

FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

for

Charleston County School District

Proposal due
November 4, 2021
2:00 pm

Submit responses to:
Raymond Jenkins
3999 Bridge View Drive
North Charleston, SC 29405

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is requesting qualified vendors to supply information regarding Fire Alarm Systems for 114 buildings for CCSD.

This is a Request for Information (RFI) only. This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes. It does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future. Responders are advised that the District will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI; all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the interested party's expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future RFP, if issued.

Timeline

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
RFI issued	10/7/21
Submission of Questions Deadline	10/14/21
Responses Due	11/4/21

RFI Questions

Vendors may submit written questions regarding this RFI. All questions regarding this RFI should be submitted via e-mail and be received by the dates specified in the timeline. Questions should be directed to:

E-mail: raymond_jenkins@charleston.k12.sc.us
Phone: (843) 566-8826

The District will provide a written response to all questions.

Charleston County School District Background

CCSD is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles of coastal lands. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 85 schools and several specialized programs.

Need for Procurement

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is soliciting Request for Information (RFI) from fire alarm system installation/integration contractors/manufacturers/maintenance on the best path forward for future new construction and renovation projects. The submittal should also include the vendor's ability to support continued maintenance/monitoring of our existing systems. CCSD has Edwards Fire Alarm panels and Honeywell Vista security panels in our facilities. Currently CCSD is monitoring @114 buildings, but this is subject to change as new facilities are constructed and existing removed. CCSD is open to all suggestions, solutions and ideas.

Objective

The objective of this solicitation is to canvas suppliers of Fire Alarm Systems to determine the services and contract mechanisms available to assist CCSD for a solution our current fire alarm system. In the event that a RFP is issued, emphasis will be placed on priority response for the District.

- A plan addressing requirements in paragraph (Need for Procurement)
- Installation/Integration/Maintenance
 - a. Integration with existing systems
 - b. Benefits of an enterprise setting for remote monitoring and functionality
 - c. Minimum of 5 years designing, installing, maintaining and repairing systems up to 200,000 SF
 - d. Past experience supporting educational institutions
 - e. Certificate of Competency
 - f. UL company listing
 - g. UL Certificate of Service for company
 - h. What UL certificates do you have?
 - i. New Construction-Competitive bid
 - j. Major Renovation-Competitive bid
 - k. Minor modifications requirements
 - l. Central Monitoring Service and qualifications
 - m. Would we have a Designated Account Manager?
 - n. How often do you update and report to clients on how the service is working?
 - o. Do you survey clients on quality of service?
 - p. UL Runner Service
 - q. Describe your maintenance service program
 - r. Certifications of maintenance technicians
 - s. How many maintenance technicians serve the Charleston area?
 - t. Would we get a dedicated team of maintenance technicians?
 - u. Can you help us meet the annual testing as required to support SC Act 256
 - v. What is your follow up policy to owners on surveys and annual testing?
 - w. Invoicing system-What do you use and how is it structured?
- Who is the Supplier of your Panel and Devices
 - x. What panels do you supply?
 - y. How compatible are they with our existing devices?
- Breakdown of existing systems

Fire Alarm Panels	
Edwards Quickstart	5
ES 1500	1
Est - 2	22
Est - 2/Simplex 4007	1
Est - 3	55
Est 3X	3
Fire Panel	2
IO-1000	6
N/A	6
Simplex 4007	1

Burglar Panel	89
Vista 128	10
Vista 250	3

RFI Response

Please respond to the areas of concern listed under the Information Requested section of this RFI, no later than 2:00 pm on November 4, 2021.

Respondents must submit via email attachment no larger than 25MB in pdf format to:

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