

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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OR
BALL-POINT PEN
ONLY.

1450 Northeast Second Avenue
Miami, Florida 33132



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Bureau of Procurement and
Materials Management.

BUYER NAMED:
R. Tyndall

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BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM

BID NO. 016-DD02 BID TITLE Cap and Gown Rental
BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 PM ON 10/28/03 IN ROOM 351,
SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1450 NE 2ND AVENUE, MIAMI, FL. 33132, AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE
PUBLICLY OPENED. BIDS MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR 120 DAYS AFTER OPENING. (REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS TO
BIDDERS, para.IV.B.)

THE SUBMISSION OF THE BID BY THE VENDOR, ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD OF THE BID BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED AGAINST SAID AWARD SHALL
CONSTITUTE A BINDING, ENFORCEABLE CONTRACT. UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED IN THE BID DOCUMENTS, NO
OTHER CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE ISSUED.

I. A. BIDDER CERTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, para. I. A.2.)

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person
submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I
agree to abide by all conditions of this bid; and I certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder.

B. Vendor certifies that it satisfies all necessary legal requirements as an entity to do business with the School Board of
Miami-Dade County, Florida.

II. INDEMNIFICATION

The Bidder shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the indemnitees (as hereinafter defined) against any claim, action,
loss, damage, injury, liability, cost or expense of whatsoever kind or nature including, but not by way of limitation,
attorney's fees and court costs arising out of bodily injury to persons including death, or damage to tangible property
arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Contract (including goods and services provided thereto) by or on
behalf of the Bidder, whether or not due to or caused in part by the negligence or other culpability of the indemnitee,
excluding only the sole negligence or culpability of the indemnitee. The following shall be deemed to be indemnitees: The
School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and its members, officers and employees.

III. PERFORMANCE SECURITY. Refer to INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, para I.A.1., and VI., and check (x) below:

WHEN PERFORMANCE SECURITY IS REQUIRED I WILL FURNISH A:

Performance Bond _____ Check (Cashier's, Certified, or Equal) _____

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT BELOW

LEGAL NAME OF VENDOR : _____
MAILING ADDRESS : _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE : _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER : _____ FAX # _____
BY: SIGNATURE (ORIGINAL) : _____ DATE _____
OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
NAME (TYPED) : _____ TITLE _____
OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONE OF SILENCE

The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools enacts a Cone of Silence from issuance of a solicitation to written recommendation of award. All provisions of School Board Rule 6Gx-9C-1.212 apply.

I. PREPARATION OF BIDS

A. **BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM** qualifies the bidder and the bid and must be completed and submitted as page 1 of the bid.

1. **PERFORMANCE SECURITY.** The form of performance security the bidder will submit, when required to do so, must be furnished. Performance security shall not be submitted with the bid.

2. **BIDDER CERTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION.** Bid must contain an original manual signature from an authorized representative. An unsigned bid will be considered non responsive.

B. **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.** Defines conditions of the bid.

1. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.** Any inconsistency in this bid shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- A. Specifications
- B. Special Conditions
- C. Instructions To Bidders

2. **FOR M/WBE designated bids.** The SPECIAL CONDITIONS-Minority/Women owned and controlled Business Participation Statement and the M/WBE Certification Application **MUST** be completed and SUBMITTED with the bid if the bidder is not certified by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Failure to submit the completed application with the bid will be considered non responsive.

C. **BID PROPOSAL FORM.** Defines requirement of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted as page 2 and subsequent pages, if any, of the bid. The bidder should indicate his/her name in the appropriate space on each page.

1. **ITEM SPECIFICATION.** Specifying a certain brand, make or manufacturer is to denote the quality, type, and standard of the article desired. Articles offered must be new merchandise only, of equal or superior grade. On blank lines provided, the bidder is requested to insert the brand name, manufacturer's number and other information necessary to sufficiently identify article offered. Failure to do so may prevent consideration of the item. Also, refer to paragraph X. Packaging.

