



Thornton Fractional TWP High School District 215

**Request for Proposals
Hyperconverged Infrastructure and Backup System**

December 23, 2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for District Wide Data Center and Backup System

Dear Proposers:

Thornton Fractional TWP High School District 215 is currently accepting proposals for a District wide Hyperconverged Infrastructure and Backup System.

Proposal instructions are contained in the *Request for Proposals* (RFP) document. Please provide the requested information in the prescribed written format. Failure to comply with the prescribed format may result in disqualification.

Proposals are due no later than **January 28, 2026 3PM CDT.**

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to reviewing your proposal.

Sincerely,

Thornton Fractional TWP High School District 215

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OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS SCHEDULE

District History

High School education in Calumet City, Lansing and Burnham dates back to 1917 when Wentworth High School was organized. Thornton Fractional school district was organized in 1924. The school was still called Wentworth until 1926 when a new building was finished. The school then changed its name to Thornton Fractional Township High School, since its district was a fraction of Thornton Township, not the normal 36 square mile area. Over the years, portions of Bloom Fractional Township to the south and Thornton Township to the west have been annexed to add more area to the district.

In December of 1933 the high school was destroyed by fire. The new school was finished in 1936. Only the swimming pool remains from the original structure. Today, that section is the main part of T. F. North. Many additions have been added through the years to meet the increasing needs of the community. It now serves approximately 1,700 students from Calumet City and Burnham.

Thornton Fractional South was built because of the great increase in student population within the district following World War II. The school opened the second semester of 1958 and served students living south of 159th Street. When it opened it had approximately 1,000 students; it now serves approximately 2,000 students from Lansing and Lynwood. Many additions have been built over the years. The boundary line between the schools was changed in 1960 from 159th Street to the Little Calumet River.

In 1971 the school district bought a building in Calumet City and converted it into an administration center. It opened in 1972. The center has been renovated numerous times over the years to meet the changing administrative needs of the district.

In the late 1970s, the school district decided to build a vocational center to house vocational programs that could serve both high schools. It was opened in 1978 on land between the administration center and the Little Calumet River. Over the years, the facility has been expanded and reorganized to be used for more than vocational education. It serves students from both high schools. It is currently called The Center for Academics and Technology.

Purpose and Project Background

Thornton Fractional TWP High School District 215 (TFD215) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a comprehensive, turnkey, data center infrastructure and backup system.

This information was developed in a format to facilitate the preparation of responses to this Request for Proposals (RFP) and the subsequent evaluation of those responses.

Because there are several vendors who provide the type of systems the District needs, it is the District's desire to meet our needs through this competitive selection process. The requirements noted in this RFP are designed to assist in the selection of the vendor that best meets the District needs.

This RFP is intended to provide a standard base from which to evaluate alternatives for the system and to allow the Respondent flexibility in proposing the most appropriate and cost-effective system. It is the responsibility of the Respondents to address all aspects of this RFP.

Objective

The objective of the District is to acquire a turn-key, five-year hyperconverged infrastructure with micro segmentation and backup system, including but not limited to all necessary compute, storage, network, software, licensing. This system will completely replace the existing data center infrastructure and backup system currently in place. This document contains the system specifications and the requested format for vendor proposals. If additional features or equipment are believed to be appropriate for the District operations, please quote them as options and include supporting justification and cost detail.

TFD215 reserves the right to the following:

- Accept the proposal that is, in its judgment, the best and most favorable to the interests of the District
- To reject the low price proposal;
- To accept any item of any proposal;
- To reject any and all proposals;
- To waive irregularities and informalities in any Proposal submitted or in the Request for Proposals process.

General Process and Schedule

During the selection process, the District will review the submitted proposals and systems. The District will use a combination of steps to evaluate vendor proposals, these may include subsequent interviews, demonstrations, reference checks, and site visits, the District will then pick a final preferred vendor. The District will negotiate final pricing and terms and conditions with the preferred vendor. The following is the current estimated schedule, as defined by the District, and can be changed at its discretion:

Estimated Selection Process Step	Date(s)
Release and Issuance of the <i>Request for Proposals</i> (RFP)	December 23, 2025
Final Date for Vendors to Submit Questions	January 9, 2026
Date for Publishing Answers to Vendors' Questions	January 16, 2026
Proposals Due	January 28, 2026 - 3:00pm
Final Vendor Selection	February, 2026
Anticipated Board Approval	February, 2026
Anticipated Implementation Start	July, 2026

Estimated Implementation Plan – Please provide an estimated implementation plan with various milestones assuming the contract would be awarded, contingent E-Rate approval, by the end of February 2026. The system should be fully operational by August 2026.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation Criteria

2.1 All proposals will be evaluated using the general evaluation criteria described in the following Table 2:

Table 2

Evaluation Criteria	Max Points
Costs of Eligible Products and Services – Only district share costs will be considered as costs for the purposes of evaluation in a proposal with E-Rate eligible products and/or services. Any amounts eligible for reimbursement under the E-Rate program will not be factored into the cost of the proposal.	40
Costs of Ineligible Products and Services	35
Vendor Prior Positive Experience with District	15
Local availability of vendor for continued service and support over term of contract	10
Total	100

- 2.1.1 The evaluation process will consist of review and evaluation of proposals received by a team consisting of District personnel and consultants.
- 2.1.2 The evaluation criteria shall be applied to either the base proposal or the base proposal + alternates, at the District's discretion.
- 2.1.3 Costs will be evaluated based on initial cost, plus annual licensing, and hardware support. If required for the vendor's solution, provide annual licensing and hardware support cost for up to 5 years. The District may consider long-term cost through five years and beyond as part of its evaluation.

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

This section outlines the information that must be included in the Proposal. Vendors should review this list to ensure that their Proposals include all requested information prior to submission.

General Proposal Instructions and Due Dates

To be considered, one 1 soft copy submitted electronically to pwakefield@tfd215.org , must be received by the District no later than January 28, 2026 3PM CST. The date and time of receipt shall be the time that the District's e-mail system receives the e-mail with the proposal. Vendor shall allow time for electronic transmission. Submissions after this deadline will not be accepted.

Proposals must be submitted by e-mail to:

Paul Wakefield
Chief Technology Officer
Thornton Fractional High School District 215
pwakefield@tfd215.org

Requests for extension of the submission date will not be granted unless deemed in the best interests of the District. Vendors submitting proposals should allow for normal mail or delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their proposal.

