

**CITY OF NEWTON
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

CONTRACT FOR THE NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PROJECT MANUAL:

**SUPPLY, DELIVER & INSTALL NEW IT NETWORK EQUIPMENT
TO COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

INVITATION FOR BID #26-35

Bid Opening Date: February 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

January 2026

Marc Laredo, Mayor

**CITY OF NEWTON
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BID #26-35**

The City of Newton (City) invites sealed bids in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B, §1(g) from Contractors to:

**SUPPLY, DELIVER & INSTALL NEW IT NETWORK EQUIPMENT TO
COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Bids will be received until: **10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 12, 2026**
at the Purchasing Department, Room 108, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459. Bids will not be accepted nor may submitted bids be corrected, modified or withdrawn after the deadline for bids. Following the deadline for bids, all bids received within the time specified will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid Documents will be available online at www.newtonma.gov/bids after **10:00 a.m., January 15, 2026**.

There will be no charge for contract documents. Bid surety is **not** required with this bid.

Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder based on the **Grand Total the five (5) items in the quantities listed on the Item Sheet at p. 23 below**. Bidders not bidding on every item may be deemed non-responsive. Awarded vendor will receive a purchase order.

This purchase will be funded and delivered in FY 2027. The dollar value of the contract may not be increased by an amount more than twenty five percent (25%) of the contract total in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B, §13.

All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, §1(g). F.O.B. Destination inside designated department, Newton, MA.

All bids shall be submitted as **one (1) ORIGINAL and one (1) COPY**.

All City bids are available on the City's web site at www.newtonma.gov/bids. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor downloading these bids to ensure they have received any and all addenda prior to the bid opening. Addenda will be available online within the original bid document as well as a separate file.

If you download bids from the internet site and would like to make it known that your company has done so, you may fax the Purchasing Department (617) 796-1227 or email to purchasing@newtonma.gov with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, FAX AND INVITATION FOR BID NUMBER.

The City will reject any and all bids in accordance with the above referenced General Laws. In addition, the City reserves the right to waive minor informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids (in whole or in part) if it be in the public interest to do so.

Note that Massachusetts law imposes certain documentation requirements for public contracts, including but not limited to, contractor DCAMM certification, bid, performance and payment bonds, and non-collusion and tax certifications. A contract is not effective until it is signed by the City Mayor, and the Mayor will not sign until all documentation requirements have been met. Once an award is made, a contract must be executed promptly so the City can start scheduled work. The City cannot pay for work done without a contract. If a vendor unduly delays submitting all required paperwork, the City will be under no obligation to pay a vendor promptly even after a contract is effective, it could bar the vendor from future bids as not responsible and may require the City to obtain services from another vendor or contractor.

In the event that any person wishes to attend a bid opening or pre-bid meeting, accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to any person requiring assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator at least two business days in advance of the meeting: ADACoordinator@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

CITY OF NEWTON



Nicholas Read
Chief Procurement Officer

CITY OF NEWTON
DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

ARTICLE 1 - BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

- 1.1 Each General Bidder (hereinafter called the "Bidder") by making a bid (hereinafter called "bid") represents that the Bidder has read and understands the Bidding Documents, Contract Forms, General Conditions, Conditions of the Contract, General Requirements and Project Specifications (collectively, referred to as the "Contract Documents") and the bid is made in accordance therewith.
- 1.2 Failure to so examine the Contract Documents will not relieve any Bidder from any obligation under the bid as submitted.

ARTICLE 2 - REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the City of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error which they may discover upon examination of the Contract Documents, the site, and local conditions.
- 2.2 Bidders requiring clarification or interpretation of the Contract Documents shall make a written request to the *Chief Procurement Officer*, at purchasing@newtonma.gov or via facsimile (617) 796-1227. The City will only answer such requests if received **by Friday, February 6, 2026 at 12:00 noon**. In the event that the bid opening date is changed, the deadline for informational requests may also change as provided in an addendum issued by the City.
- 2.3 Interpretation, correction, or change in the Contract Documents will be made by addendum which will become part of the Contract Documents. The City will not be held accountable for any oral communication.
- 2.4 Addenda will be emailed to every individual or firm on record as having taken a set of Contract Documents. Addenda will be emailed to every individual or firm on record as having taken a set of Contract Documents. Receipt of all addenda issued must be acknowledged in the Bid Form. **YOUR FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- 2.5 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the location listed in the Invitation for Bids where Contract Documents are on file, in addition to being available online at www.newtonma.gov/bids.
- 2.6 Bidders or proposers contacting ANY CITY EMPLOYEE regarding an Invitation for Bid (IFB) or a Request for Proposal (RFP), outside of the Purchasing Department, once an IFB or RFP has been released, may be disqualified from the procurement process.
- 2.7 Bidders downloading information off the internet web site are solely responsible for obtaining any addenda prior to the bid opening. If the bidder makes itself known to the Purchasing Department, at purchasing@newtonma.gov or via facsimile (617) 796-1227, it shall be placed on the bidder's list. Bidders must provide the Purchasing Department with their company's name, street address, city, state, zip, phone, fax, email address and **INVITATION FOR BID #26-35**.