2. **PRICES.** Prices are requested in units of quantity specified in the bid specifications. In case of a discrepancy in computing the total amount of bid, UNIT PRICE quoted will govern. All prices bid shall include delivery F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid (bidder pays and bears freight charges. Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims) and shall include all cartage, drayage, packing, etc., delivered to and unloaded at the receiving station at the site designated in BID PROPOSAL FORMS and there received by the designated agent of the Board.

3. **TAXES.** The Board does not pay Federal Excise and State taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. The applicable tax exemption number is shown on the purchase order. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property made by contractors who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for the improvement of Board-owned real property as defined in Chapter 192 of the Florida Statutes.

II. SUBMITTING OF BIDS

A. **BID FORMS AND ENVELOPES.** Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Board and in sealed envelopes.

Envelopes must be clearly marked with bid number, bid title and bid opening.

B. **ERASURES OR CORRECTIONS.** When filling out the bid proposal form, bidders are required to complete bid proposal in ink.

1. Use of pencil is prohibited.

2. Do not erase or use correction fluid to correct an error.

3. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink.

Those bids for individual items that do not comply with items 1, 2 and 3 above will be considered non responsive for that item(s).

C. **PLACE, DATE AND HOUR.** Bids shall be submitted by U.S. Mail, Courier/Express Service, or deposited in the BID BOX located in Room 351, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Bids received after the date and hour specified in the BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM will not be considered.

D. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES.** Section 287.133(2)(a) Florida Statute. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

E. **SUBMITTING A "NO BID."** If not submitting a bid at this time, return the form entitled "NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS." Failure to respond, either by submitting a bid or the "NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS" form for three consecutive times, may result in the company being removed from the School Board's bid list.

F. **AVAILABILITY OF BID INFORMATION.** Immediately following the public opening, bids will be read, upon request, and then compiled in a tabular form, a copy of which will be available for examination in Procurement Management Services.

III. CANCELLATION OF BIDS OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

An invitation for bids may be canceled, in whole or in part, as may be specified in the solicitation, when it is in the best interest of the Board. The reasons shall be made a part of the master bid file.

A. Prior to opening, a solicitation may be canceled in whole or in part, prior to the date and hour specified in the Bidder Qualification Form for receipt of bids, when the Assistant Superintendent, Procurement Management Services, determines in writing, that such action is in the best interest of the Board for reasons including, but not limited to:

1. The Board no longer requires the supplies, services, or construction;
2. The Board no longer can reasonably expect to fund the procurement;
3. A review of a valid protest filed by a bidder as may be determined by the administrative staff; and
4. Proposed amendments to the solicitation would be of such magnitude that a new solicitation is desirable.

B. When a solicitation is canceled prior to opening, notice of cancellation shall be sent to all businesses solicited, via facsimile or mail, and bids or proposals returned to the vendor unopened.

The notice of cancellation shall:

1. Identify the solicitation;
2. Briefly explain the reason for cancellation; and
3. Where appropriate, explain that an opportunity will be given to compete on any future re-solicitation for procurements of similar supplies, services, or construction

IV. CHANGE OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

A. **PRIOR TO BID OPENING.** Should the bidder desire to change or withdraw his/her bid, he/she shall do so in writing. This communication is to be received by the District Director, of Procurement Management, Room 352, School Board Administration Building, prior to date and hour of bid opening. The bidder's name, the bid number, the bid title and the date the bid is due must appear on the envelope.

B. **AFTER BID OPENING.** After bids are opened, they may not be changed, nor withdrawn, for 90 days after the determined opening date, unless otherwise specified on the "BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM."

C. **FAILURE TO ACCEPT BID AWARD.** Bidders who, prior to the Bid Award by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, indicate that they are unable to accept the bid award shall either:

1. Pay to the Board, as liquidated damages, an amount equal to 5% of the unit price bid, times the quantity, or \$10, whichever amount is larger, or
2. Lose eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of 14 months from the date the Board acts on the withdrawn bid.