There will be no formal proposal/bid opening.

Proposal Format and Conditions

- The proposal should follow the outline of the RFP document.
- The District will require the vendor selected to agree to include the contents of this Request for Proposals and all representations, warranties, and commitments in the Proposal and related correspondences as contractual obligations when developing final written contracts for services, equipment, and software.
- Only written communication from the District may be considered binding. The District reserves the right to terminate the selection process at any time and to reject any or all proposals. The contract will be awarded to the vendor whose overall proposal best meets the requirements of the District.
- The District shall not be liable for any pre-contract costs incurred by interested vendors participating in the selection process.
- The contents of each vendor's proposal to the District, including technical specifications for hardware and software and software maintenance fees, shall remain valid for a minimum of 90 calendar days from the Proposal due date.

- Vendors should provide copies of all sample contracts for application software and software support. Please note that all contracts are subject to negotiation.
- The proposer should address each point listed in this document.
- If any E-Rate eligible products or services are proposed, the proposer must be an eligible service provider under the E-Rate program and must submit their USAC Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) with their proposal.

3.1. General Requirements

3.1.1. **With their proposal submissions, Proposers shall submit a modified copy of this Request for Proposals (RFP).**

- 3.1.1.1. Proposers shall initial the bottom of each page indicating they have read and agreed to all requirements on the page. Typed initials are acceptable.
- 3.1.1.2. Proposers shall note any exceptions to an individual requirement directly beneath the requirement. Omission of any exceptions indicates the Proposer has read and will comply with the requirement.
- 3.1.1.3. Failure to submit initialed pages will be considered an incomplete submission and will be evaluated accordingly.
- 3.1.1.4. Any exceptions taken to requirements specified in the document will be considered when evaluating the response and can influence scoring as defined.
- 3.1.1.5. **Submit electronic/scanned copies of the RFP, including signed forms and responses to technical requirements, with the proposal e-mail.**
- 3.1.2. The Contractor shall furnish all material and/or equipment required to complete the solution as described within the RFP documents and as specified herein for the Owner.
- 3.1.3. No substitutions, deletions, changes, or additions of video surveillance locations shall be permitted without written approval from the Owner or Owner's representative.
- 3.1.4. The Contractor shall be responsible for the protection of its work until such time that the Owner issues written acceptance of the Concealed Weapons Detection System and/or Brandished Weapons Detection System.
- 3.1.5. Qualifications of Responder
 - 3.1.5.1. This RFP is open to all accredited resellers of state-of-the-art hyperconverged infrastructure and backup systems. Vendors must be certified by the manufacturer in all hardware and software required by this RFP.
 - 3.1.5.2. The Contractor shall be licensed to do business in the State of Illinois.
 - 3.1.5.3. The Contractor shall have worked satisfactorily for a minimum of five (5) years on systems of this type and size.
 - 3.1.5.4. If the use of subcontractors is approved, they shall assume all rights and obligations toward the Contractor that the Contractor assumes toward the Owner.
- 3.1.6. Proposals must be delivered on or before the due date and time in order to be

considered.

3.1.7. Unsigned or late Proposals will not be considered.

3.1.8. The District is not subject to Federal Excise Tax or Illinois Retailers Occupational Tax.

3.1.9. Prices quoted shall include all charges for packing, transportation and delivery to the locations designated on the Proposal.

3.1.10. All prices should be F.O.B., Lansing and/or Calumet City, Illinois.

3.1.11. Questions on this procurement should be directed, in writing, via e-mail to:

Paul Wakefield
Thornton Fractional High School District 215
pwakefield@tfd215.org

3.1.12. Proposal tabulation results are available upon request after the award of orders.

3.1.13. Oral, telephone, or facsimile transmitted Proposals will not be accepted.

3.1.13.1. All items proposed shall be new unless otherwise specified.

3.2. Errors and Omissions - All proposals shall be submitted with each space properly completed. The special attention of Proposers is directed to the policy that no claim for relief because of errors or omissions in the Proposals will be considered, and Proposers will be held strictly to the proposals as submitted. Should Proposers find any discrepancies in, or omissions from, any of the documents, or be in doubt as to their meanings, they shall advise the district who will issue the necessary clarifications to all prospective Proposers by means of addenda.

3.3. Firm Proposal – All Proposals will be considered to be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date established for the opening of Proposals.

3.4. Withdrawal of Proposals – Proposals may be withdrawn by letter, facsimile or in person within 48 hours prior to the time and date established for the opening of Proposals.

3.5. Investigation of Proposers

3.5.1. The Proposer shall furnish such information as may be requested to determine the ability of the Proposer to fulfill Proposal requirements and shall be prepared to show completed installations of equipment, types of service or supplies similar to those included in the Proposal.

3.5.2. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any Proposal if it is determined that the Proposer is not properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract.

3.6. Reservation of Rights By the Institution - The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive irregularities and to accept that Proposal which is considered to be in the best interest of the institution. Any such decision shall be considered final.

3.7. Compliance with Legislation - It shall be mandatory upon the contractor(s) to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor thereof to pay to all laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by them not less than the general prevailing rate of wages in the locality for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to

- perform such work and the general prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work as ascertained by the Illinois Department of Labor. Proposers are required to increase wages as necessary during the term of this contract so as to keep current with prevailing wage rates. No changes will be allowed in the amount of this contract as additional compensation for such changes.
- 3.8. Signature Constitutes Acceptance – The signing of these Proposal forms shall be construed as acceptance of all provisions contained herein.
- 3.9. Contracts – The successful Proposer will be required to enter into a contract incorporating the terms and conditions of this Proposal.
- 3.9.1. The RFP response, (including the RFP specifications contained within this document, exhibits, addenda, etc.) shall be incorporated into the final contract with the proposer. At its sole discretion, District may accept additional terms and conditions from the proposer.
- 3.9.2. The District will require any contract to state that in the event of any conflict between the RFP Response, including this document, and additional incorporated documents, the RFP Response, including this document, will prevail.
- 3.10. Equal Employment Opportunity
- 3.10.1. In the event of the Contractor's non-compliance with the provisions of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause, the Illinois Human Rights Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights ("Department"), Contractor may be declared ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and the Contract may be cancelled or voided in whole or in part, and such other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided by statute or regulation. During the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees as follows:
- 3.10.1.1. That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability, military status, or an unfavorable discharge from military service; and further that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any such underutilization. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contract of, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, sex, nation of origin, unfavorable discharge from the military or any other unlawful reason.
- 3.10.1.2. That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this Contract or any portion thereof, it will determine the availability (in accordance with the Department's Rules) of minorities and women in the areas from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in such a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- 3.10.1.3. That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity

without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability, military status, or an unfavorable discharge from military service.