ARTICLE 3 - MBE PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 Notice is hereby given that the Mayor's Affirmative Action Plan for the City of Newton in effect at the time of this solicitation is applicable to all construction contracts in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 3.2 Notice is hereby given that the City of Newton Minority/Women Business Enterprise Plan and the Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program in effect at the time of this solicitation are applicable to all City contracts for goods and services in excess of \$50,000.00.
- 3.3 Copies of the Plans and Program referred to in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 are available at www.newtonma.gov/government/purchasing.

ARTICLE 4 - PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- 4.1 Bids shall be submitted on the “Bid Form #26-35” attached.
- 4.2 All entries on the Bid Form shall be made by typewriter or in ink.
- 4.3 Where so indicated on the Bid Form, sums shall be expressed in both words and figures. Where there is a discrepancy between the bid sum expressed in words and the bid sum expressed in figures, the words shall control.
- 4.4 The Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the following plainly marked on the outside:
- * GENERAL BID FOR: **#26-35**
 - * NAME OF PROJECT: **Supply, Deliver & Install New IT Network Equipment to Countryside Elementary School**
 - * BIDDER’S NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER
- 4.5 Date and time for receipt of bids is set forth in the Invitation for Bids.
- 4.6 Timely delivery of a bid at the location designated shall be the full responsibility of the Bidder. In the event that Newton City Hall is closed on the date or at the time that bids are due, the date and time for receipt of bids shall be on the next business day following that the Newton City Hall and the Purchasing Department are open.
- 4.7 Bids shall be submitted with **one (1) original and one (1) copy**.
- 4.8 Massachusetts law requires all employees who work on Massachusetts public works construction sites must have no less than 10 hours of OSHA-approved safety and health training. See M.G.L. c.30, §39M(c), M.G.L. c.30, §39S(a)(1), M.G.L. c.149, §44E(2) & M.G.L. c.149, §44F(2).
1. This requirement will apply to any general bid or sub bid submitted.
 2. This law directs the Massachusetts Attorney General to restrain the award of construction contracts to any contractor who is in violation to this requirement and to restrain the performance of these contracts by non-complying contractors.
 3. The contractor and all subcontractors on this project must certify on the Bid Form compliance with the applicable requirement. Non-compliance with this law will disqualify the bidder.

ARTICLE 5 - ALTERNATES

- 5.1 Each Bidder shall acknowledge alternates (if any) in Section C on the Bid Form.
- 5.2 In the event an alternate does not involve a change in the amount of the base bid, the Bidder shall so indicated by writing “No Change”, or “N/C” or “0” in the space provided for that alternate.
- 5.3 Bidders shall enter on the Bid Form a single amount for each alternate which shall consist of the amount for work performed by the Contractor.
- 5.4 The low Bidder will be determined on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the accepted alternates.

ARTICLE 6 - WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

- 6.1 Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the time designated for receipt of bids on written or electronic request. Electronic withdrawal of bids must be confirmed over the Bidder’s signature by written notice postmarked on or before the date and time set for receipt of bids.
- 6.2 Withdrawn bids may be resubmitted up to the time designated for the receipt of bids.
- 6.3 No bids may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

ARTICLE 7 - CONTRACT AWARD

- 7.1 The City is soliciting prices for the items set forth in the Item Sheet at p.23 below. It is the City's intent to award one (1) contract to the responsible and responsive bidder submitting the lowest Grand Total on Bid Form #26-35, attached. The contract will be awarded within sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of bids.
- 7.2 The City reserves the right to waive minor informalities in or to reject any or all Bids if it be in the public interest to do so.
- 7.3 The City reserves the right to reject any bidder who has failed to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charge, unless the bidder has a pending abatement application or has entered into a payment agreement with the collector-treasurer.
- 7.4 As used herein, the term "lowest responsible and responsive Bidder" shall mean the Bidder (1) whose bid is the lowest of those bidders possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary for the faithful performance of the work; (2) who has met all the requirements of the invitation for bids; (3) who shall certify that he is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed in the work; (4) who, where the provisions of section eight B of chapter twenty-nine apply, shall have been determined to be qualified thereunder.
- 7.5 Subsequent to the award and within five (5) days, Saturday, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful Bidder shall execute and deliver to the City a contract in the form included in the Contract Documents in such number of counterparts as the City may require.
- 7.6 In the event that the City receives low bids in identical amounts from two or more responsive and responsible Bidders, the City shall select the successful Bidder by a blind selection process chosen by the City such as flipping a coin or drawing names from a hat. The low Bidders who are under consideration will be invited to attend and observe the selection process.

