
Re: Textbook Adoption

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Sandy Harrington <sharrington@ocss-va.org>

Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 11:20 AM

To: Gary MacFadden <gary.macfadden@gmail.com>

Cc: Chelsea Quintern <cquintern@ocss-va.org>, Daniel Hornick <dhornick@ocss-va.org>, Darlene Dawson <ddawson@ocss-va.org>, Jack Rickett <jrickett@ocss-va.org>, Melissa Anderson <manderson@ocss-va.org>

Mr. McFadden:

You are very welcome for the response. I will not be providing you further clarification as each of these links provides the specific state requirements and district processes, which are responsive to your questions. Good luck in your endeavors.

Sandra Harrington
OC School Board Member,
District Five

On Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 8:56 AM Gary MacFadden <gary.macfadden@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Sandy,

Thank you for your seasonable response(s). Based on your replies, please let me clarify the purpose of my initial correspondence.

My inquiry was composed of three (3) questions concerning a specific planned textbook acquisition, i.e.,

1. [what type of contract is envisioned for the K-5 textbook procurement?](#)
2. [what type of procurement \(e.g full and open via RFP, RFQ or other\) is envisioned for the K-5 textbook procurement?](#)
3. [what is the estimated contract value for the envisioned for the K-5 textbook procurement?](#)

The response which you provided was strictly limited to a series of emails which ONLY listed the below websites and did not address any of the above questions directly, or indirectly.

1. [Parents - Orange County Public Schools click here](#) addressing parent resources
2. [Procurement Methods click here](#) addressing types of procurements used by the Virginia Department of education
3. [Virginia's eProcurement Marketplace click here](#) addressing the mandate required by Code to use eVA for purchasing all goods and services
4. [Curriculum Review Process Update for the Virginia Literacy Act click here](#) addressing curriculum review process in accordance with the Virginia Literacy Act
5. [English, Reading, & Literacy click here](#) addressing the review process for updating K-12 Standard of Learning for English Language

Based on these clarifications, kindly let me know if I may expect a more substantive response. Please and thank you.

Best regards, Gary

On Thu, Feb 8, 2024 at 9:58 PM Sandy Harrington <sharrington@ocss-va.org> wrote:

Hi Gary:

Please see links to follow.

I believe these should provide an overview of OC Division procedures as defined by the Virginia Department of Education. It is my understanding funds are required to be set-aside within the textbook fund, in addition to state

funds provided for this purpose. Once the review and selection is completed, a presentation is provided to the School Board. Finally, the contract and associated costs will be presented to the board for approval. I hope this is helpful. Thank you.

Sandy Harrington
OCSS School Board Member
District Five

PS: I am having difficulty attaching links due to size of files, I will send them immediately following this email. There should be six. AS

via email February 7, 2024

To: Sandy Harrington
Cc: Melissa Anderson, Chair
Darlene Dawson, Vice Chair
Chelsea Quintern
Jack Rickett

I would like to thank the OCPS School Board for informing the public of the prospective purchase of new reading textbooks for grades K through 5 as detailed on the OCPS website [here](#). I plan to review and subsequently provide comments on the materials before the next regular school board meeting.

Preparatory to providing feedback, I would like to also better understand the procurement procedures that applied (or that will apply) to the contemplated acquisition of these textbooks and their related services (if any).

Therefore, in the public interest, I would like to ask you to please answer the following questions:

1. What type of contract (firm-fixed price, cost-reimbursable, or any variation of same) will govern the purchase of these textbooks and all support labor and materials under this planned acquisition?
2. What type of acquisition best describes this purchase: full & open competition (in response to an RFP or RFQ), single-source, or sole source?
 - a. If other than full & open, what is the source selection evaluation committee's justification for acquisition via a non-competitive procurement?
 - b. If this was a competitive procurement,
 - i. please provide a list of sources sought (bidders' list), and the names of bidders that responded to the solicitation
 - ii. please provide a description of the source selection evaluation criteria (e.g. price, and/or other considerations) that were used to determine the best value to OCPS.
3. What is the estimated total contract value for all textbook related goods and service deliverables associated with this acquisition?

Respectfully,
Gary MacFadden