- 3.10.1.4. That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising such labor organization or representative of Contractor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules. If any such labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with Contractor in its efforts to comply with such Act and Rules, Contractor will promptly so notify the Department and the contracting agency and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations thereunder.
- 3.10.1.5. That it will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the contracting agency, and in all respects comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules.
- 3.10.1.6. That it will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the contracting agency and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules.
- 3.10.1.7. That it will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract it awards under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that such provisions will be binding upon such subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this Contract, Contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by such subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the contracting agency and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply therewith. In addition, Contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.
- 3.11. Evaluations - The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, to waive any technicalities in the Proposals and to award each item to different Proposers or all items to a single Proposer unless otherwise noted on Proposal request, and to determine whether in the opinion of the Board of Education: (1) an equal or alternate is a satisfactory substitute, (2) an early delivery date is entitled to more consideration than price, (3) an earlier delivery date is to be disregarded because of the reputation of the Proposer for not meeting delivery dates, (4) a Proposer is not a responsible Proposer and should be disregarded and (5) what exceptions or deviations from written specifications will be accepted. The Board of Education will authorize the release of purchase orders upon acceptance of Proposals. In the event of pricing errors, the unit count(s) listed will prevail and be considered accurate.
- 3.12. Examination of Documents And Site - Before submitting a proposal for work on any project, each Proposer shall carefully examine the project site and the contract documents, fully inform themselves of existing conditions and limitations of the

project sites, rely entirely upon their own judgment in making the proposal, and include in their proposal all sums sufficient to provide all work required by the contract documents. After opening of Proposal, no additional allowance will be made for changes in project scope and/or price due to work that would have been apparent by examination of the documents and sites. By submitting a proposal, each Proposer shall be held to represent that they have made the examination in complete detail and has determined beyond doubt that the documents and existing conditions are sufficient, adequate and satisfactory for completion of the work.

- 3.13. DELIVERY POINTS - Deliveries shall be made to the following addresses ONLY when "specific" locations are indicated in the Proposal SPECIFICATIONS.

3.14. Building Locations:

- 3.14.1. Thornton Fractional North High School (TF North)
755 Pulaski Road
Calumet City, IL 60409
- 3.14.2. Thornton Fractional South High School (TF South)
18500 Burnham Ave.
Lansing, IL 60438
- 3.14.3. Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology (TF CAT)
1605 Wentworth Avenue
Calumet City, IL 60409
- 3.14.4. Thornton Fractional Center for Alternative Learning (TF CAL)
1601 Wentworth
Calumet City, IL 60409
- 3.14.5. District Administration
18601 Torrence Ave
Lansing, IL 60438

3.15. INSURANCE

- 3.15.1. The contractor shall provide and maintain insurance in the amounts outlined below with companies acceptable to the institution.
- 3.15.2. Worker's Compensation Insurance
 - 3.15.2.1. Coverage A - Illinois Statutory Limits
 - 3.15.2.2. Coverage B - Employer's Liability \$1,000,000 Limit
- 3.15.3. Automobile Liability Insurance: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and include coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles.
- 3.15.4. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Provide the following limits:
 - 3.15.4.1. Bodily Injury/Property Damage
 - 3.15.4.1.1. \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 - 3.15.4.1.2. \$1,000,000 in the aggregate
 - 3.15.4.1.3. The policy shall include the following coverage
 - 3.15.4.1.3.1. Premises/Operations

- 3.15.4.1.3.2. Independent Contractors
- 3.15.4.1.3.3. Products/Completed Operations
- 3.15.4.1.3.4. Contractual Liability Blanket
- 3.15.4.1.3.5. Broad Form Property Damage
- 3.15.4.1.3.6. Personal Injury-Offenses A,B,C, exclusion C deleted
- 3.15.4.1.4. Contractual Liability coverage, including the "indemnification of Institution and Architect" (hold harmless agreement), must be fully insured under this policy for the liability limits set forth above. In addition, care, custody, and control and XCU exclusions shall be removed from all policies under this contract and suitable coverage provided subject to the approval of the school institution's insurance counselor.
- 3.15.4.1.5. The contractor is responsible for all claims arising out of sales of products on the premises and injury and/or death caused by the vendor's delivery vehicles on and immediately adjacent to the premises.
- 3.15.5. Umbrella Liability Insurance
 - 3.15.5.1. It is required that an umbrella policy be written for minimum of \$10,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage. This umbrella policy would be in excess of the limits of the primary policy outlined above.
 - 3.15.5.2. All such insurance shall not be cancelable without thirty (30) days prior written notice being given to the institution.
 - 3.15.5.3. With respect to the insurance required herein, the contractor shall provide such insurance naming the institution, the Board of Education and its members individually, and its employees and agents as "additional named insured." The contractor shall also purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect the institution from and against all claims, damages, loss, and expenses, including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense, (1) is attributable to bodily injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself), including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and (2) is caused in whole or in part by a negligent act or omission of the contractor, subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party to whom insurance is afforded pursuant to this paragraph.
 - 3.15.5.4. It is MANDATORY within ten (10) days after the Proposal award that the Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be submitted to the business office for the institution.
- 3.16. Total Price For All Items Proposal - A total Proposal dollar amount, regardless of whether or not the Proposer is proposing all items, must be entered in the appropriate section of the Proposal form before signing and submitting the Proposal.
- 3.17. Hold Harmless and Indemnification