ARTICLE 8 - TAXES

- 8.1 The Bidder shall not include in this bid any tax imposed upon the sale or rental of tangible personal property in this Commonwealth, such as any and all building materials, supplies, services and equipment required to complete the work.
- 8.2 The City is exempt from payment of the Massachusetts Sales Tax, and the Bidder shall not include any sales tax on its bid. The City's exemption Number is E-046-001-404.

ARTICLE 9 – PROPRIETARY SPECIFICATIONS

- 9.1 The City may have used a proprietary specification to describe the supply for which it is soliciting bids. Such specifications are permitted under M.G.L. c. 30B, §14, provided that the Chief Procurement Officer has prepared a written statement that no other manner of description suffices and provides a justification therefor.
- 9.2 The required determination and justification have been duly prepared, and a copy may be requested in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 66, §10.

END OF SECTION

CITY OF NEWTON
DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING

BID FORM #26-35

- A. The undersigned proposes to furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation and supervision required to perform all work in accordance with the Project Manual prepared by the City entitled:

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TO COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- B. This bid includes addenda number(s) _____, _____, _____, _____,

- C. The contract price(s) will be the following GRAND TOTAL (from p. 23):

_____ and \$ _____

(Written word)

(Numerical)

***If an approved equal alternate item is being proposed, the bidder shall so indicate by providing a full description of the proposed substitute as well as provide data sheets, catalog cuts, performance and test data, and any other information which will support or otherwise prove equality; such proof rests entirely with the bidder. If the alternate product information is not provided with the bid, the bidder may be deemed non-responsive.**

COMPANY NAME: _____

- D. Prompt Payment Discounts. Bidders are encouraged to offer discounts in exchange for an expedited payment. Payments may be issued earlier than the general goal of within 30 days of receipt of the invoice only in exchange for discounted prices. Discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest responsible bidder.

Prompt Payment Discount _____ % _____ Days
Prompt Payment Discount _____ % _____ Days
Prompt Payment Discount _____ % _____ Days

- E. The undersigned has completed and submits herewith the following documents:

Signed Bid Form, 2 pages
Bidder's Qualifications and References Form, 2 pages
Certificate of Non-Collusion, 1 page
Certification of Tax Compliance, 1 page
Certificate of Foreign Corporation (if applicable), 1 page
Debarment Letter, 1 page
IRS Form W-9, 1 page
Business Category Information Form, 1 page
Vendor Payment Security Questionnaire, 1 page
Certificate of Authority, 1 page
Item Sheet, 2 pages

- F. The undersigned agrees that, if selected as general contractor, s/he will within five days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after presentation thereof by the City, execute a contract in accordance with the terms of this bid.

The undersigned hereby certifies that it will comply fully with all laws and regulations applicable to awards made subject to M.G.L. c.30B. The undersigned further certifies under the penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this section the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury that the said undersigned is not presently debarred from public contracting or subcontracting in the Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L. c.29, §29F or any other applicable debarment provisions of any other chapter of the General Laws or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

G. Environmentally preferable products information (which is requested but which will not be considered in awarding a contract):

Description of environmental attributes of Bidder's goods or services:

Steps taken to (a) identify any positive or negative environmental attributes of products or services and (b) ensure that those attributes are being addressed as part of operations:

Date _____

(Name of General Bidder)

BY: _____

(Printed Name and Title of Signatory)

(Business Address)

(City, State, Zip)

_____/_____
(Telephone) (FAX)

(E-mail Address)

NOTE: If the bidder is a corporation, indicate state of incorporation under signature, and affix corporate seal; if a partnership, give full names and residential addresses of all partners; if an individual, give residential address if different from business address; and, if operating as a d/b/a give full legal identity. Attach additional pages as necessary.

END OF SECTION

CITY OF NEWTON

BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS AND REFERENCES FORM

All questions must be answered, and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. Please type or print legibly. If necessary, add an additional sheet for starred items. This information will be utilized by the City for purposes of determining bidder responsiveness and responsibility with regard to the requirements and specifications of the Contract.

- 1. FIRM NAME: _____
- 2. WHEN ORGANIZED: _____
- 3. INCORPORATED? ____ YES ____ NO DATE AND STATE OF INCORPORATION: _____
- 4. IS YOUR BUSINESS A **MBE**? ____ YES ____ NO **WBE**? ____ YES ____ NO or **MWBE**? ____ YES ____ NO
- * 5. LIST ALL CONTRACTS CURRENTLY ON HAND, SHOWING CONTRACT AMOUNT AND ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION:

- * 6. HAVE YOU EVER FAILED TO COMPLETE A CONTRACT AWARDED TO YOU?
 ____ YES ____ NO
 IF YES, WHERE AND WHY?

- * 7. HAVE YOU EVER DEFAULTED ON A CONTRACT? ____ YES ____ NO
 IF YES, PROVIDE DETAILS.

