).

All items contained in this RFP shall be as specified or JPSD approved equal. For any item(s) proposed which is other than as specified, a complete and detailed cut and description for each item(s) must accompany the rfp, if the item(s) is to be considered. Please carefully read each section of this RFP.

# **Acceptance of Proposals:**

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The Jackson Public School District reserves the right to:

- Have sole discretion to waive minor irregularities in proposals. A minor irregularity is a variation from
  the proposal that does not affect the proposal, or gives one offeror an advantage or benefit not enjoyed
  by other offerors, or adversely impacts the interests of the school district.
- Accept the "lowest and best" RFP which in their judgment assures JPSD the product(s) or service(s) having the best performance and the highest level of function, quality and value.
- Not accept the lowest priced proposal. Proposals that do not comply with the requirements stated within this RFP subject to disqualification. Proposals that do not meet the deadline date/time will be returned to the vendor unopened.
- Request additional information or conduct discussions with one or more respondents after the RFP deadline, to secure a final selection to award RFP should such action be in the best interest of JPSD.
- See Pages eleven (11) and twelve (12) for further instructions

I/WE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT NEITHER THE AWARD OF THIS RFP TO ME/US BY THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOR RECEIPT BY ME/US OF A NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THIS RFP SHALL CONSTITUTE THE MAKING OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN JPSD AND ME/US, WHICH SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON THE EXECUTION BY BOTH JPSD AND ME/US OF A FORMAL, WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTE	ED,	
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E-MAIL ADDRESS		
PRINTED SIGNATURE		
WRITTEN SIGNATURE		
TITLE		
DATE		

CIRCLE THE OPERATING STATUS OF YOUR BUSINESS AS INDICATED: WOMAN OWNED NON-MINORITY MINORITY



# **REQUEST TO ADD VENDOR**

Post Office Box 2338 - Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2338

Email: <a href="mays@jackson.k12.ms.us">mmays@jackson.k12.ms.us</a> or <a href="mays@jackson.k12.ms.us">bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us</a>

School/Department F	Requesting Vendor Addition	n		
To be completed by	Vendor:			
Please complete all sec	ctions and emailed or fax ba	ck to (601-9	60-8967.	
Will your company acce	ept purchase orders?	Yes	No	
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Company's W-9 must accompany this form for IRS purposes and Certificate of Insurance for not less than \$1,000,000 as stated in Mississippi Code Section 31-7-139v)

The Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District (hereafter referred to as "JPSD") is soliciting sealed, written formal Requests for Proposals (RFP) from qualified vendors (hereafter referred to as "Vendor") for the purchase of furniture, equipment, supplies, materials, labor or services as outlined in the following specifications. Sealed RFP shall be received by JPSD, in the Business Office of the Jackson Public Schools, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until the time specified on the RFP Opening Schedule (front page of the formal RFP document), at which time all RFP shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Neither dating of the RFP form nor placing the RFP in the mail by this date shall meet legal requirements; the formal RFP document must be **received in the Business Office** of the Jackson Public School District on or before the date and time stated.

JPSD reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs received and to waive any and all informalities. Vendors are encouraged to very carefully read all sections of this RFP document prior to submitting an RFP proposal.

It is the basic philosophy of JPSD to extend to all responsible Vendors equal consideration and the assurance of unbiased judgment in determining whether their product or service meets specifications and the educational needs of the school district. JPSD shall fairly evaluate all formal RFP proposals submitted and base all decisions on the "lowest and best" RFP concept, purchasing only those products and/or services which meet the specifications as written. All decisions rendered shall strive to achieve the greatest value from every tax dollar expended. JPSD shall make no discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, or national origin, in either the product evaluation process or in transacting business with Vendors or Vendor representatives.

The advertising and publishing of this RFP has met all legal requirements (Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, §31-7-13), hence the requirement to offer public notice of the intent of JPSD to solicit RFPs via this RFP document has been satisfied.

This document is to serve as an invitation to all qualified vendors to extend to JPSD, an offer, for the sale of all products and/or services specified herein. It is the purpose of this RFP document to clearly define "open" and "competitive" product or service rfp specifications. All items on this RFP are to be **as specified or JPSD approved equal**.