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- 3.17.1. The contractor shall assume all liability for, and shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless, the Board of Education and its members individually, their officers, employees, servants and agents, from and against all claims, actions suits, judgments, costs, losses, expenses and liabilities of whatsoever kind or nature including reasonable legal fees incurred by owner arising out of:
- 3.17.1.1. Any infringement (actual or claimed) of any patents, copyrights or trade names by reason of any work performed or to be performed by the contractor under this contract or by reason of anything to be supplied by the contractor pursuant to this contract.
- 3.17.1.2. Bodily injury, including death, to any person or persons (including contractor's officers, employees, agents and servants) or damage to or destruction of any property, including the loss of use thereof:
- 3.17.1.2.1. Caused in whole or in part by an act, error or omissions by the contractor or any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party to be indemnified hereunder.
- 3.17.1.2.2. Arising directly or indirectly out of the presence of any person in or about any part of the project site or the streets, sidewalks and property adjacent thereto.
- 3.17.1.2.3. Arising directly or indirectly out of the use, misuse or failure of any machinery or equipment used directly or indirectly in the performance of this contract.
- 3.18. Late Proposals - Proposals received after the time specified in the Invitation to Proposal will not be considered. The method of transmittal of the Proposal is at the Proposer's risk of untimely receipt by the institution. The use of institution equipment for transmission of Proposals is prohibited.
- 3.19. Child Sex Offender and Murderer Community Notification Act
- 3.19.1. Any vendor or contractor is prohibited from bringing to any school building or school property any employee or agent who is a child sex offender or murderer as defined in the child sex offender and murderer community notification law. At least quarterly, the contractor shall contact the local law enforcement authority where each employee or agent resides to determine if the employee is on the list of registered felons who have committed child sex offenses or murder. The contractor shall also provide the district with the name and address of each employee who will perform work on school property and require that the employee submit to a criminal history background investigation.
- 3.19.2. Any person hired by the district, as well as any person who is an employee of a person or firm holding a contract with the district and who works in a school building or on school property, shall submit to a criminal history background investigation according to state law and district Policy 5:30, hiring process and criteria.

SPECIFICATIONS

- 4.1. Equipment/Service Request: Applicant is requesting a turn-key hyperconverged infrastructure with micro segmentation that is compatible with state-of-the-art Nutanix, or equivalent, and related software and hardware components to update the data center environment. Proposal costs must include the following:
- 4.1.1. Installation of the equipment requested in this RFP
 - 4.1.2. Specify if the responder or a subcontractor will be performing the preparation and installation
 - 4.1.3. The inclusion of at least a 3-year hardware support (warranty) with preference for a 5-year warranty on all equipment; specify whether factory default or extended warranty
 - 4.1.4. Freight, shipping, and handling to be included with proposal
 - 4.1.5. The below estimated equipment, or equivalent is requested. Note: the requested equipment part numbers and quantities are estimates. The proposer is solely responsible to ensure full compatibility of all proposed equipment, regardless of what is estimated below, and that any and all equipment proposed meets the specifications of the RFP as a whole.

QTY	Part Number	Description
6	NX-NODE-ER24	Nutanix 24 Series Bundle - Minimum, 1 x 24 Core Processor, 8 x 96GB Memory Module, 1 x 480GB M.2 Boot Device, 2 x 15.36 TB SSD, 2 x 18TB HDD, 2 x 2-port 10/25GbE SFP+/SFP28, 2 x 10GbBaseT, 1 x 1GbE, 240mm^2 Heavy Duty Fans
24	NCI-U-24	Software, ERATE 24 Series 1 Year - Operating and Firewall Software (Includes AOS and FLOW) integrated subscriptions. Use SKU for 1 year software renewal.

- 4.2. Proposals are requested for the makes/models specified or equivalent. Offers containing alternative makes/models are required to submit product specifications and documentation to establish that the equipment is equivalent to the requested solution. Applicant will be the arbiter of whether the proposed solution is functionally and technically equivalent to the requested solution.
- 4.3. The Hyperconverged infrastructure shall be installed in two current District datacenters.
- 4.3.1. Datacenter Locations
 - 4.3.1.1. Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology
 - 4.3.1.2. Thornton Fractional Administration Center
 - 4.3.2. Sizing
 - 4.3.2.1. Sizing should be sufficient to handle current datacenter load plus 50% increase.
 - 4.3.2.2. Current data center load can be obtained by contacting Paul Wakefield at pwakefield@tfd215.org before 3PM Central Time on January 16, 2026. A copy of an RV Tools analysis will be sent to assist with sizing
 - 4.3.2.3. Fault Tolerance
 - 4.3.2.3.1. Data Centers are not to be designed as redundant
 - 4.3.2.3.2. Each data center must be able to dynamically and without interruption transfer virtual machine load from one data center to the other.
- 4.4. Network Connections

- 4.4.1. The district will supply to two Ethernet uplink ports per location to connect the District with the hyperconverged infrastructure.
 - 4.4.1.1. Uplink ports are QSFP-28 and support speeds of 10/40/100 Gbps.
 - 4.4.1.2. Any cables, SFPs, or connectors connecting to district network infrastructure are the responsibility of the proposer.
 - 4.4.1.3. Configuration of district network equipment, including VLAN trunking, will be done by the district is out of the scope of this project.
 - 4.4.1.4. Any required connections beyond the QSFP-28 connections must be communicated to the District in the proposal response, including their purpose and specifications.
- 4.4.2. Internal Hyperconverged datacenter Networking components
 - 4.4.2.1. Any networking components for the purpose of connecting various components of the Hyperconverged infrastructure are the responsibility of the proposal and must be included in the scope of the proposal, including any and all parts and costs.
 - 4.4.2.2. Design must be fully fault tolerant. If top of rack switches are proposed, there must be at least two switches. Each top of rack switch must have connectivity to each component of the hyperconverged infrastructure.
- 4.5. Power Requirements and Specifications
 - 4.5.1. The district will supply 208V power from an uninterruptable power supply.
 - 4.5.1.1. Each piece of equipment must have at minimum two (2) power supplies.
 - 4.5.1.1.1. Each piece of equipment must be able to survive with the loss of:
 - 4.5.1.1.1.1. One power supply
 - 4.5.1.1.1.2. Incoming electrical voltage to one power supply
 - 4.5.1.2. The District will supply IEC-C14 electrical receptacles
 - 4.5.1.3. Proposer must supply all power cables in correct configurations that are necessary to connect from the District's IEC-C14 receptacle to all proposed equipment
 - 4.5.1.3.1. The proposer must inform the district of the number of IEC-C14 receptacles that are to be furnished
 - 4.5.1.3.2. The proposer must inform the district of any electrical components that are not able to use an IEC-C14 receptacle.
- 4.6. Backup Infrastructure
 - 4.6.1. The district requires that the proposer includes a state of the art backup infrastructure that will allow the district to create daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly copies of all data stored within the hyperconverged data center.
 - 4.6.1.1. Backup data must be stored both locally at the data center at which the data is normally housed AND replicated to a secondary data center for geographic separation.
 - 4.6.1.2. Backup data must be able to be stored in an immutable state.
 - 4.6.1.3. Backup data must be encrypted using industry standard encryption at rest and in motion using industry best practice methods.
 - 4.6.1.4. All proposed backup infrastructure must be compatible with the proposed hyperconverged data center infrastructure.
 - 4.6.1.5. Data must be able to be backed up to a cloud backup location.
 - 4.6.2. The district currently operates a backup software, this is outside the scope of the proposal.