- * 8. LIST YOUR VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR THIS CONTRACT:

- * 9. IN THE SPACES FOLLOWING, PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING CONTRACTS COMPLETED BY YOUR FIRM SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THE PROJECT BEING BID. A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) CONTRACTS SHALL BE LISTED. PUBLICLY BID CONTRACTS ARE PREFERRED, BUT NOT MANDATORY.

 PROJECT NAME: _____
 OWNER: _____
 CITY/STATE: _____
 DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
 PUBLICLY BID? ____ YES ____ NO

TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____) _____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? _____ YES _____ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____) _____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? _____ YES _____ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____) _____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: _____
OWNER: _____
CITY/STATE: _____
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ _____ DATE COMPLETED: _____
PUBLICLY BID? _____ YES _____ NO
TYPE OF WORK?: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: (____) _____
CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: _____
(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

10. The undersigned certifies that the information contained herein is complete and accurate and hereby authorizes and requests any person, firm, or corporation to furnish any information requested by the City in verification of the recitals comprising this statement of Bidder's qualifications and experience.

DATE: _____ BIDDER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

END OF SECTION

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word “person” shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee club, or other organization, entity, or group or individuals.

(Signature of individual)

Name of Business

CERTIFICATION OF TAX COMPLIANCE**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.62C, §49A and requirements of the City, the undersigned acting on behalf of the Contractor certifies under the penalties of perjury that the Contractor is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes including payment of all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments and any other local or municipal charges (unless the Contractor has a pending abatement application or has entered into a payment agreement with the entity to which such charges were owed), reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.*

Signature of Individual (Mandatory)

*** Contractor's Social Security Number
or Federal Identification Number

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Corporate Name

By: _____
Corporate Officer
(Mandatory, if applicable)

Date: _____

Print Officer Name: _____

- * The provision in this Certification relating to child support applies only when the Contractor is an individual.
- ** Approval of a contract or other agreement will not be granted until the City receives a signed copy of this Certification.
- *** Your social security number may be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Providers who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will not have a contract or other agreement issued, renewed, or extended.

CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN CORPORATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that it has been duly established, organized, or chartered as a corporation under the laws of:

(Jurisdiction)

The undersigned further certifies that it has complied with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 30, §39L (if applicable) and with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 156D, §15.03 relative to the registration and operation of foreign corporations within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Name of person signing proposal

Signature of person signing proposal

Name of Business (Please Print or Type)

Affix Corporate Seal here

City of Newton



Mayor
Marc Laredo

Purchasing Department
Nicholas Read ☎ *Chief Procurement Officer*
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449
purchasing@newtonma.gov

Telephone
(617) 796-1220
Fax:
(617) 796-1227
TDD/TTY
(617) 796-1089

Date:

Vendor:

Re: Debarment Letter for Invitation For Bid #26-35

As a potential vendor on the above contract, the City requires that you provide a debarment/suspension certification indicating that you are in compliance with the Federal Executive Order below. Certification can be done by completing and signing this form.

Debarment:

Federal Executive Order (E.O.) 12549 “Debarment and Suspension“ requires that all contractors receiving individual awards, using federal funds, and all sub-recipients certify that the organization and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government.

I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that neither I nor any principal(s) of the Company identified below is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

(Name)
(Company)
(Address)
(Address)

PHONE _____ FAX _____
EMAIL _____

Signature

Date

If you have questions, please contact Nicholas Read, Chief Procurement Officer at (617) 796-1220.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return) _____

Business name, if different from above _____

Check appropriate box: Individual/Sole proprietor Corporation Partnership
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Exempt payee
 Other (see instructions) ▶ _____

Address (number, street, and _____) Requester's name and address (optional) _____

City, state, and ZIP code _____

List account number(s) here (optional) _____

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	
or	

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification Instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ _____	Name _____
	Date ▶ _____	

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

Business Category Information Form*

IFB No. 26-35

**Supply, Deliver & Install New IT Network Equipment
to Countryside Elementary School**

Business Type Categories*	Select All That Apply
MBE: Minority-Owned Business Enterprise	
WBE: Women-Owned Business Enterprise	
VBE: Veteran Business Enterprise	
SDVOBE: Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises	
DOBE: Disability-Owned Business Enterprise	
LGBTBE: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise	

*Information is being collected as part of a City initiative to open contract opportunities to underrepresented vendors.

I do not wish to complete this form.

There is no penalty for persons who do not complete this Form, and whether or not the Form is completed will not be taken into consideration in awarding a bid.

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Company Name: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

M. Ronald Mendes, Esq. CMMT, CMMC
City Treasurer/Collector

Purchasing Dept. use only
Please Enter Vendor ID #: _____



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office: (617) 796-1330
Email: treasury@newtonma.gov

Marc Laredo, Mayor

VENDOR PAYMENT SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Vendor Legal Name and Address:

Principal Contact

Person for financial matters (i.e. Chief Financial Officer):

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Principal Contact Person for Invoice Payments:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Taxpayer EIN: _____

Invoice & Payment Instructions:

Typical Payment Terms: _____

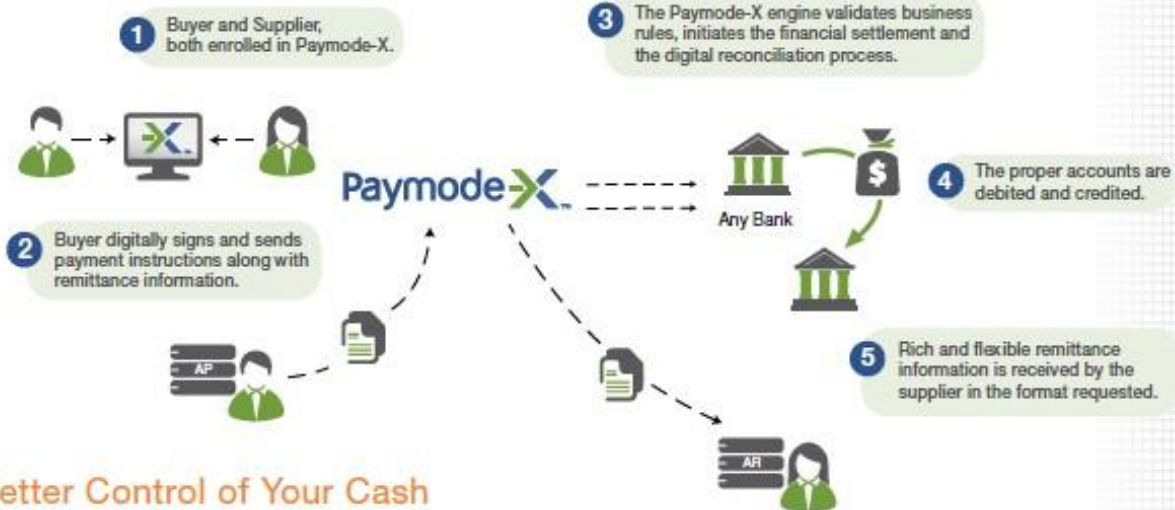
Payment Remittance Address: _____

Thank you for this information. If your company is the selected bidder, a representative of Newton Treasury will be contacting you to verbally confirm this information and to conduct a brief interview on payment security.

Please be advised that the City of Newton partners with Bottomline Technologies, Inc. to provide a secure invoice payment platform called Paymode-X. In order to participate in this secure payment platform, vendors must enroll with Paymode-X. In order to facilitate enrollment, Newton Treasury will provide your contact information to the Enrollment Team at Paymode-X. You should expect to receive contact from a representative of Paymode-X soon.

Please see the brochure on the next page for more information on this important service.

How Paymode-X Works



Better Control of Your Cash

As a member of the Paymode-X network, you can receive payment and digital remittance information electronically in a secure online environment, simplifying your reconciliation process. Paymode-X allows you to track inbound payments in real-time with an array of online reports, so you can better manage your cash flow. You can start receiving payments through Paymode-X without purchasing any software, modifying your existing accounts receivable systems or changing banks or bank accounts. Paymode-X features the highest levels of security available to ensure privacy, protection and control.

Paymode-X...

- Is easy to enroll and easy to use
- Enables better control and predictability of cash flow
- Works with any bank
- Fits your existing systems and banking practices
- Utilizes state-of-the-art security
- Includes unlimited digital remittance capabilities
- Notifies you electronically when payments are received
- Provides dedicated customer support

How to Get Started

Enroll in just 10 minutes via our secure Paymode-X web site.

What You'll Need:

- EIN (Tax ID number)
- Bank transit routing number
- Bank account number

Paymode-X offers the flexibility of sending your digital remittance information via ACH (CCD, CCD+ or CTX) via online download options or direct accounts receivable integration.

For more information call: 1.800.331.0974 or visit: <http://www.Paymode-X.com>

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY - CORPORATE

1. I hereby certify that I am the Clerk/Secretary of _____
(insert full name of Corporation)
2. corporation, and that _____
(insert the name of officer who signed the **contract and bonds.**)
3. is the duly elected _____
(insert the title of the officer in line 2)
4. of said corporation, and that on _____
(insert a date that is **ON OR BEFORE** the date the officer signed the **contract and bonds.**)

at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, at which all the directors were present or waived notice, it was voted that

5. _____ the _____
(insert **name** from line 2) (insert **title** from line 3)

of this corporation be and hereby is authorized to execute contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its Corporate Seal thereto, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this corporation's name and on its behalf, with or without the Corporate Seal, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation; and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date set forth below.

6. ATTEST: _____ *AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE*
(Signature of **Clerk or Secretary**)*
7. Name: _____
(Please print or type name in line 6)*
8. Date: _____
(insert a date that is **ON OR AFTER** the date the officer signed the **contract and bonds.**)

* The name and signature inserted in lines 6 & 7 **must** be that of the **Clerk or Secretary** of the corporation.

**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, to waive minor informalities, and to make award as may be determined to be in the best interest of the City of Newton.
2. Prices quoted must include delivery to the City, as specified on the Purchase Order.
3. No charges will be allowed for packing, crating, freight, Express or cartage unless specifically stated and included in the bid.
4. The award to the successful bidder may be canceled if the successful bidder fails to prosecute the work with promptness and diligence.
5. Time in connection with discount offered will be computed from the date of delivery to the City, as specified on Work Order, or from date the correct invoice is received by the City, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery.
6. The successful bidder shall replace, repair or make good, without cost to the City, any defects or faults arising within one (1) year after date of acceptance of articles furnished hereunder (acceptance not to be unreasonably delayed) resulting from imperfect or defective work done or materials furnished by the Seller.
7. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the City and all persons acting for on behalf of it from all suits and claims against them, or any of them, arising from or occasioned by the use of any material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, which infringes or is alleged to infringe on any patent rights. In case such material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, in any such suit is held to constitute infringement, the Contractor, within a reasonable time, will at its expense, and as the City may elect, replace such material, equipment or apparatus with non-infringing material, equipment or apparatus, or remove the material, equipment or apparatus, and refund the sums paid therefor.
8. The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable Federal State and Local laws and regulations.
9. Purchases made by the City are exempt from Federal excise taxes and bid prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
10. If so stated in the Invitation For Bid the successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and/or a labor and material payment bond, in an amount, in a form and with a surety satisfactory to the City. The bidder shall be responsible for the cost of the bond(s).
11. If the Invitation for Bids requires bid surety, this surety shall be in the form of a cash, bid bond, cashier's check, treasurer's check, or certified check on a responsible bank, payable to the City of Newton, and must be filed with the original bid in the Office of the Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so will lead to rejection of the bid. The bid surety will be returned to the successful bidder within seven (7) days execution of award, and approval by the City of performance and/or payment bond(s). The bid surety covers the City for damages when a bidder withdraws its bid after the bid submission date. Be advised that to the extent permitted by the law, the City will retain all bid deposits for withdrawn bids.
12. Verbal orders are not binding on the City and deliveries made or work done without formal Work Order or Contract are at the risk of the Contractor and may result in an unenforceable claim.
13. The Contractor shall agree to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from any and all claims arising out of the performance of this contract.
14. "Equal" - An item equal to that named or described in the specifications of the contract may be furnished by the Contractor and the naming of any commercial name, trademark or other identification shall not be construed to exclude any item or manufacturer not mentioned by name or as limiting competition but shall establish a standard of equality only. An item shall be considered equal to the item so named or described if (1) it is at least equal in quality, durability, appearance, strength and design; (2) it will perform at least equally the function imposed by the general design for the work being contracted for or the material being purchased; and (3) it conforms substantially, even with deviations, to the detailed requirements for the item in the specifications. The name and identification of all materials other than the one specifically named shall be submitted to the City in writing for approval, prior to purchase, use or fabrication of such items. Subject to the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 30, Sec. 39J, approval shall be at the sole discretion of the City, shall be in writing to be effective, and the decision of the City shall be final. The City may require tests of all materials so submitted to establish quality standards at the Contractor's expense.

All directions, specifications and recommendations by manufacturers for installation, handling, storing, adjustment and operation of their equipment shall be complied with; responsibility for proper performance shall continue to rest with the Contractor.

For the use of material other than the one specified, the Contractor shall assume the cost of and responsibility for satisfactorily accomplishing all changes in the work as shown. If no manufacturer is named, the Contractor shall submit the product he intends to use for approval of the City.

Except as otherwise provided for by the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 30, Sec. 39J, the Contractor shall not have any right of appeal from the decision of the City condemning any materials furnished if the Contractor fails to obtain the approval for substitution under this clause. If any substitution is more costly, the Contractor shall pay for such costs.”

15. Notice is hereby given that the City of Newton Minority/Women Business Enterprise Plan dated December 1999 is applicable to all City of Newton contracts for materials and supplies. A copy of this plan may be obtained from the Purchasing Department.

16. Right To Know:

Any Contractor who receives an order or orders resulting from this invitation agrees to submit a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each toxic or hazardous substance or mixture containing such substance, pursuant to M.G.L., Ch. 111F, SS8, 9 and 10 and the regulations contained in 441 CMR SS 21.06 when deliveries are made. The Contractor agrees to deliver all containers properly labeled pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 111F, SS 7 and the regulations contained in 441 CMR SS 21.05. Failure to submit an MSDS and/or label on each container will place the Contractor in noncompliance with the work order. Failure to furnish MSDSs and/or labels on each container may result in civil or criminal penalties, including bid debarment and action to prevent the Contractor from selling said substances or mixtures containing said substances within the Commonwealth. All Contractors furnishing substances or mixtures subject to Chapter 111F of the M.G.L. are cautioned to obtain and read the law and rules and regulations referred to above. Copies can be obtained from the State House Book Store, Secretary of State, State House, Room 117, Boston, MA 02133, (617-727-2834) for \$2.00 plus \$.65 postage.

17. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall provide insurance coverage as listed below. This insurance shall be provided at the Contractor’s expense and shall be in full force and effect during the full term of this Contract.

WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Worker’s Compensation: Per M.G.L. c.149, §34 and c. 152 as amended.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

Personal Injury	\$500,000 each occurrence
	\$1,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage	\$500,000 each occurrence
	\$1,000,000 aggregate

VEHICLE LIABILITY

Personal Injury	\$500,000 each person
	\$1,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage	\$300,000 each occurrence
	\$500,000 aggregate

Certificates of insurance must include the following statement: “The City of Newton is named as an additional insured on the general liability and automobile liability policies.”

The Contractor shall not commence the work until proof of compliance with this has been furnished to the City by submitting one copy of a properly endorsed insurance certificate issued by a company authorized to write insurance in the Commonwealth. The certificate shall indicate that the contractual liability coverage is in force. The Contractor shall file the original and one certified copy of all policies with the City within ten (10) days after contract award. If the City is damaged by the Contractor’s failure to maintain such insurance and to so notify the City, then the Contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs attributable thereto.

Cancellation of any insurance required by this contract, whether by the insurer or the insured, shall not be valid unless written notice thereof is given by the party proposing cancellation to the other party and City at least thirty days prior to the effective date thereof, which shall be expressed in said notice.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS COULD
RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR CONTRACT.
SCOPE OF SERVICES**

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**SUPPLY, DELIVER & INSTALL NEW IT NETWORK EQUIPMENT
TO COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

1.0 Scope

Newton Public Schools (NPS) is accepting bids for New IT Network Equipment as per the Item Sheet attached. All bids must be submitted in the manner and form prescribed by the Specifications which control award of the contract. Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder based on the **Grand Total for all items inclusive within the Scope of Work**. Bidders are required to bid on every item or may be deemed non-responsive. Funding is contingent on NPS' budget and the E-Rate Category 2 funding discount. This request is cross-posted by the FCC on Form 470 on the USAC E-Rate site. (<https://www.usac.org/e-rate/>)

- 1.1 Quantities specified are based on a census taken by NPS. NPS reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities to be ordered within the time limits set forth in the bid, but any increase shall be in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30B, §13 and no increase shall exceed twenty five percent (25%) of the total contract price. Regardless of the quantity of any item purchased by the City hereunder, the unit price for that item shall be the price set forth in the Bidder's Item Sheet.
- 1.2 In an effort to purchase the quality of product necessary, samples may be required of all bid items unless bidding on the exact product referenced within the bid item description.
- 1.3 All prices shall be F.O.B. Destination inside delivery, location to be determined. Liftgate will be required.

2.0 Description and Quality

- 2.1 Wherever items are specified by trade name, manufacturer, or dealer's catalog number, or by any other reference, it shall be taken to mean the items as this described or any other item equal thereto in quality, finish, durability, compatibility, safety and serviceability for the purpose for which it is intended. If an alternate item is being proposed, the bidder shall so indicate by providing a full description of the proposed substitute as well as provide data sheets, catalog cuts, performance and test data, and any other information which will support or otherwise prove equality: such proof rests entirely with the bidder. When the bidder does not state the brand, it is understood that the offer is exactly as specified. Final decisions concerning the quality of items, other than those specifically designated, is to rest with Newton Public Schools whose determination shall be final and conclusive. Vendors shall guarantee quality control of all goods at no additional cost to the City. Samples shall be furnished free-of-charge upon request and may be retained for future comparisons. Samples and literature must be provided within three (3) days after the request.
- 2.2 The City encourages environmentally preferable products, i.e., products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance or disposal of the product or service: 1) emphasis on multiple environmental considerations such as recycled content, energy and water efficiency, renewable resource use and toxicity considerations rather than any single environmental feature; 2) evaluation of environmental impacts throughout the life cycle of the product which includes impacts during the manufacture, use and disposal of the product; and 3) recognition of cost and performance remain critical factors in all purchasing decisions. All products must be latex free and nut free.
- 2.3 Material Safety Data Sheets must be forwarded to the Purchasing Department, Newton Public Schools, 100 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460 within thirty (30) days after the bid award. All products must be properly labeled with the product name, manufacturer's name, address and emergency telephone number, ingredients, cautions, warnings, hazard rating and first aid.

3.0 Delivery

- 3.1 All packages, cartons, or other containers must be clearly marked with a) the school designation, b) a packing slip with contents or item number from specifications, c) the number of boxes on shipment, d) the purchase order number and e) the vendor's name and order number.
- 3.2 **Deliveries to be made at a location to be determined, as per the bid specifications. All deliveries shall be made to the inside of the building and contractors are cautioned to notify their shippers that adequate assistance must be provided at the point of delivery. Liftgate will be required. No sidewalk deliveries will be accepted.**
- 3.3 Deliveries shall be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Forty-eight (48) hours' notice of delivery is required by contacting the IT Department at 617-559-6190. NPS shall not be responsible for deliveries that cannot be made because notice was not received in time.
- 3.4 Deliveries are to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the order unless otherwise indicated or notified by the Contractor and approved in writing by the NPS Coordinator of Purchasing.

4.0 Payment

- 4.1 Invoices shall be billed to Accounts Payable, Newton Public Schools, 100 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460 and email to npsaccounting@newton.k12.ma.us.
- 4.2 The vendor must offer a discounted E-Rate Category 2 invoice option.
- 4.3 Invoices must include the a) purchase order number, b) department name, c) item number, d) quantities, e) description, f) unit price and g) totals.

END OF SECTION

IT NETWORK EQUIPMENT BID ITEM SHEET & SPECIFICATIONS:

Equipment quantities are estimates only based on the City’s best estimates. The City makes no guarantees as to items actually procured. Regardless of the amount of the actual quantities, the unit price(s) shall be that set forth in the Item Sheet. Bid prices shall include inside delivery as indicated within the scope of this bid. Total cost equals total vendor cost prior to 40% discount applied before invoicing. ***If bidding an approved equal all items must be compatible with our existing network.***

This purchase will be in FY27 as funding is available. Funding is contingent on the NPS budget and E-Rate Category 2 funding discount.

Please include products below along with all necessary licensing.

Item #	Description	Unit Price	Est. Quantity ¹	Total Cost	Approved Equal (must include make, model, specs, catalog cut)
1	C9300X - 48HX with Module C9300X-NM-8Y and 2 power supplies (PWR-C1-1900WAC-P) and DNA Advantage Licensing	\$	1	\$	
2	C9300-48UN with Module C9300-NM-2Y & 2 Power supplies PWR-C1-1900WAC-P and Stackwise cables with Meraki licenses	\$	11	\$	
3	CW9176I Cisco Wireless AP with Meraki licenses	\$	70	\$	
4	Cisco Wireless CW9179F w/ Environment Pack CW-ACC-9179-B-00 and Meraki licenses	\$	10	\$	
5	Cisco SFP Transceivers 25GBase - LR	\$	4	\$	
GRAND TOTAL:				\$	

Scope of Work

Supply, install and configure all equipment as part of a new construction/renovation project for the Countryside Elementary School. Location: 191 Dedham Street, Newton Highlands, MA. This includes:

- Project kick-off meeting with the NPS IT Department and other relevant construction related personnel to discuss project requirements and timeline.
- Design and planning session with the NPS IT Department to define switching structure, VLANs, and review other relevant details of installation and configuration.
- Installation of all switches in MDFs and IDF’s as per construction diagrams and Design and Planning session with NPS IT Department including:
 - Unboxing devices
 - Physical placement and installation in racks
 - Powering on devices to verify functionality
 - Configuring VLANs, IP addressing, IP routing
 - Uplinks
 - Configuring switching
 - Patching devices (as required)
- Installation of wireless access points in locations as per construction diagrams and Design and Planning Session with NPS IT Department including:
 - Mounting of devices in defined locations
 - Patching into switching infrastructure

¹ Actual quantities may be more or less than estimates.

- Applying licensing to Wireless Service Module
- Configuration of devices into existing wireless system
- Testing basic wireless configuration
- Labeling all APs with configured name in accordance with NPS IT department requirements
- Close out meeting upon project completion.

Additional deliverables to include:

- Digital diagram of switching infrastructure
- Management system (e.g. Prime/Catalyst/DNA) updated with building maps and AP locations
- Excel spreadsheet with full inventory of installed equipment with their local NPS inventory asset tag, device name, and install location (e.g., room number) within the building
- Excel spreadsheet with IPs and passwords for switches

Additional Assumptions:

- NPS and the winning vendor will each provide a Project Manager that will:
 - Serve as primary points of contact between NPS and the vendor for the project
 - Coordinate all meetings
 - Review and coordinate installation timelines
 - On a weekly basis review project status and schedule meetings as needed towards work completion
- Patch cables provided by others.
- Calls and meetings will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time between NPS and the bid winner.
- Project completion time is expected to coincide with construction project needs given an expected building opening date of January 4, 2027.

APPROVED EQUAL SPECS INCLUDING BRAND NAME, PRODUCT #, UNIT SIZE AND CATALOG CUT MUST BE INCLUDED OR THE CONTRACTOR MAY BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE.

*If an alternate item is being proposed, the bidder shall so indicate by providing a full description of the proposed substitute as well as provide data sheets, catalog cuts, performance and test data, and any other information which will support or otherwise prove equality such proof rests entirely with the bidder. If the alternate product information (listed above) is not provided at the time of the bid the bidder may be deemed non-responsive.

All bid items will be delivered to one location that has not yet been determined.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Company: _____ **Telephone:** _____ **Fax:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail _____

END OF SECTION