V. PROTESTS TO CONTRACT SOLICITATION OR AWARD

A. The Board shall provide notice of a decision or intended decision concerning a solicitation, contract award, or exceptional purchase by electronic posting which can be accessed at the district's website www.dadeschools.net.

B. Any person who is adversely affected by the agency decision or intended decision shall file with the agency a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision. With respect to a protest of the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in a solicitation, including any provisions governing the methods of ranking bids, proposals, or replies, awarding contracts, reserving rights of further negotiation, or modifying or amending any contract, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the solicitation. The formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed. Failure to file a notice of protest or a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of these proceedings. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour time periods established herein.

C. All notice of protests will be reviewed by Procurement Management Services, who will offer the protesting bidder the opportunity to meet and discuss the merits of the protest. If the protest is not resolved, the bidder may seek an administrative hearing pursuant to §120.57 Fla. Stat., by filing a formal written protest within 10 days after filing the notice of protest. Petitions for hearing pursuant to §120.57 Fla. Stat., must be filed in accordance with School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.064.

VI. AWARDS

A. **RESERVATION FOR REJECTION OR AWARD.** The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities or technicalities, and to request rebids. The Board reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low bid or, if an alternate bid is accepted, on such terms as are specified for the alternate bid, whichever manner is in the best interest of the Board.

B. **NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED ACTION** will be posted on the District's website 7-10 days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

C. **OFFICIAL AWARD DATE.** Awards become official upon the Board's formal approval of the award.

D. **PURCHASE ORDERS.** Purchase orders mailed to successful bidders are the official notification to deliver materials described therein; and the time allowed for delivery begins with the date of the purchase order. In the event that the successful bidder fails to deliver the materials in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and purchase order, the bidder shall be considered to be in default of the contract and subject to the default provisions stated in Instructions to Bidders, Section VI. E.

E. **DEFAULT.** A vendor who fails to perform according to the terms of the contract (bid) shall be considered in default. In the event of default, which may include, but is not limited to poor performance and/or non-performance, a vendor shall either (1) pay liquidated damages of 10 percent of the unit price of the item(s) awarded times

the quantity when no purchase order has been issued, 10 percent of the purchase order when a purchase order has been issued or \$100, whichever is greater or (2) lose eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of 14 months from date of termination of award by the Board. Bidders that are determined ineligible may request a hearing pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes, and School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.064.

F. The intent of the bid documents is to include only the written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and workmanship necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work by the Bidder. The bid documents shall not be construed to create an entitlement to any other scope of work except as specified herein.

VII. PERFORMANCE SECURITY (FOR SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ONLY)

A. **PURPOSE.** A performance bond or check may be required to guarantee performance.

B. **BONDING COMPANY.** Performance Bonds shall be written through a reputable and responsible surety bond agency licensed to do business in the State of Florida and with a surety company or corporation meeting both of the following specifications:

1. Awards Greater than \$500,000

A minimum rating in the latest revision of Best's Insurance Reports of:

<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Minimum Rating by A.M. Best</u>
\$ 500,000.01 to \$ 2,500,000	None
\$ 2,500,000.01 to \$ 5,000,000	B + or NA-3
	No Minimum Class
\$ 5,000,000.01 to \$10,000,000	A- Class IV
\$10,000,000.01 or more	A- Class V

Current certificate of authority as acceptable surety on Federal Bonds in accordance with the latest edition of the United States Treasury Department Circular 570 entitled "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" shall be accepted for an amount not exceeding the underwriting limitation thereon.

2. Awards of \$500,000 or Less

Bonds shall be written with a surety company or corporation meeting the qualifications as set forth in Paragraph VII.B. above or the qualifications set forth in section 287.0635, Florida Statutes.