- 4.6.2.1. All proposed backup infrastructure must be compatible with the proposed data center infrastructure and the district's backup software.
- 4.6.2.2. For security reasons, the backup software is unnamed. Please contact Paul Wakefield at pwakefield@tfd215.org for the backup software manufacturer.
- 4.6.3. The district currently subscribes to a cloud backup service, this is outside the scope of the proposal.
 - 4.6.3.1. All proposed backup infrastructure must be compatible with the proposed data center infrastructure and the district's cloud backup service.
 - 4.6.3.2. For security reasons, the cloud backup service is unnamed. Please contact Paul Wakefield at pwakefield@tfd215.org for the cloud backup service.
- 4.7. Software Licensing, Support, and Warranty
 - 4.7.1. Proposals must include five (5) years from date of project acceptance of applicable software licensing, manufacturer support, and manufacturer warranty.
 - 4.7.1.1. All costs to fully operate the equipment for a period of 5 years from the date of project acceptance must be included with the proposal. This includes software and licensing costs.
 - 4.7.1.2. All equipment must be supported by the manufacturer under a manufacturer's warranty that begins upon project acceptance and is paid upfront for a period of 5 years. The district will pay no additional warranty fees on proposed equipment during the specified term.
 - 4.7.1.3. Proposer must provide support – either remote or onsite – for a period of one year at no additional cost. Any and all costs for this one year of support must be included in the proposal cost.
 - 4.7.1.3.1. Support covers any required software upgrades by the manufacturer.
 - 4.7.1.3.2. Support covers any configuration that is required to ensure the system continues to operate as intended due to changes mandated by the manufacturer.
 - 4.7.1.3.3. Support covers any deficiencies during implementation to provide a state of the art hyperconverged system and backup infrastructure that were not discovered during the implementation and acceptance phases.
 - 4.7.1.3.4. Support covers any time to diagnose and/or identify a deficiency in the operation of equipment or software, coordinate any repair/remediation, and implement the repair or remediation at the specification of the manufacturer.
 - 4.7.1.3.5. Support does not cover moves, adds and changes as requested by the district.
 - 4.7.1.3.6. Support does not cover changes requested by the district that are outside the scope of the original proposal and not included via a written change order process.
 - 4.7.1.3.7. Support can be remote unless there are physical connections and/or equipment modifications/repairs that require physical modifications to the equipment. In this case, the District will, at its discretion, provide onsite resources for any physical modifications. However, if the district, at its sole discretion, determines it is unable to assist with the physical requirements, the vendor must provide onsite assistance within 48 business hours of any determination.
 - 4.7.2. Proposals must include five (5) years from date of project acceptance of applicable software licensing, manufacturer support, and manufacturer warranty.
- 4.8. Installation, labor, training, and support
 - 4.8.1. Turnkey Project

- 4.8.1.1. This project is turnkey. All labor, software, and support needed to completely install, test, certify and operate the system must be included as a part of this proposal.
- 4.8.1.2. Additional warranty and support is required as specified in this RFP.
- 4.8.1.3. Proposer is responsible for transitioning all workloads within the District's four current data centers to the new hyperconverged infrastructure.
 - 4.8.1.3.1. All workload transitions must be coordinated with the district in advance and be explicitly approved by the district before any modifications to production systems are made.
- 4.8.1.4. Old datacenter systems
 - 4.8.1.4.1. All equipment, new and old, remains the property of District 215.
 - 4.8.1.4.2. There is no requirement to decommission, shutdown, remove, or dispose of any equipment. The sole responsibility of the proposer is the transition of production workloads from old systems to new.
- 4.8.1.5. Training
 - 4.8.1.5.1. Proposer is responsible for providing training to agents of district on day to day operation of the system including
 - 4.8.1.5.1.1. Hyperconverged and backup infrastructure
 - 4.8.1.5.1.2. How to perform day-to-day maintenance and operation of the system
 - 4.8.1.5.1.3. How to contact proposer for support during the first year
 - 4.8.1.5.1.4. How to contact manufacturer support as applicable
 - 4.8.1.5.1.5. How to perform moves, adds, and changes as would be reasonably expected in the normal operation of the system
 - 4.8.1.5.1.6. All addresses, passwords, serial numbers, contract numbers, and any and all information for the district to operate the system must be furnished to the district before or during training.
- 4.9. Project acceptance is defined as 30 days of continuous operation of at least one virtual machine in a production status (not test machine) at each of the two data centers AND after training of district agents has occurred.
 - 4.9.1. The 30-day acceptance window begins when the district and proposer both agree that at least one production virtual machine is running in each data center. Agreement must be communicated and acknowledged in writing.
 - 4.9.2. If one or both of the machines are not able to continuously run in production due to issues with the proposer's equipment – including hardware, software, or licensing issues, the 30-day acceptance will reset to 0 and begin again only when both machines are functioning.
 - 4.9.3. Environmental disruptions, including power, cooling, etc., will not restart the 30-day window, even if machine downtime is experienced.
 - 4.9.4. District requested changes that impact the operation of the systems during the acceptance period will not restart the 30-day window.

REFERENCES

5.1. References

- 5.1.1. Provide no less than three references of similar installed equipment/systems, using the tables provided below – expanding them as necessary to include all relevant information.
- 5.1.2. While you are free to provide any references, ideally, the District would like to talk with other School Districts.
- 5.1.3. The District may wish to conduct site visits with one or more of the references provided below.
- 5.1.4. Be advised, references are a major element of the customer's selection criteria.

