

Procurement Announcement for the State of Connecticut Department of Education School Choice Application and Student Assignment System



(This procurement is being conducted under the auspices of the Connecticut State Department of Administrative Services, Procurement Services, [18PSX0210 Contract Award/Supplement and Participating Addendum](#))

Overview

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is seeking to procure a secure, Web-based application and student assignment system for use by the CSDE and by magnet school operators/local school districts responsible for recruiting and placing Hartford and suburban-resident students in school choice programs in the Greater Hartford Region. The system must be fully implemented and operational no later than September 1, 2020 for the application and admissions cycle in 2020-21 for the 2021-22 school year. CSDE is seeking a user-friendly system, functional on multiple platforms, adaptive and versatile enough to support multi-faceted efforts to meet the obligations outlined in the *Sheff v. O'Neill* case and Phase IV Stipulation and Order currently in effect.

The Application and Student Assignment System will:

- a) Provide a secure, on-line, user-friendly application for school choice options that families can easily access from all types of devices;
- b) Display educational options, including neighborhood schools available to Hartford residents, based on the applicant's residence with a variety of sortable options;
- c) Provide an ongoing communication system to facilitate correspondence through all phases of marketing, application, placement and enrollment;
- d) Produce adaptive interfaces that allow for the collection of data and information from specified data systems;
- e) Allow authorized CSDE staff to design and modify application questions and features;
- f) Allow CSDE to set and modify lottery protocols for assigning placements;
- g) Utilize design elements that are compatible with student privacy guidelines; and
- h) Enable users to generate real-time, readable and easily accessed reports.

Please see the detailed [Statement of Work](#) for additional information about the cloud solution being requested.

How to Respond to this Procurement

Pursuant to the process established under the [18PSX0210 Contract Award/Supplement and Participating Addendum](#), interested vendors should work through a [reseller who is approved under this contract award](#). For each vendor, the reseller must submit a detailed work plan/proposal that conforms to the [requirements outlined on pages 25 through 27 of the detailed Statement of Work](#). The selected vendor will also need to work with the CSDE to complete the [Cloud Questionnaire](#) that is required by DAS/BEST.

To be considered for this procurement, all work plans/proposals must be in PDF format and must be received from an approved reseller by Ajit Gopalakrishnan at ajit.gopalakrishnan@ct.gov no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020.