C. **AMOUNT.** When required as defined herein, the firm or individual(s) to whom an award has been made shall execute and deliver to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a Performance Bond, Cashier's/Certified Check, or equal.

1. Awards less than \$210,000 shall be exempt from performance security.

2. Performance security shall not be required, unless otherwise defined in the bid specifications. If performance security is required, it shall equal 100% of the award amount.

D. **RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE SECURITY.** Return to the Awardee of his/her cash security, or notification to the Awardee and the bonding company to cancel the performance bond, will be made when all goods/services have been accepted and invoices have been approved for payment.

VIII. **SAMPLES.** When bid samples are required, the buyer will notify bidder to submit samples of the items bid in accordance with the following procedures:

A. All samples must be identified with the bidder's name, bid number, item number, and product name and number. Where non-compliance with this requirement is noted, said item may be considered as being unidentifiable and may not be eligible for consideration in the award recommendation.

B. All samples are to be delivered within 7 calendar days after receipt of notification from buyer, unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions of the bid. If the bidder does not submit samples by the date and time indicated by the buyer, the bid submitted for that item may not be considered for award.

C. Bidder must obtain, from Materials Testing and Evaluation, a signed receipt acknowledging delivery of samples. Bidder shall include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of sample receipt when submitting samples by mail or delivery service. The bidder will receive the original copy of the receipt and the duplicate copy will remain with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools receiving department as the file copy. Bidder shall be solely responsible for delivery of samples and for retaining sample delivery receipts, which must be presented in any dispute regarding receipt of bid samples.

D. Samples should be delivered to the following address:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MATERIALS TESTING AND EVALUATION
7040 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33144
Telephone Number: 786-275-0780

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will not be responsible for samples sent to a location other than the location mentioned in the bid.

E. PAYMENT FOR SAMPLES. The Board will buy no samples and will assume no cost incidental thereto.

F. RETURN OF SAMPLES. Samples not destroyed in testing may be claimed by unsuccessful bidders 14 days after bid award date and by successful bidders 14 days after final payment; but the Board will assume no responsibility for samples not claimed within the time specified, and it will pay for no samples damaged in testing.

G. EVALUATION AND TEST RESULTS. If a sample submitted for testing does not comply, the buyer will advise the bidder to contact Materials Testing and Evaluation for further details.

IX. SUBSTITUTIONS. Should the bidder find it necessary to use a material, equipment, product or system other than specified, the bidder shall secure from the Board, through Procurement Management Services, written approval for the use of the alternate materials, equipment, product or system. The Board is not obligated to approve requests for substitutions and has the discretion to require the bidder to provide the materials as specified in the bid documents. In no case shall the bidder be entitled to additional time and/or money arising out of the Board's failure to approve requests for substitutions.

X. PACKAGING

A. TYPE. If packaging is different from that specified, the bidder must note the manner and amounts in which packaging is to be made; otherwise the successful bidder shall furnish packaging as specified. All packaging, wrapping and bundling shall be adequate to insure that materials will be received in undamaged condition. The Board assumes no responsibility for damages of any kind incurred in transit.

B. CONTAINER IDENTIFICATION. The following identification shall be printed, stenciled or legibly written in a conspicuous location on each shipping container:

1. BID NUMBER AND/OR PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER
2. VENDOR'S NAME AND/OR TRADEMARK
3. NAME(S) OF ITEM(S) CONTAINED
4. ITEM NUMBER(S) WITH QUANTITY(IES)

XI. PURCHASES BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES. With the consent and agreement of the successful bidder(s), purchases may be made under this bid by Miami Dade County, Florida, and other governmental agencies or political subdivisions within the State of Florida. Such purchases shall be governed by the same terms and conditions stated herein. This agreement in no way restricts or interferes with the right of any State of Florida Agency or political subdivision to rebid any or all of these items.