Reference #1	
Customer Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Address	
Contact Telephone Number	
Contact E-mail	
Installation Date of Comparative System	
Description of Comparative System – please be specific and detailed on number of locations	

Reference #2	
Customer Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Address	
Contact Telephone Number	
Contact E-mail	
Installation Date of Comparative System	
Description of Comparative System – please be specific and detailed on number of locations	

Reference #3	
Customer Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Address	
Contact Telephone Number	
Contact E-mail	
Installation Date of Comparative System	
Description of Comparative System – please be specific and detailed on # of locations	

PROPOSAL RESPONSE PRICING

6.1. Proposers should include pricing responses that includes all equipment and services required to furnish a turnkey Hyperconverged Infrastructure and Backup system as specified in Section 4.

- 6.1.1. For providing the Scope of Work as stated in the RFP, and for providing all work as described in the Specifications for the installation of the complete Hyperconverged and Backup Infrastructure and all associated subsystems needed for these systems.
- 6.1.2. All E-Rate eligible components, along with their costs and percentage of E-Rate eligibility, should be clearly identifiable in the response.
 - 6.1.2.1. The total cost of E-Rate eligible products and services should be clearly identifiable in the response.
 - 6.1.2.2. The total cost of E-Rate ineligible products and services should be clearly identifiable in the response.
 - 6.1.2.3. The sum of E-Rate eligible and E-Rate ineligible products and services should be equal to the total cost of the proposal.
- 6.1.3. Proposer must fix all prices at the proposed amounts for the duration of the contract.
- 6.1.4. The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of equipment to be purchased under this RFP. Any additional equipment purchased shall be priced at the proposed in the detailed bill of material provided by the proposer as a part of their proposal.

6.2. Complete Proposal - The pricing quoted must include all activities necessary for a complete, turn-key system, including, but not limited to:

- 6.2.1. Complete installation of all system components and software.
- 6.2.2. Complete programming of all system components and software.
- 6.2.3. Complete testing of all system components and software.
- 6.2.4. Demonstration of the proposed systems
- 6.2.5. Post Installation System Configuration – After the systems are installed, the vendor is required to work with the District IT staff to adjust the system to adapt to the District's needs and performance requirements.
- 6.2.6. Training - Include in the proposal a detailed explanation of the training you will provide for District Personnel for the ongoing operation of the system(s).
- 6.2.7. Any additional charges which apply for shipping and handling. Please specify dollar amounts.
- 6.2.8. A recommended payment schedule must be included. The District prefers to retain the final payment until system(s) acceptance.
- 6.2.9. **Acceptance** - The District requires an acceptance period of at least 30 days subsequent to the completion of the system installation and go-live. During this 30-day period the system must perform without interruption of services and in compliance with all representations offered in the vendor's proposal.

Should the system or other associated devices fail to perform satisfactorily, the 30-day time frame for acceptance will start over until such time as the system performance is satisfactory for a period of 30 consecutive days. Final payment of 25% (including change orders) will be withheld, and the warranty period will not begin, until system acceptance.

- 6.2.10. GUARANTEE Period: The Vendor shall unconditionally guarantee all services, materials, and workmanship of all furniture, goods, and equipment furnished by it for a period of one year from the date of acceptance, i.e., delivery and installation, unless a longer period of warranty is specified in the General Terms and Conditions attached to the RFP.
- 6.2.11. Manufacturer's Warranty Period: All manufacturer's warranties must be valid for the term, as specified in the above specification, beginning with the date of project acceptance – NOT date of order or delivery.
- 6.2.12. Maintenance/Support costs for the system for Subsequent years after the Guarantee Period. Please show each year separately.

6.3. Subcontractors

- 6.3.1. List all Subcontractors required to complete this project along with the portion of the project they will be responsible for:

- 6.3.1.1. Subcontractor #1

- 6.3.1.1.1. Company Name: _____

- 6.3.1.1.2. Company Address: _____

- 6.3.1.1.3. Portion of work to be performed by this Subcontractor: _____

- 6.3.1.2. Subcontractor #2

- 6.3.1.2.1. Company Name: _____

- 6.3.1.2.2. Company Address: _____

- 6.3.1.2.3. Portion of work to be performed by this Subcontractor: _____

- 6.3.1.3. Subcontractor #3

- 6.3.1.3.1. Company Name: _____

- 6.3.1.3.2. Company Address: _____

- 6.3.1.3.3. Portion of work to be performed by this Subcontractor: _____

6.4. Authorization

- 6.4.1. Signature of Authorized Company Representative:

- 6.4.1.1. Name of Authorized Rep. - (Typed): _____

- 6.4.1.2. Signature: _____

- 6.4.1.3. Date: _____

6.4.1.4. Employer Identification Number: _____

6.4.1.5. Company Name: _____

6.4.1.6. Street Address: _____

6.4.1.7. City, State, Zip: _____

6.4.2. Notarization:

6.4.2.1. My being duly sworn deposes and says that the information provided herein is true and sufficiently complete so as not to be misleading.

6.4.2.2. Subscribed and sworn before me this ____day of ____,
20____

6.4.2.3. Notary Public:

6.4.2.3.1. (Signature) _____

6.4.2.3.2. (Printed Name) _____

6.4.2.3.3. My Commission expires: _____
(Notary Seal)

6.4.3. **FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS**

6.4.3.1. The Respondent understands and agrees that it is possible federal grant or E-Rate funds may be used in connection with certain delivery orders issued pursuant to and under the contract agreement.

6.4.3.2. Accordingly, prior to commencing and all work under any and all delivery orders pursuant to and under the contract agreement, the respondent is hereby notified that federal grant or E-Rate funds may be used by the District. It is the obligation of the respondent and the respondent understands and agrees that the respondent shall adhere to and comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations circulars, executive orders, procedures and guidelines, as and if applicable, amended from time to time.

6.5. Delivery and Installation

Please provide a draft installation schedule assuming the start of the implementation is May 2026. Please outline the tasks that the District and the vendor will perform and/or be responsible for in order to accomplish delivery and installation of the system(s) in this time frame. It will be assumed that any task not specifically stated to be our responsibility would be that of the vendor.

