



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Laptops & Related Hardware

Issued by the

Community College System of New Hampshire

RFP #CHA24-03

Date of Issue: December 20, 2023

Proposals must be received no later than
3:00 PM on January 12, 2024

All questions related to the RFP should be submitted via e-mail to:

Sean Fitzpatrick, System Office Procurement at purchasing@ccsnh.edu

The full content of this Request for Proposals, Attachments, Appendices, Response to Questions and all Addenda via CCSNH website located at:

<https://www.ccsnh.edu/about-ccsnh/bidding-rfp/>

The RFP contains specific protocols relating to discussion and other communications regarding this RFP. Any violations of these provisions may result in immediate disqualification of a firm's submission.

Prospective firms are encouraged to promptly notify CCSNH of any apparent inconsistencies, problems, or ambiguities in

Unless specifically amended or deleted by the Community College System of New Hampshire, the following General Terms and Conditions apply to this Bid and any resulting Purchase Order or Contract.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS:

NATURE OF, AND ELIGIBILITY TO RESPOND. This bid invitation is submitted and the rules promulgated thereunder, and constitutes a firm and binding offer. A bid may not be withdrawn unless permission is obtained from the Community College System of NH (CCSNH).

Bids may be issued only by the Community College System of NH and are not transferable.

SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. When samples are required they must be submitted free of costs and will not be returned.

Items left for demonstration or evaluation purposes shall be delivered and installed free of charge and shall be removed at no cost to the CCSNH. Demonstration units shall not be offered to the CCSNH as new equipment.

Bids. Bids must be received at the Community College System of NH before the date and time specified for the opening. Bids must be submitted on this bid form or exact copies and must be typed or clearly printed in ink. Corrections must be initialed.

Bids will be made available to the public after the time of award. Bid results will be given by mail only if requested in writing and accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope.

SPECIFICATIONS. Vendors must submit on items as specified. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing and received at the Community College System of NH at least five (5) working days prior to the bid deadline. Vendors shall be notified in writing if any changes to the specifications are made.

AWARD. The award will be made to the responsible Vendor submitting a conforming proposal meeting specification at the lowest cost unless other criteria are noted in the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, the award may be made by individual items.

If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price will prevail.

When identical low bids are received the award will be made in accordance with the Administrative Rules.

PATENT INFRINGEMENT. Any responding vendor who has reason to believe that any other responding vendor will violate a patent should such responding vendor be awarded the contract shall set forth in writing, prior to the date and time of opening, the grounds for his belief and a detailed description of the patent.

ASSIGNMENT PROVISION. The responding vendor hereby agrees to assign all causes of action that it may acquire under the antitrust laws of New Hampshire and the United States as the result of conspiracies, combinations, or contracts in restraint of trade which materially affect the price of goods or services obtained by the state under this contract if so requested by the Community College System of NH.

FEDERAL FUNDS. The Community College System of NH shall assure the continuation or granting of federal funds or other assistance not otherwise provided for by law by following the Federal Procurement Standards.

CCSNH'S OPTIONS: The Community College System of NH reserves the right to reject or accept all or any part of any bid, to determine what constitutes a conforming bid, to award the bid solely as it deems to be in the best interest of the CCSNH, and to waive irregularities that it considers not material to the bid.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: The responding vendor hereby acknowledges that all information relating to this bid and any resulting order (Including but not limited to fees, contracts, agreements and prices) are subject to these laws of the State of New Hampshire regarding public information.

PERSONAL LIABILITY: The responding vendor agrees that in the preparation of this bid or the execution of any resulting contract or order, representatives of the Community College System of NH shall incur no liability of any kind.

PROOF OF COMPLIANCE. The responding vendor may be required to supply proof of compliance with proposal specifications. When requested, the responding vendor must immediately supply the Community College System of NH with certified test results or certificates of compliance. Where none are available, the CCSNH may require independent laboratory testing. All costs for such testing certified test results or certificate of compliance shall be the responsibility of the responding vendor.

FORM OF CONTRACT. The terms and conditions set forth in any additional Terms and Conditions by the Community College System of NH are part of the bid and will apply to any contract awarded the responding vendor unless specific exceptions are taken and accepted and will prevail over any contrary provisions in Terms and Conditions submitted by the responding vendor.

BID INVITATION FOR:
Laptops & Related Hardware

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDER:

Read the entire bid invitation prior to completing. Complete the pricing information in the “Offer” section (the unit price is the price for the unit of purchase required by this bid invitation {i.e. each, case, box, etc.}) and all other required information on your offer. The extension is the unit price multiplied by the quantity required by this bid invitation.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bid invitation is to establish contract in the form of a purchase order for supplying Community College System of NH with the item(s) indicated in the “Offer” section of this bid invitation, in accordance with the requirements of this bid invitation and any resulting order. This will be a one-time order with delivery required to the locations indicated in the F.O.B. section of this bid invitation.