XII. RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS. Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports recycling and recommends the use of recycled products where possible. Vendors are requested to submit a letter, along with their bid, indicating whether each item bid and/or its packaging contains pre-consumer or post-consumer waste, and if the product and/or packaging may be recycled.

XIII. ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS. Miami-Dade County Public Schools encourages the use of environmentally safe products.

XIV. DELIVERY AND BILLING

A. DELIVERY. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, deliveries shall be made as follows: Schools and Departments - 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Merchandise shall be unloaded at the receiving station of the designated delivery point and received there by a designated agent of the Board. A delivery ticket, or one copy of the invoice, prepared as indicated below, shall accompany each delivery.

B. RECEIVING INSPECTION AND TESTING. Delivered items which do not fulfill all requirements will be rejected. Rejected items shall be removed and replaced promptly by the vendor, at no cost to the purchaser.

C. INVOICES. Each invoice shall be issued by the successful bidder and shall be submitted in DUPLICATE to the Accounts Payable Section, P.O. Box 01-2570, Miami, Florida 33101. To be considered for payment, each invoice must show the following information, which appears on the Purchase Order:

1. Purchase Order Number
2. Item Descriptions
3. Quantities and Units
4. Price Extensions
5. Total price of all items on invoice

D. PAYMENT. Unless otherwise specified by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, payment will be made only after delivery, authorized inspection, and acceptance. Payment will be made only to the successful bidder, unless otherwise requested, in writing, by the successful bidder and accepted by Miami-Dade County Public School Administration. When bidders are directed to send invoices to a school, the school will make directed payment to the bidder.

XV. NO GRATUITY POLICY. It is the policy of Procurement Management Services not to accept gifts, gratuities, or favors of any kind, or of any value whatsoever, from vendors, members of their staffs, or families.

XVI. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

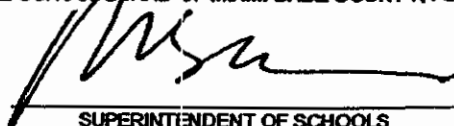
A. All contracts involving federal funds will contain certain provisions required by applicable sections of Title 34, Section 80.36(1) and Section 85.510 Code of Federal Regulations and are included by reference herein. The vendor certifies by signing the bid that the vendor and his/her principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in federally funded transactions and may, in certain instances, be required to provide a separate written certification to this effect.

During the term of any contract with the Board, in the event of debarment, suspension, proposed debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in federally funded transactions, the vendor shall immediately notify the Assistant Superintendent, Procurement Management Services, in writing. Vendors will also be required to provide access to records, which are directly pertinent to the contract and retain all required records for three years after the Board makes final payment.

B. For all contracts involving Federal funds in excess of \$10,000, the Board reserves the right to terminate the contract for cause, as well as for convenience, by issuing a certified notice to the vendor.

THE BOARD MAY REJECT ANY BID FOR FAILURE BY THE BIDDER TO COMPLY WITH ANY REQUIREMENT STATED ABOVE, IN THE BID PROPOSAL FORM, OR IN ATTACHMENTS THERETO WHICH BECOME PART OF THE BID.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Vendor Information Sheet



1A.

Federal Employer Identification Number

Or

Owner's Social Security Number

1B.

Name of Firm, Individual(s), Partners or Corporation

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

2. Telephone/Fax/Contact Person

Telephone number

Fax number

Contact Person

E-mail address

3. Ownership Disclosure

If the contract or business transaction is with a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or joint venture, the full legal name and business address shall be provided for each officer, director, and stockholder or owner who holds, directly or indirectly five percent (5%) or more of the stock or ownership. If the contract or business transaction is with a trust, the full legal name and address shall be provided for each trustee and each beneficiary. **Post Office addresses are not acceptable.**

Name	Title	Address	Gender	Race-ethnicity	Stock Ownership

NOTE: The information provided by the vendor on this form should be consistent with that provided on the "Vendor's Application". All vendors must have a current vendor's application on file with M-DCPS, and have provided information and/or be familiar with M-DCPS' policy regarding the following: (a) Employment Disclosure, (b) Drug Free Workplace, (c) Family Leave Policy, (d) Code of Business Ethics, (e) Conflict of Interest, (f) Perception, (g) Gratuities, and (h) Business Meals. **Failure to provide M-DCPS a current vendor application may cause the vendor not to be awarded any new business with M-DCPS.** Vendor applications can be downloaded at: <http://procurement.dadeschools.net>.

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INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

In consideration of this Contract, if awarded, the Vendor agrees without reservation to the indemnification and insurance clauses contained herein. These clauses are attached to and form a part of Bid# 016-DD02

INDEMNIFICATION

The Vendor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the indemnitees (as hereinafter defined) against any claim, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost or expense of whatsoever kind or nature including, but not by way of limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs arising out of bodily injury to persons including death, or damage to tangible property arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Contract (including goods and services provided thereto) by or on behalf of the Vendor, whether or not due to or caused in part by the negligence or other culpability of the indemnitee, excluding only the sole negligence or culpability of the indemnitee. The following shall be deemed to be indemnitees: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and its members, officers and employees.

INSURANCE

Prior to being recommended for award, the Vendor has five business days after notification to submit proof of insurance as required herein. Failure to submit a fully completed, original certificate of insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer providing such insurance coverages may cause the Vendor to be considered non-responsive and not eligible for award of the Contract. The insurance coverages and limits shall meet, at a minimum, the following requirements:

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$500,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
2. Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the operations of the Vendor, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
3. Workers' Compensation Insurance for all employees of the Vendor as required by Florida Statutes.

" The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and its members, officers and employees" shall be an additional insured on all liability coverages except Workers' Compensation Insurance.

The insurance coverage required shall include those classifications, as listed in standard liability insurance manuals, which most nearly reflect the operations of the Vendor.

All insurance policies shall be issued by companies with either of the following qualifications:

- (a) The company must be (1) authorized by subsisting certificates of authority by the Department of Insurance of the State of Florida or (2) an eligible surplus lines insurer under Florida Statutes. In addition, the insurer must have a Best's Rating of "B+" or better and a Financial Size Category of "IV" or better according to the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company.

or

- (b) with respect only to the Workers' Compensation insurance, the company must be (1) authorized as a group self-insurer pursuant to Florida Statutes or (2) authorized as a commercial self-insurance fund pursuant to Florida Statutes.

Neither approval nor failure to disapprove the insurance furnished by the Vendor to the School Board shall relieve the Vendor of the Vendor's full responsibility to provide insurance as required by this Contract.

The Vendor shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance remains in force for the duration of the contractual period; including any and all option years that may be granted to the Vendor. The certificate of insurance shall contain the provision that the School Board be given no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation. If the insurance is scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the Vendor shall be responsible for submitting new or renewed certificates of insurance to the School Board at a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of such expiration.

Unless otherwise notified, the certificate of insurance shall be delivered to:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Office of Risk and Benefits Management
1500 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 127
Miami, Florida 33132

The name and address of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, as shown directly above, must be the Certificate Holder on the certificate of insurance.

The Vendor may be in default of this Contract for failure to maintain the insurance as required by this Contract. Any questions regarding these requirements should be directed to Ms. La-Chane Clark at 305-995-7133.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BID PROPOSAL FORM (FORMAT A)