- 6.5.1. Implementation Plan - Within 10 days of contract award, the vendor must provide a tentative implementation plan with dates necessary to place the system into service. This plan must clearly identify the tasks and resource requirements of the District during the implementation process.
- 6.5.2. Risk of Loss - State when the District assumes risk of loss or damage.
- 6.5.3. System Physical Requirements - Please indicate the requirements for each location, for:
 - 6.5.3.1. Floor Spacing
 - 6.5.3.2. Floor Loading
 - 6.5.3.3. Wall Space
 - 6.5.3.4. Environmental factors such as air condition and ventilation
 - 6.5.3.5. Minimum size door opening required for equipment movement
 - 6.5.3.6. Specify the electrical and grounding requirements for the proposed system. Indicate what modifications will be needed, if any, at the site to meet those requirements. Unless otherwise stated, the vendor will be responsible for any necessary modifications.
 - 6.5.3.7. If not specified above, the proposer assumes any and all risk should issues arise during installation.
- 6.5.4. **Equipment Documentation** – As part of the proposed equipment BOM, the selected vendor is required to provide a detailed equipment list showing the model, part numbers and serial numbers of the installed equipment.
- 6.5.5. **Rack Layout Drawing for any on-site server equipment** – The selected vendor will be required to provide a rack drawing in Visio for each closet where any system equipment may be installed.
- 6.5.6. **Equipment Reduction** - Explain any penalty or liability charge for reducing equipment prior to and after installation of the proposed system.
- 6.5.7. **Equipment Delivery** - The vendor will be responsible for making necessary arrangements with the management of the building for delivery of equipment to the premises. The vendor must comply with all building regulations regarding hours, any delivery rigging and method and location of equipment delivery.
- 6.5.8. **Manuals and Brochures** - Please provide electronic versions of any sales materials or technical information you deem important.

- 6.5.9. **Manufacturer Relationship** - Please describe your precise relationship with the manufacturer of the proposed system (i.e., dealer, distributor, branch, common parent, etc.)
- 6.5.10. **Software Updates** – Please describe the following regarding available software upgrades:
- 6.5.10.1. How is the District notified of new software upgrades and tools available for **ALL** the systems proposed?
 - 6.5.10.2. Does your company require software updates at these intervals or are they included/or optional?
 - 6.5.10.3. Are software updates included in a maintenance contract?
 - 6.5.10.4. Please provide typical frequency of software updates on an annual basis.

DISCLOSURES AND CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

Please note that any exceptions to the following requirements, as well as other sections, should be addressed in a separate section of the Vendor's Proposal.

Bulletins and Addenda

Any bulletins or addenda to the RFP specifications issued during the period between issuance of the RFP and receipt of RFP addenda are to be considered covered in the RFP and they will become a part of the awarding contract. Receipt of bulletins or addenda shall be acknowledged by the vendor in their RFP Proposal cover letter.

Rejection of Proposal

Proposals that are not prepared in accordance with these instructions to vendors may be rejected or disqualified. If not rejected, the District may require the correction of any deficiency and accept the corrected Proposal.

Acceptance of Proposals

The District reserves the right to accept the Proposal that is, in its judgment, the best and most favorable to the interests of the District, to reject the low-price Proposal, to accept any item of any Proposal, to reject any and all Proposals, and to waive irregularities and informalities in any Proposal submitted or in the Request for Proposals process.

Taxes

The District is Tax Exempt.

Compliance with Applicable Laws

Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules promulgated by any Federal, State, County, Municipal and/or other governmental unit or regulatory body now in effect or which may be in effect during the performance of the work. Included within the scope of the laws, regulations, and rules referred to in this paragraph, but in no way to operate as a limitation, are all forms of traffic regulations, public utility and Interstate and Interstate Commerce Commission regulations, Workers' Compensation Laws, Prevailing Wage Laws, the Social Security Act of the Federal government and any of its titles, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, Human Rights Commission, or EEOC statutory provisions and rules and regulations.

Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Board, its individual members, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, and assigns ("Indemnitees") against any and all liabilities, damages, losses, expenses, demands, claims, suits or judgments, including reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, claims for the death of or bodily injury to any person and for the loss of, damage to or destruction of any property in any manner arising out of, in connection with, or related to (1) any act or omission of the

Contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors; (2) any breach by the Contractor of the Bid Documents; and (3) any personal injury suffered by Contractor's employees on the Board's property. Additionally, the Contractor waives any and all rights against the Board it may have under any Worker's Compensation Act or interpretations of such laws, including, but not limited to those rights under the judicial decision in *Kotecki v. Cyclops Welding Corporation*. Contractor shall ensure that the Indemnification provision in this Section V is inserted in every contract between Contractor and its subcontractors. If such provision is not contained within a subcontractor contract, or if a subcontractor's insurance does not cover or is insufficient to pay such claims, Contractor shall assume all subcontractor liability for such indemnification of or contribution to the Board. Further, without limiting the above, to the extent the District incurs any fees, costs or expenses of any kind whatsoever arising from, related to or connected with any business activities of the Contractor, such as the District's compliance with Citations to Discover Assets, Mechanic Liens claims or any other claims or requests, the Contractor shall be responsible for all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the District related thereto,

Termination for Default

In the event of a breach of any of the terms of this Agreement including the Vendor's warranties, the District may, at its option and without prejudice to any of its other rights, cancel any undelivered work or material.

Professional Liability

In performing its professional services, the vendor will use the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised, under similar circumstances, by reputable members of its profession practicing in the same or similar locality at the time the services are provided. The vendor covenants that it is protected by professional liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate and will provide certificates of insurance upon request.

Intention

The vendor shall, unless otherwise specified, supply all installation, conversion, training, transportation, and incidentals necessary for the entire proper implementation of the selected systems. In addition, the vendor shall be responsible for the implementation in a most professional manner of all items as shown in the Proposal, stated in the specifications, or reasonably implied, in accordance with the contract documents.

Rights to Submitted Materials

All Proposals, inquiries, or correspondences relating to or in reference to this RFP, and all reports, charts, displays and other documentation submitted by the vendor shall become the property of The District when received. The District reserves the right to use the material, or any ideas submitted in the RFP.

Vendor Demonstrations

Select vendors will be requested, at no cost to The District, to demonstrate the proposed software and hardware systems at a mutually agreeable date and site.

AFFIDAVITS

- Affidavits shall be signed and submitted with Proposal are on the following pages.
- Where forms are required to be notarized, the Proposer may have the document notarized, then scan it to include with the electronic proposal.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT
(must be signed, notarized and submitted with Proposal)

STATE OF ILLINOIS

SS:

_____ COUNTY

(Name of county)

The undersigned Proposer or agent, being duly sworn, on oath says that he/she has not, nor has any other member, representative, nor agent of the firm, company, corporation or partnership represented by him/her, entered into any combination, collusion or agreement with any person relative to the price to be Proposal by anyone at such letting, nor to prevent any person from proposing nor to induce anyone to refrain from proposing, and that this Proposal is made without reference to any other Proposal and without any agreement, understanding or combination with any other person in reference to such proposing.