SCHEDULE OF KEY EVENTS:

Issue of Request for Proposal	Wednesday, December 20, 2023
Proposal Due Date & Time	Friday, January 12, 2024 @ 3:00pm
Award Notification and Purchase Order sent to successful bidder	Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Desired delivery date	Friday, February 2, 2024

BID INQUIRIES:

Questions regarding the meaning and interpretation of the RFP, attachments, specifications, etc., shall be submitted via email. Answers will be provided by an RFP addendum posted to <https://www.ccsnh.edu/about-ccsnh/bidding-rfp/>. Please direct all questions or correspondence regarding this RFP to:

Sean Fitzpatrick, Procurement Administrator
CCSNH System Office
purchasing@ccsnh.edu

Any questions must be submitted by an individual authorized to commit their organization to the Terms and Conditions of this bid. Inquires must clearly identify the Bid Number, the Vendor’s name and address and the name of the person submitting the question.

BID PRICES:

Bid prices must be in US dollars and must include delivery and all other costs required by this bid invitation. Bid prices should result in prices that are no higher than those charged to the bidder’s best/preferred customer. Special charges, surcharges, or fuel charges of any kind (by whatever name) may not be added on at any time. Any and all charges **must be built into your bid price** at the time of the bid.

DELIVERY & F.O.B.:

Items of this order will be delivered across eight individual locations of the CCSNH. Delivery locations, addresses and primary contacts are listed in the “Offer” section of this bid invitation.

The F.O.B. shall be destination to the delivery points listed in the “Offer” section of this bid invitation.

BID SUBMITAL:

All bids must be submitted on this form or an exact copy, must be typed or clearly printed in ink and must be received on or before the date and time specified on page 1 of this bid. Interested parties may submit a bid to the Community College System of New Hampshire by email to purchasing@ccsnh.edu. All bids must be clearly marked with bid number and date due. Confirmation of receipt will be sent within 24 hours via email.

Bid Responses must include the following documents:

- Completed "Offer" Section of this RFP Form
- Bidder's W9
- Bidder's Certificate of Insurance (sample is fine)

GOVERNING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

A responding bid that has been completed and signed by your representative will constitute your company's acceptance of all CCSNH terms and conditions and will legally obligate your company to these terms and conditions.

A signed response further signifies that any terms and/or conditions that may be or have been submitted by the bidder are specifically null and void and are not a part of this bid invitation or any awarded purchase order, even if said terms and/or conditions contain language to the contrary.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE:

Any information contained in the bid that a vendor considers confidential must be clearly designated. Marking of the entire bid or entire section of the bid (e.g. pricing) as confidential will neither be accepted nor honored. Notwithstanding any provision of this bid to the contrary, vendor pricing will be subject to public disclosure upon the effective date of all resulting contracts or purchase orders.

Generally, each bid shall become public information upon the effective date of all resulting contracts or purchase orders; however, to the extent consistent with applicable state and federal law and regulations, as determined by the State, including, but not limited to, RSA Chapter 91-A (Right to Know Law), the State/CCSNH shall endeavor to maintain the confidentiality of portions of the bid that is clearly and properly marked confidential. If a request is made to CCSNH to view portions of a bid that a vendor has properly and clearly marked as confidential, CCSNH will notify vendor of the request and of the date that CCSNH plans to release the records. By submitting a bid, vendors agree that unless the vendor obtains a court order, at its sole expense, enjoining the release of the requested information, CCSNH may release the requested information on the date specified in the CCSNH's notice without liability to the vendors.

VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:

All bidders must be duly registered as a vendor authorized to conduct business in the State of New Hampshire.

- All bidders must include a completed W9 with their submission.

SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE:

The manufacturer(s) and/or model(s) indicated are the exact type and quality required. Substitutions will not be considered.

Unless otherwise specified by the Community College System of NH in this bid invitation document, all equipment offered by the bidder must be new; shall not be used, rebuilt, refurbished; shall not have been used as demonstration equipment, and shall not have been placed anywhere for evaluation purposes.

CHANGES:

Any requested changes to this bid invitation by the bidder must be received in writing at the Community College System of NH no later than 4:30 PM on the fifth Community College System of NH business day prior to the date of the bid opening.

ADDENDUM:

In the event it becomes necessary to add or revise any part of this bid prior to the scheduled submittal date, CCSNH will post on our website any addenda. Before your submission, always check the site for any addenda or other materials that may have been issued affecting the bid. The website address is <https://www.ccsnh.edu/about-ccsnh/bidding-rfp/>

WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS:

Successful bidder shall be required to warranty all of the equipment awarded to them for a period of not less than the manufacturer's standard period of time, from the date the items are received, inspected and accepted by the Community College System of New Hampshire. The warranty shall cover 100% of all parts, shipping, labor, travel, lodging and expenses.

BID AWARD:

The award of the bid will be based upon the total net low bid of the items indicated in the "Offer" section of this bid invitation. If an award is made it will be in total, in the form of a Community College System of NH Purchase Order.

If upon the award of any bid of multiple items (awarded by line item) it is determined that an order for any particular item would be \$500.00 or less and said item would be the only item on a purchase order, CCSNH reserves the right to award that item to a bidder already receiving an award for multiple items.

BID RESULTS:

Bid results may be viewed on CCSNH's web site at: <https://www.ccsnh.edu/about-ccsnh/bidding-rfp/>.

TERMINATION:

The Community College System of NH shall have the right to terminate the purchase contract at any time by giving the successful bidder a thirty (30) day written notice.

RETURNED GOODS:

The successful bidder must resolve all order and invoice discrepancies within five business days from notification. Products returned due to quality issues, duplicate shipments, over-shipments, etc. must be picked up by the successful bidder within five business days of notification with no restocking or freight charges and must be replaced with specified products or the agency will be refunded/credited for the full purchase price. Unauthorized substitutions for any products are not allowed.

Standard stock products ordered in error by the Community College System of NH must be returned for full credit within fifteen days of receipt. Products must be in re-saleable condition (original container, unused) and there will be no restocking fee charged for these products. The using campus will be responsible for any freight charges to return these items to the successful bidder.

OFFER:

Successful bidder hereby offers to sell the required items to the Community College System of NH at the following price(s):

			PRICES	
<u>QTY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>EXTENSION</u>
109	EA	Lenovo Item #21JN0073US ThinkPad E16 G1 Core i7-1355U / 2x8GB / 512GB O2 / ax / BT / FR / WC / 16" WUXGA / W11P Lenovo Commercial Systems	\$ _____	\$ _____
109	EA	Lenovo Item #40B00135US ThinkPad Thunderbolt 4 Dock Gen 2, 135W Lenovo Features and Options	\$ _____	\$ _____
10	EA	Lenovo Item #63A4MAR1US 27" ThinkVision T27i-30 Full HD LED-LCD Monitor	\$ _____	\$ _____
5	EA	Dell Item #P2722H 27" FHD Monitor, 1920 x 1080	\$ _____	\$ _____
5	EA	Dell Item #WD22TB4 Thunderbolt 4 Dock	\$ _____	\$ _____

WARRANTY OPTIONS (Please provide pricing for both options, CCSNH will pick one of the two):

109	EA	Lenovo Item #5WS0T36151 3-Year Premier Support with On-site Next Business Day Lenovo Think Plus – ThinkPad Protection/Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
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OR

109	EA	Lenovo Item #5WS0T36163 5-Year Premier Support with On-site Next Business Day Lenovo Think Plus – ThinkPad Protection/Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
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SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS:

College	Address	Attention	Shipping Quantity				
			21JN0073US Laptops (Lenovo)	40B00135US Docking Station (Lenovo)	63A4MAR1US Monitor 27-inch (Lenovo)	P2722H Monitor 27- inch (Dell)	WD22TB4 Docking Station (Dell)
NHTI - Concord's Community College	31 College Drive, Concord, NH 03301	Todd Bedell	15	15	5	5	5
Nashua Community College	505 Amherst St, Nashua, NH 03063	Magnus Pardoe	25	25			
Manchester Community College	1066 Front Street, Manchester, NH 03102	Jean Potillo	15	15	5		
Lakes Region Community College	379 Belmont Rd, Laconia, NH 03246	Chris Crowley	15	15			
White Mountains Community College	2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, NH 03570	Tammy Vashaw	15	15			
Great Bay Community College	320 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, NH 03801	Shubhashish Mathema	10	10			
River Valley Community College	1 College Place, Claremont, NH 03743	Jason Thorton	7	7			
CCSNH System Office	26 College Drive, Concord, NH 03301	Jon McNamara	7	7			
			109	109	10	5	5

TOTAL SHIPPING CHARGE \$ _____

TOTAL BID SUBMISSION (Excluding Warranty Costs) \$ _____

DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:

CCSNH’s desired delivery date is February 2, 2024. Please indicated anticipated lead times in your proposal.

SIGNATURE:

The undersigned hereby offers to sell to the Community College System of NH the commodities or services indicated in the following page(s) of this Bid at the price(s) quoted in complete accordance with all conditions of this Bid.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Tel.#: _____

Email: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

This document must be signed by a person who is authorized to legally obligate the responding vendor. A signature on this document indicates that all Community College System of NH terms and conditions are accepted by the responding vendor and that any and all other terms and conditions submitted by the responding vendor are null and void, even if such terms and conditions have terminology to the contrary. The responding vendor shall also be subject to CCSNH terms and conditions as stated on the reverse of the purchase order.

ATTACHMENTS:

The following attachments are an integral part of this bid invitation:

- None

Note: To be considered, bid must be signed above.

PURCHASE ORDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Community College System of NH (CCSNH), engages the firm or individual ("the Vendor") to perform the services and/or sale of goods, described in the attached CCSNH documents, if any, and the Vendor's bid or quotation, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

2. COMPLIANCE BY VENDOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS. In connection with the performance of this agreement, the Vendor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligation or duty upon the Vendor, including, but not limited to civil rights and equal opportunity laws.

3. TERM. The contract, and all obligations of the parties thereunder, shall become effective on a specified date and shall be completed in their entirety prior to a specified date. Any work undertaken by the Vendor prior to the effective date shall be at his sole risk and, in the event that the contract shall not become effective, the CCSNH shall be under no obligation to reimburse the Vendor for any such work.

4. CONTRACT PRICE. The contract price, a payment schedule and a maximum limitation of price shall be as specified by the bid invitation and the Vendor's bid. All payments shall be conditioned upon receipt and approval by the CCSNH, of appropriate vouchers and upon satisfactory performance by the Vendor, as determined by the CCSNH. The payment by the CCSNH of the Contract Price shall constitute complete reimbursement to the Vendor for all expenses of any nature incurred by the Vendor in the performance by the Vendor and complete payment for the Services. The CCSNH shall have no other liability to the Vendor.

5. DELIVERY. If the vendor fails to furnish items and/or services in accordance with all requirements, including delivery, the CCSNH may re-purchase similar items from any other source without competitive bidding, and the original vendor may be liable to the CCSNH for any excess costs.

If a vendor is unable to complete delivery by the date specified, he must contact the CCSNH. However, the campus is not required to accept a delay to the original delivery date. All deliveries are subject to inspection and receiving procedure rules as established by the receiving campus. Deliveries are not considered accepted until compliance with these rules has been established. State personnel signatures on shipping documents shall signify only the receipt of shipments.

All deliveries shall be FOB Destination.

6. INVOICING. All invoices must show Order Number, Unit and Extension Prices and discounts allowed. A separate invoice shall be submitted for each order. Unless otherwise noted on the invitation to bid or purchase order, payment will not be due until thirty (30) days after all services have been completed, or all items have been delivered, inspected and accepted or the invoice has been received at the agency business office, whichever is later.

7. PERSONNEL.

7.1. The Vendor shall disclose in writing the names of all owners (5% or more), directors, CCSNH. Any change in this information shall be reported in writing within fifteen (15) days of their occurrence.

7.2. The person signing this agreement on behalf of the CCSNH, or his or her delegee ("Contracting Officer") shall be the CCSNH's representative for purposes of this agreement. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final.

8. EVENT OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES.

8.1. Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Vendor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Events of Default"):

8.1.1. failure to deliver the goods or services satisfactorily or on schedule; or

8.1.2. failure to submit any report required hereunder; or

8.1.3. failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this agreement.

8.2. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the CCSNH may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1. give the Vendor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Vendor notice of termination; and

8.2.2. give the Vendor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this agreement and ordering that the portion of the Contract Price, which would otherwise accrue to the Vendor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the CCSNH determines that the Vendor has cured the Event of Default, shall never be paid to the Vendor; and

8.2.3. set off against any other obligation the CCSNH may owe to the Vendor any damages the CCSNH suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and

8.2.4. treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

9. WAIVER OF BREACH. No failure by the CCSNH to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express failure of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provision hereof. No such failure or waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Vendor.

10. VENDOR'S RELATION TO THE CCSNH. In the performance of this agreement the Vendor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the CCSNH. Neither the Vendor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the CCSNH nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workmen's compensation or emoluments provided by the CCSNH to its employees.

11. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS. The Vendor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this agreement without the prior written consent of the CCSNH. No work required by this contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written consent of the CCSNH.

12. INDEMNIFICATION. The contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Vendor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this agreement.

12.1 PATENT PROTECTION. The seller agrees to indemnify and defend the State of New Hampshire from all claims and losses resulting from alleged and actual patent infringements and further agrees to hold the CCSNH harmless from any liability arising under RSA 382-A:2-312(3). (Uniform Commercial Code).

13. TOXIC SUBSTANCES. In compliance with RSA 277-A known as the Workers Right to Know Act, the vendor shall provide Material Safety Data Sheets with the delivery of any and all products covered by said law.

14. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given below.

15. AMENDMENT. This agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto.

16. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS. This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Community College System of NH, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns.

17. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS. The additional provisions (if any) have been set forth as Exhibit "A" hereto.

18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating hereto.