**Addendum**: Vendor shall acknowledge the receipt of all addendums which were issued during the course of this RFP. If specified in the text of the addendum, in addition to acknowledging receipt of the addenda below, the addenda may require additional information required for the RFP (e.g., pricing), in which case the Add RFP Addendum shall not only be acknowledged below but shall be completed and attached to the RFP at the time the RFP proposal is submitted. Receipt of the following Addendum issued during the course of this formal RFP is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum Number	Date	
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It is acknowledged that this rfp proposal consists of the following sections: **PROPOSAL FORM**, **INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS**, **SPECIFICATIONS** and any **ADDENDUM** (if applicable).

### **Net Prices**

In all cases, prices quoted are to be net including all applicable discounts. A separate price shall be offered for each item and not in combination with other items (unless the grouping of items is otherwise allowed as defined in the specifications). Unit price shall prevail in case of a conflict between unit and total price (extension); written price shall prevail in case of a conflict between written and enumerated pricing. Vendors are instructed to round off all unit pricing and extensions to the nearest whole cent; i.e., round the pricing to two places to the right of the decimal point only. JPSD will only accept pricing which is stated in this manner. All items for which pricing is submitted which is other than two places to the right of the decimal shall be accepted; however, all digits beyond a whole cent (more than two places to the right of the decimal) shall be ignored in the RFP analysis process and the unit price indicated on the purchase order shall be to the nearest whole cent for each item involved.

# Payment and Invoicing

Unless otherwise indicated in the detailed specifications of this RFP document; JPSD shall make remittance in a **single lump sum** payment **following satisfactory delivery of all items** listed on the purchase order or following satisfactory performance (final inspection) of all services as specified in the contract. JPSD remits by "completed purchase order" only; remittance shall not be made upon receipt of partial shipments or performance, or the receipt of invoicing for same, but only after all items included on the purchase order or contained in the contract are delivered and/or satisfied.

It is mutually understood that invoices submitted against Multi-Year or Open Purchase Orders, remittances are processed based on the contracted scheduled agreement prior to the purchase order being generated. Only **Multi-Year** and **Open Purchase Orders** have multiple invoices received for remittance for payment. Professional Services, materials and other such services; invoices are submitted for payment in intervals following satisfactory delivery of ALL services and /or performance of ALL services indicated in the contracted agreement between said vendor and JPSD for that time period, following inspection if applicable. Any freight/shipping cost that may be incurred for tangible items, such as books, pamphlets, handouts, materials need for presentations, etc. must be included in the total price proposal price submitted if and applicable.

## **Performance Penalty**

The Vendor is subject to a 10% penalty on this agreement for the 2023-2024 school year if the academic objectives of this agreement are not satisfied. The District will withhold 10% of the total contract for final payment to be made after the academic objectives are satisfied.

# **Default and Delays**

Upon failure of the Vendor to deliver all of the items ordered or to render service, within the time set or allowed, the successful Vendor shall be considered in default, in which case JPSD reserves the right to terminate the purchase order or contract and to purchase similar supplies, services, or furniture and equipment, on the open market or secure the manufacture, delivery, and installation thereof by contract or otherwise. The Vendor shall be charged with any cost occasioned by JPSD whether the said cost is the same as originally accepted or any excess cost.

# **Damage to School Property**

Any damage or loss to JPSD property as a result of any action by the Vendor in the delivery, execution or performance of any item or service stated in these specifications shall be repaired or replaced to the satisfaction of designated JPSD personnel, at the Vendor's cost, within a reasonable time.

### Guarantee

Each Vendor, by presenting an rfp under these specifications, binds himself to make positive that all goods are fully up to the standards set by the specifications. Should it be discovered within a reasonable period of time from the date of purchase order or contract that such goods or services are not up to standard, JPSD shall have the right to have such goods or services replaced by others conforming to the standard requirements and the entire expense be borne by the Vendor. The Vendor shall agree to guarantee and warrant all equipment provided as a result of this RFP for a period equal to the stated guaranty/warranty in the specifications. All such warranties shall provide coverage as indicated in the specifications.

# **Acceptance and Award of RFP Proposals**

The Vendor's RFP proposal, once submitted and accepted as a valid RFP by JPSD, shall be deemed by both parties to constitute a legal and binding offer on the part of the Vendor to sell to JPSD as per the terms of the RFP specifications, all products and/or services contained therein. RFP proposals are subject to acceptance by JPSD at any time within forty-five (45) calendar days following the RFP opening date. Consequently, all price quotations shall be effective for a minimum of forty-five (45) calendar days and a maximum period as indicated in the specifications. All RFPs must be valid for the effective dates stated in the specification, if applicable.

Award of contract shall be made to the responsible Vendor whose RFP, conforming to the specifications, is deemed to be the most advantageous to JPSD, price and all other factors considered. The Vendor acknowledges the right of JPSD to reject the RFP, in part or in total, if the Vendor fails to submit the data required in the specifications, or if the rfp is in any way incomplete or irregular. Under no circumstances may

a Vendor deliver, install, or perform any service as specified in these specifications without written authorization from JPSD (i.e., a duly issued purchase order or signed contract). All RFPs shall be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to the final award.

The Vendor shall be issued a purchase order document, which shall be deemed acceptance of the RFP proposal offer made by the Vendor, for all items and/or services approved by the Board of Trustees and awarded as a result of this RFP. However, if in the opinion of JPSD, a contract document is required to authorize the award of the RFP, Vendor agrees to sign and execute all such contract documents as required in the written specifications. NOTE: If Vendor policy requires that JPSD sign Vendor contract documents, a sample of all such documents shall be included with the RFP proposal and shall become a part of the Vendor's RFP proposal.

All awards are based on the availability of funding. In the event of a reduction of funds, this award can be rescinded at any time.

### **Grievance Procedure**

JPSD has adopted a Vendor Grievance Procedure to address and resolve any Vendor grievances or disputes resulting from or arising out of JPSD's RFP process. If Vendor disagrees with any aspect of the RFP process, Vendor shall adhere to the following procedure. Vendor shall submit a letter or written statement of protest to the Purchasing Agent, with a copy to the Superintendent, identifying the RFP, including RFP number, title, opening date and, if applicable, the item number(s) at issue, and explaining, in detail, the nature of and/or reason(s) for the protest. No verbal protest shall be acknowledged by JPSD. Vendor protests must be received by the Purchasing Agent not later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the Board meeting at which the Board is to act upon the RFP that is the subject of the protest. A review committee, appointed by the Superintendent, shall evaluate the protest and render a decision expeditiously. The decision of the review committee shall be based on evidence presented by the Vendor, the Purchasing Agent and other appropriate parties, to be determined in the discretion of the committee. In the sole discretion of the committee, the committee may conduct a hearing on Vendor's protest. The decision of the review committee shall be submitted to the Superintendent for approval. The protesting Vendor shall be informed, in writing, of the Superintendent's decision not later than two (2) business days prior to the date of the Board meeting at which the Board is to act upon the RFP that is the subject of the protest. The Superintendent's decision shall be final unless Vendor appeals such decision to the Board of Trustees. If Vendor's wishes to appeal the Superintendent's decision, Vendor shall deliver its appeal, in writing, to the Office of the Superintendent not later than 12:00 p.m. on the date of the Board meeting at which the Board is to act upon the RFP that is the subject of the appeal. Appeals shall be presented to the Board at the meeting at which the Board acts upon the RFP that is the subject of the appeal and Vendor, upon written request, will be granted up to five (5) minutes to appear and present to the Board at such meeting its protest and/or appeal. After the Board takes final action upon an RFP, no appeals or protests will be acknowledged by JPSD. The decision of the Board shall be final, subject to Vendor's right to pursue a legal remedy.

# **Proposal Cover Page**

# **VENDOR INFORMATION**

Name and Title	
Company Name	Date
SUBMISSIO	N COVER SHEET AND CONFIGURATION SUMMARY
attached proposal. The undersigned accordance with provisions set fort and assures compliance with the Co The undersigned is fully aware of	present that I am authorized to and do bind the offeror to the provisions of the offers and agrees to perform the specified personal and professional services in in the Request for Proposals. Furthermore, the undersigned fully understands additions of Solicitation and Standard Terms and Conditions contained in the RFP. The evaluation criteria to be utilized in vendor selection for approval. I further is an authorized dealer in good standing of the products/services in response to the RFP.
Authorized Signature	Date
Printed Signature	_
	CONFIGURATION SUMMARY

Vendor must provide a summary of the main component of services offered in this proposal using 100 words or less.