He further says that no person or persons, firms or corporation has, have or will receive directly or indirectly, any rebate, fee, gift, commission or thing of value on account of such sale.

Proposer or Agent

FOR _____

Firm or Corporation

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 202__

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public

TAX CERTIFICATION

I, _____, having been first duly sworn depose and state as follows:

I, _____ am the duly authorized agent for
_____, which has submitted a proposal to Thornton Fractional High School

District 215

for _____

_____ and I hereby certify that

_____ is not delinquent in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, or if it is:

a. it is contesting its liability for the tax or the amount of tax in accordance with procedures established by the appropriate Revenue Act; or

b. it has entered into an agreement with the Department of Revenue for payment of all taxes due and is currently in compliance with that agreement.

Authorized Agent of Contractor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

_____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF ILLINOIS WORKERS ON PUBLIC WORKS

_____ agrees if at the time the Agreement is executed, or if during the term of the Agreement, there is excessive unemployment in Illinois as defined in the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, 30- ILCS 570/0/01 et seq., as two consecutive months of unemployment exceeding 5%, then _____ agrees to employ Illinois laborers in accordance with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act. An "Illinois laborer" is defined as any person who has resided in Illinois for at least thirty (30) days and intends to become or remain an Illinois resident.

Firm: _____

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name & Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

**CRIMINAL CODE CERTIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY:
STATE OF ILLINOIS CRIMINAL CODE OF 2012, 720 ILCS 5/33E-11**

I, _____, the individual whose signature appears below on this bid/contract for _____ hereby certify that the contracting party is not barred from proposing on the contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of 720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 5/33E-4 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, as amended.

Authorized Agent of Contractor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Board of Education of Thornton Fractional High School District 215, Lansing, Illinois, to request a criminal background investigation from the Illinois State Police, pursuant to Section 5/10-21.9 of the School Code of Illinois, 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9 and to receive criminal history record information pursuant thereto.

Firm: _____

By: _____
Signature of the Applicant of Employee

Printed Name of Applicant Employee

Date

Asbestos Acknowledgement

SUBJECT: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986; Notification of Asbestos Containing Materials in School Buildings

This notification is to inform you that Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) have been found in our School District's buildings and that airborne asbestos is a potential health hazard. The District has developed a Management Plan for maintaining or removing these materials. The locations of the ACM are detailed in the AHERA Management Plan. Copies of this Plan are available at the District Office and at the office counter of each building. We request that you review these Plans prior to the start of any work to avoid disturbing these materials.

These materials are in good condition unless disturbed. Housekeeping and maintenance personnel are taking precautions during their work to properly guard against disturbing the ACM. All ACM is inspected periodically and additional measures will be taken when needed to protect the health of the building occupants.

You are requested to immediately report any evidence of ACM disturbance to the Building Principal. Any additional inquiries regarding ACM or requests to review the District's Management Plan should be directed to:

_____ Signature Of Proposer	_____ Title Representing And Acting On Behalf Of	_____ Date
_____ Company Name	_____ Phone Number	_____ Fax Number
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ State
		_____ Zip

CERTIFICATION (must be signed and submitted with Proposal)

The Proposer hereby certifies that the Proposer is not barred from proposing on this contract as a result of a violation of either the Proposal-rigging or Proposal-rotating provisions of Article 33E of the Criminal Code of 1961, as amended.

Signature

SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAUSE
(must be signed and submitted with Proposal)

Each Proposer must certify that it has complied with the requirement of section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act (Public Act 87-1257) effective July 1, 1993, with respect to sexual harassment policies. The terms of that law, as applicable, are hereby incorporated into this contract. The Board of Education states that it is in compliance with said law.

Signature

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ILLINOIS DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT (must be signed and submitted with Proposal)

The undersigned Proposer or agent, having 25 or more employees, does hereby certify pursuant to section 3 of the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act (III. Rev. Stat., Ch. 127, par. 132.313) that (he, she, it) shall provide a drug-free workplace for all employees engaged in the performance of work under the contract by complying with the requirements of the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act and, further certifies that, (he, she, it) is not ineligible for award of this contract by reason of debarment for a violation of the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act.

Signature

VENDOR DESIGNATION
(must be signed and submitted with Proposal)

In order to comply with subsection C of Section 10-20.40 of the Illinois School code [105 ILCS 5/10-20.40] added by P.A. 95-707, school districts are required to disclose vendors with whom we have entered a contract or purchased goods in the amount of equal to or greater than \$25,000.00. In addition, school districts are required to specify which of the vendors are owned by a person with disabilities, female, minority and/or locally owned.

Please indicate any of the following that apply to your business.

- ☐ Owned by a Person with Disabilities
- ☐ Female Owned
- ☐ Minority Owned
- ☐ Locally Owned (within School District boundaries)
- ☐ None of the Above

Signature

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY*Regarding***VIDEO SURVEILLANCE RFP including Materials and Labor for installation**

In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the provisions of this Equal Employment Opportunity clause or the Illinois Human Rights Act ("Act"), the contractor may be declared ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and the contract may be cancelled or voided in whole or in part, and other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided by statute or regulation. During the performance of the contractor agrees as follows:

- 1) That he or she will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service; and, further, that he or she will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization.
- 2) That, if he or she hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion of this contract, he or she will determine the availability (in accordance with this Part) of minorities and women in the area from which he or she may reasonably recruit and he or she will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- 3) That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by him or her or on his or her behalf, he or she will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service.
- 4) That he or she will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which he or she has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or representative of the contractor's obligations under the Act and this Part. If any labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the contractor in his or her efforts to comply with the Act and this Part, the contractor will promptly notify the Department and the contracting agency and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations under the contract.
- 5) That he or she will submit reports as required by this Part, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the contracting agency, and in all respects comply with the Act and this Part.
- 6) That he or she will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the contracting agency and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- 7) That he or she will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract awarded under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that the provisions will be binding upon the subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, the contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the contracting agency and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply with the provisions. In addition, the contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contractors or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

Furthermore it is understood that the undersigned has been given the authority to represent the company herein listed below.

_____ Signature Of Proposer	_____ Title	_____ Date	
Representing And Acting On Behalf Of			
_____ Company Name	_____ Phone Number	_____ Fax Number	
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip