

**Request for Information No. II**  
**Bid No. 23/24-01 IT**  
*April 30, 2024*

**Response to Proposers' Questions**

2.1           **Question:** We are new to this type of (catalog) bid. Are you or your team able to hop on a quick [T]eams call with us to give us a clearer understanding as to how this works to make sure we bid correctly?

**Answer:** Unfortunately, in an effort to ensure that all vendors receive the same information and the process is fair and impartial our team is not meeting with individual vendors to discuss the Bid. All questions should be asked during the Pre-Bid Vendor Conference and through the official RFI process, as described in detail in the Bid documents.

2.2           **Question:** Regarding Chromebook Cases and or student heads[et]s for this bid.. Will you be accepting FREE SAMPLES to evaluate ?

**Answer:** Irvine USD is not requesting samples at this time. Vendors requesting substitutions for items specified in the Bid Pricing Sheet - Short List Bid Items should submit descriptive technical literature fully describing the claimed "or equal" Equipment (manufacturer's specifications and a picture of the specific item) along with other required information, as specified in Information For Bidders Section 19 of the Bid.

2.3           **Question:** Are you wanting connected chromebooks with cellular data services included, or is it just straight equipment?

**Answer:** The chromebooks included in the Short List refer to straight equipment with no cellular data services.

2.4           **Question:** We do not carry inventory for the type of chrom[e]books you[re] asking for in the RFP [Bid]. However, we do provide other types of chromebooks which are subsidized and connected via cellular data. Do you have a moment this week to touch base for a quick call to discuss?

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2.5                    **Question:** [I]s this bid exclusively for Irvine USD? I'm curious why you don't want to do another Ed[ ]Tech JPA bid?

**Answer:** This bid is run by Irvine Unified School District and has no affiliation with Ed Tech JPA. Ed Tech JPA typically focuses on education technology software and runs RFPs. This is a bid for hardware, which is different from Ed Tech JPA's typical focus.