# ASSURANCES AND SIGNATURE FORM

# In submitting this application I certify that:

- 1. The organization will comply with applicable federal, state, and local policies and procedures.
- 2. Services will be provided under the supervision of highly qualified teachers and/or administrators.\*
- 3. The organization will maintain professionalism and confidentiality.
- 4. The organization is fiscally sound and will be able to complete services to the local educational agency.
- 5. The organization will ensure that the services provided are aligned the Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks and scientifically research based practices.\*
- 6. The organization will comply with applicable federal, state, and local health, safety, and civil rights laws.
- 7. Provisions that subject all individuals employed by or otherwise associated with the approved provider, including volunteers, support staff, etc., who have direct contact with students, to the fingerprint and criminal history record check contained in law, including, Education Laws 305(30), 1125(3), 1604(39), 1604(40), 1709(39), 1709(40), 1804(9), 1804(10), 1950(4)(11), 1950(4)(mm), 2503 (18), 2503(19), 2554(25), 2554(26, 2590-h (20), 2854(3)(a-2), 2854(3)(a-3), and 3035.
- 8. All services will be secular, neutral, and non-ideological.
- 9. The organization will provide the local educational agency with information regarding implementation of proposal initiatives in increasing achievement, in a format, and to the extent practicable, a language or other mode of communication such that district personnel, parents / legal guardians, and community members can understand.\*

The undersigned hereby certifies that I am an individual authorized to act on behalf of the organization in submitting this application and assurances. I certify that all of the information provided herein is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the discovery of deliberately misrepresented information contained herein may constitute grounds for denying the applicant's request for approval.

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rinted Name of Authorized Representative	
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# INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DEBARMENT VERIFICATION FORM

(Please print clearly or type)

**Appropriate signatures shall certify statements below.		
Subgrantee's/Contractor's Name		
Authorized Official's Name		
Complete Address		
Contact Number		
Are you currently registered to do business in		
the State of Mississippi? (Yes or No) If yes,		
attach supporting documentation of registration		
status. If, no please register and provide		
documentation of registration status.		

# FEDERAL DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION:

(State/Other fund requirement)

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that at the execution of a contract with the Jackson Public School District(JPS) that the CONTRACTOR is not on the list for federal debarment on <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> – System for Award Management.

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI REGISTRATION:

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that at the execution of a contract with the Jackson Public School District (JPS) that the CONTRACTOR is not on the list for debarment on <a href="www.sos.ms.gov">www.sos.ms.gov</a> for doing business with the State of Mississippi or with any Mississippi State Agency.

## PARTNERSHIP DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION:

CONTRACTOR hereby certify that all entities who are in partnership through this contract or grant with the Jackson
Public School District(JPS) (subcontractors, subrecipients, et al.) are not on the federal debarment list on
www.sam.gov – System for Award Management or the State of Mississippi debarment list. Proof of documentation
of partnership verification with SAM shall be kept on file and the debarment status shall be checked prior to
submission of every contract/subgrant and modification to JPS.

Original Signature of Contractor or Authorized Official	Date



# INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DEBARMENT VERIFICATION FORM\*

(Please print clearly or type)

\*\*Appropriate signatures shall certify statements below.

Subgrantee's/Contractor's Name	
Authorized Official's Name	
Complete Address	
Contact Number	
Are you currently registered with <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> (Yes or No) If yes, attach supporting documentation and DUNS number must be Active with open access. (Federal fund requirement)	
Are you currently registered to do business in the State of Mississippi? (Yes or No) If yes, attach supporting documentation of registration status. If not, please register and provide documentation of registration status. (Federal and State/Other fund requirement)	

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Original Signature of Contractor or Authorized Official	Date	

# Submission of RFP Proposals Instructions if not emailed to the email address listed:

- Responses, once completed, should be placed in an opaque, sealed envelope
- On the outside of the envelope, list the Company's name/address, RFP number, title, opening
  date and addressee information as they appear in the RFP proposal that the response may be
  accurately delivered and registered upon receipt. A designated official who is a legal
  representative of the Company must list required signatures where noted prior to submitting
  sealed proposal.
- Failure to comply with the above submittal instructions will cause proposals not to be registered or cataloged to the appropriate file or received timely. The original documents must be displayed in front of all copies submitted by interested parties.
- Please submit Original RFP Documents in the Format Outlined along with Six (6) Copies and any Documentation submitted with the Proposal when Mailed or Hand Delivered to:
- Any proposal not received by the stated deadline/time will not be considered and/or opened.
   The proposal will be returned to the Vendor at the Vendor's expense.
- The District accepts no liability for late submissions due to the actions of the United States Postal Service, Federal Express, United Parcel Service or any other delivery methods.

Page (19): Cover page is to be placed on the very front of the vendors submitted proposal. In the event this page is not displayed when the opening of proposal occurs; it will not be acknowledged or allowed to be presented or evaluated. Place this page on the very front of the submitted documents. This is required on all submitted proposals weather mailed, hand delivery or electronically Uploaded. Submitted proposal must be signed by an authorized official to bind the offeror to the proposed provisions.

Proposals received after the due date and time will NOT be considered. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted in the evaluation process and will not be returned for revisions. No faxed or emailed copies will be accepted. The Proposal Cover Page is located on page (19) of this document.

<sup>\*</sup>Project is being supported with federal funds

Please submit the proposal when mailed or hand delivered to the below address:

Jackson Public School District
Business Office
Attn: Bettie Jones
662 S. President Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Or

Mailed or hand-delivered proposal must include the Original and six (6) copies. Proposals may be uploaded to <a href="https://www.centralbidding.com">www.centralbidding.com</a> before the designated date and time. No copies are warranted if uploaded electronically.

Please follow the proposal submittal instructions.

INSERT PAGE NUMBERS WHEN SUBMITTING ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS. PLEASE SUBMIT RFP DOCUMENTS IN THE ORIGINAL FORMAT ALONG WITH OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO PROPOSAL AND UPLOADED TO <a href="www.centralbidding.com">www.centralbidding.com</a>. For any questions concerning the process, or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

In order for this proposal to be accepted for evaluation, all information must be completed and all instructions must be followed.

Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSD Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

RFPs openings will be video recorded for the public to view on the above date and time at Jackson Public School District, Central Office 621 S. South State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

# **Online Digital Literacy Platform**

Jackson Public School District (JPSD) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide goods and/or services as an Online Digital Literacy Platform. The vendor shall provide a product that functions to equip scholars with independent reading practice, research-proven goal setting tools, activities that span a variety of text types, and an online community of support. Additionally, the program should provide access to digital titles that assist students in gaining increased reading and writing skills.

# 1. The digital literacy platform must meet the following criteria:

- 1.1. Support foundational skill building, emphasize complex text and use of authentic literature, and include interdisciplinary passages that feature academic vocabulary
- 1.2. Text dependent questions that require students to analyze and find evidence in the text and include technology enhanced items
- 1.3. Rigorous literary passages and texts that cover a variety of genres including folktales, fables, myths, poetry, historical fiction and fantasy
- 1.4. Digital tools to visually show and develop critical thinking such as audio recording, highlighter, answer eliminator, and text response
- 1.5. Ability for real-time goal setting, monitoring, and reporting.

# 2. Responses should address the following:

- 2.1. Content Quality
  - 2.1.1. How accurate and relevant is the content to the target audience and the literacy level being addressed?
  - 2.1.2. Does the platform have a wide range of books aligned to MS College and Career standards?
- 2.2. User Experience
  - 2.2.1. Is the platform's interface intuitive, easy to navigate, and visually appealing?
  - 2.2.2. Does the platform use interactive elements, multimedia, and gamification to keep users engaged?
  - 2.2.3. Does the platform provide accessibility features such as read aloud and text size enhancement?
  - 2.2.4. Does the platform accommodate multiple languages?
- 2.3. Resource Availability
  - 2.3.1. Are additional resources such as eBooks, articles, videos, and interactive exercises available to enhance learning?
  - 2.3.2. Does the platform include interactive exercises, simulations, discussions, and collaborative activities?
- 2.4. Assessments and Feedback

- 2.4.1. Are there regular quizzes, tests, or activities that assess users' understanding and progress of the books read?
- 2.4.2. Does the platform contain books that cover a diverse range of literacy skills, such as reading, writing, comprehension, and critical thinking?

# 2.5. Technical Functionality

- 2.5.1. Is the platform accessible on a variety of devices (desktop, tablet, mobile) and across different browsers?
- 2.5.2. Does the platform facilitate interaction among users, such as discussion forums or peer collaboration? Open, flexible browser-based platform certified by IMS Global Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI)
- 2.5.3. Does the platform allow data exports and the ability to build customizable reports;
- 2.5.4. Does the platform allow single sign-on integration with Google and Microsoft (Please identify the one in which you integrate)
- 2.5.5. Is the platform's User Synchronization Service certified by IMS Global One Roster v1.1 standards that can automatically provision users, classes, and group enrollment information, with no additional fee associated with rostering?
- 2.5.6. Does the program have proven privacy practices to secure student data (FERPA) compliant in place;
- 2.5.7. Does the program offer integration with the district's Learning Management System (LMS) to support the use of an LMS effective in the classroom. Please identify all the LMSs in which your program integrates; and
- 2.5.8. Does your program partner with Clever? If so, to what extent? SSO, SSO and Rostering, and Saved Passwords.

# 3. Specifications:

- 3.1. Program will meet the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements for evidenced- based research and qualifies for federal funding.
- 3.2. Provide specialized support, as needed, upon agreement and approval of the Superintendent or designee and the provider project manager.
- 3.3. The Jackson Public School District reserves the right to enter into a 3-year agreement with the vendor, upon an annual review of data and services.
- 3.4. If additional licenses are needed for the district's local partners and private schools, in which the JPSD administers equitable services, the district requests that these identified partners receive the district's pricing.

# 4. Text Complexity Guidelines

MS CCRS	Degrees of	Flesch-Kincaid	The Lexile
Grade	Reading Power®		Framework®
	(DRP)		
2-3	42-54	1.98-5.34	420-820
4-5	52-60	4.51-7.73	740-1010
6-8	87-67	6.51-10.34	925-1185
9-10	62-72	8.32-12.12	1050-1335
11-12	67-74	10.34-14.2	1185-1385

# 5. Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items

- 5.1. Provide a narrative that illustrates how the Respondent will complete the scope of services and accomplish required objectives.
- 5.2. Provide a narrative that illustrates how the Respondent will manage the project and ensure completion of the scope of services.
- 5.3. Provide a narrative that describes all professional development (PD) and support available to staff. Include a description of the PD or support, method of delivery, length, and any other relevant details.
- 5.4. Provide a list of languages in which individual books are available.
- 5.5. Provide a narrative that describes all concepts/skills included in the program.
- 5.6. Provide a narrative that describes the coaching support embedded in the program for teachers/staff to help move each student to the next developmental level.
- 5.7. Provide a narrative that describes the student incentives used in the program to motivate students.
- 5.8. Provide a narrative that describes the overall scope and sequence of the supplemental program including a thematic based literacy program designed for students in middle and high school as well as a daily reading component for individual students for each grade, pre-K to 12.
- 5.9. Provide a narrative that describes the incentives and routines within the program that help build school to home reading partnerships.
- 5.10. Provide a narrative that details the number of titles in which physical books are available as compared to online books for students.
- 5.11. Provide a narrative that describes any experience vendor has working with schools for the deaf.

# 6. Pricing

6.1. Pricing must be given by school level and as a district.

# Group 1

School	Enrollment
1	239
2	211
3	405
4	282
5	232
6	192
7	337
8	274
9	282
10	270
11	291
12	431
13	200
14	248
15	174
16	196
17	207
18	378
19	390
20	389
21	318
22	34
23	224
24	227
25	395
26	353
27	328
28	374
29	463
30	316

# Group 2

School	Enrollment
31	247
32	618
33	510
34	206
35	249
36	298
37	321
38	647
39	342

# Group 3

School	Enrollment
40	931
41	997
42	908
43	849
44	1334
45	778
46	619

<sup>\*</sup>Elementary school enrollment includes grades  $k-5^{\text{th}}$  and for some school pre-kindergarten.

# **Total**

School Group Total	Total \$ for Each Group
Group 1:	Total: \$
Group 2:	Total: \$
Group 3:	Total: \$
Grand Total:	Grand Total: \$

# **Standards-Aligned Assessments - Proposal Scoring Rubric**

Criteria Category	Comments	25 Points
A. Content Quality		
How accurate and relevant is the content to the target audience and the literacy level being addressed? Does the platform have a wide range of books aligned to MS College and Career standards?		
B. User Experience		
Is the platform's interface intuitive, easy to navigate, and visually appealing? Does the platform use interactive elements, multimedia, and gamification to keep users engaged?		
C. Resource Availability		
Are additional resources such as eBooks, articles, videos, and interactive exercises available to enhance learning? Does the platform include interactive exercises, simulations, discussions, and collaborative activities?		
D. Assessments and Feedback		
Are there regular quizzes, tests, or activities that assess users' understanding and progress of the books read? Does the platform contain books that cover a diverse range of literacy skills, such as reading, writing, comprehension, and critical thinking?		
E. Technical Functionality, Help and Support		
Is the platform accessible on a variety of devices (desktop, tablet, mobile) and across different browsers? Does the platform facilitate interaction among users, such as		
discussion forums or peer collaboration? See RFP for additional information.		

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