TO: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA

BID 016-DD02	BUYER R. Tyndall	PAGE SC 1
TITLE Cap and Gown Rental		

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bid is to establish a contract, at firm unit prices, for the purchase of estimated requirements, for the items listed. The term of the bid shall be for eighteen months from date of award and may by mutual agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the awardee, be extended for three additional one year periods, and if needed, 90 days beyond the expiration date of the final extension period. Procurement Management Services, may, if considering to extend, request a letter of intent to extend from the awardee, prior to the end of the current contract period. All prices shall be firm for the term of the contract. The successful vendor(s) agrees to this condition by signing its bid.
2. **QUANTITIES:** The quantities or usage shown on the bid proposal form are estimates only. No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the Board, as to the total amount that **may** or **may not** be purchased from the resulting contract(s). These quantities are for bidders' information only, to aid in determining whether they will be able to supply the amounts, which may be required by the Board.
3. **SPECIFICATIONS:** If an item is to be considered as an equal to the specified item, complete technical specifications, together with illustrative materials providing brand name and model number of the item, are requested to accompany bid. Non-compliance with this condition may cause the item not to be considered for award.
4. **DELIVERY AND PAYMENT:** Deliveries shall be to various schools as specified. It shall be the responsibility of the schools to provide the vendor with its graduation date. It shall be the responsibility of the vendor to deliver all caps and gowns no less than 10 days prior to graduation. The vendor shall bill the schools directly. Payment shall be made by the individual school location.
5. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**
 - A. Each school will specify annually the number of gowns desired.
 - B. Transactions with the supplier will be conducted directly with schools
 - C. Successful vendor will furnish student order forms for recording names, sizes and payments.
 - D. Student order forms must be in triplicate.
 - E. Successful vendor will invoice each school for requested quantities at bid price plus prevailing sales tax. Payments will be made by the school treasurer.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BID PROPOSAL FORM (FORMAT A)

TO: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA

BID	BUYER	PAGE
016-DD02	R. Tyndall	SC 2
TITLE		
Cap and Gown Rental		

SPECIAL CONDITIONS CONTINUED

6. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** A pre-bid conference will be held on October 22, 2003 at 2:30 P.M. in the Procurement Management Conference room located at 1450 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Room 352, Miami, Florida 33132. Pre-bid conference attendance by the bidder or their qualified representative is requested to ensure bid compliance, but is not mandatory.
7. **CONE OF SILENCE:** The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools enacts a Cone of Silence from issuance of a solicitation to written recommendation of award. All provisions of School Board Rule 6Gx13-8C-1.212 apply. Any inquiry, clarification or information regarding this bid must be requested in writing by FAX or E-mail to:

Mr. Robert Tyndall, Supervisor
Procurement Management
Fax #305-523-2215
E-mail: rtyndall@sbab.dade.k12.fl.us

A copy of this written request must be sent simultaneously to:

Ileana Martinez, School Board Clerk
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
1450 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Room 268B
Miami, Florida 33132
Fax #305-995-1448
E-mail: martinez@dadeschools.net

8. **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE:** Any person, firm, corporation or joint venture, with a business location in Miami-Dade County, Florida, which is submitting a bid, shall meet the County's Occupational License Tax requirements in accordance with Chapter 8A, Article IX of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Bidders with a location outside Miami-Dade County shall meet their local Occupational Tax requirements. A copy of the license is requested to be submitted with the Bid Proposal. If the Bidder has already complied with this requirement, a new copy is not required while the license is valid and in effect. It is the Bidder's responsibility to resubmit a copy of a new license after expiration or termination of the current license. Non-compliance with this condition may cause the bid not to be considered for award.
9. **ERASURES AND CORRECTIONS:** When filling out the Bid Proposal Form, bidders are requested to use typewriter or black ballpoint pen.
 1. Use of pencil is prohibited.
 2. Do not erase or use correction fluid to correct an error.
 3. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink.

Those bids for individual items that do not comply with items 1, 2 and 3 above will be considered non-responsive for that item(s).

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BID PROPOSAL FORM (FORMAT B)

complete name of the bidder:

Bid #016-DD02

Title: Cap and Gown Rental

Buyer: R. Tyndall

ALL SHADED AREAS

NAME OF BIDDER:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	EST. QTY	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	MANUF. & MODEL #
	AWARD Item 1A-1B is to be awarded on the basis of total low bid meeting specifications. Items 1C-1F are for informational purposes only and will not be used to identify low bidder. Accessory items will be purchased exclusively from the awarded vendor. Vendor must bid all items.				
1	<p>Price establishment for rental of graduation caps and gowns - price deduction for return of tassel - and purchase price for caps and honor cords as herein stated in accordance with attached specifications for approximately 25,000 graduates annually.</p> <p>A. Rental of cap and gown, white 100% Dacron polyester. Price to include tassel of any color, based on individual school color, which student may retain if desired.</p> <p>B. Price per tassel to be deducted (credited) if student does not wish to retain same.</p> <p>C. Rental price of honor cord which shall not be retained by student.</p> <p>D. Purchase price of honor cord which shall be retained by the student.</p> <p>E. Purchase price of cap - lined in white for autographing which shall be retained by student.</p> <p>F. Purchase price of 2" diameter school emblem with medallion design of schools on a 30" colored grosgrain ribbon, which shall be retained by student.</p>	Approximately 25,000 per year	Sel Each Each Each Each	\$ _____ Rental price per set \$ _____ Price per tassel for deduction \$ _____ Rental price for honor cord \$ _____ Purchase price of honor cord \$ _____ Purchase price of cap \$ _____ Purchase price of emblem	

Specifications

- **Material:** White 100 % Dacron polyester with the exception of Miami Edison Senior High School that is to have the option of solution-dyed red 100% Dacron polyester gowns. Material of the cap and gown shall comply with the Flammable Fabrics Act continuing guarantee under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act filed with the Federal Trade Commission. Vendor will supply proof of this condition if requested.
- Gowns are **not** to be “throw-away” or “keeper” style gowns.
- **Sizes:** Vendor shall furnish a service-sizing package for each student.
- **Gown:** Fluted style academic gown. Front opening with two panels from 2-7/8” to 3” in width. Full true pleats beside triple-ply front panels to extend from base of yoke. Balanced machine fluting in the ratio of no less than 3” of material to 1” of fluting held with three (3) strands of #20 four-ply fluting cord to extend over the shoulders and across the back of the yoke. Robe to be closed with a concealed zipper. Garments to be furnished ½” variable according to height and weight.
- **Yoke Construction:** Inner yoke to be tailored from shrink resistant fabric. Inside of yoke to be stitched to a cloth backing. Large rust proof hook and eye to be permanently attached to the yoke lining with a hook located at the back of yoke permanently attached for attaching collar.
- **Sleeve Construction:** Full flowing sleeves, size of sleeves and armholes to be graded according to garment. All seams to be serged with no raw edges.
- **Collars:** Freshly laundered white collars are to be provided for girls of reversible style capable of attaching to gown hook or by means of a tab system.
- **Cap:** To be in the traditional mortarboard style. In place of hard mortarboard material, 100% polyester high-density foam is to be used. Cap to have mortarboard shape without drooping, while retaining safety features of soft corners. Crown to be interlined to give body as well as being suitable for autographing. Caps to be one size fit all utilizing elastic, or may come in actual sizes (Each school will use only one type). Color of material to compliment the gowns.
- **Tassel:** Full sized detachable tassels approximately 15” long and extra thick of contrasting or matching color attached to cap by looping over cap button in center of mortarboard. Metallic date bands, symbolic in nature with year of graduation shall be included.
- **Packaging:** Individual boxes or plastic bags with student name visibly printed on outside which contain cap, gown, tassel, and collar if needed. Each outfit to be in good usable condition. No worn out, ripped, or torn garments will be accepted.

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- **Measurements:** All measurements of graduates to be recorded on IBM triplicate measurement cards or equal, providing each school with a copy of measurements taken and students with a receipt for payment. Measurements will be made by each individual school. The vendor shall be able provide caps and gowns for all students requested regardless of size.
- **Service:** Vendor must have representative(s) available locally for any service needed by the school such as exchanging gowns and caps due to incorrect sizes and/or any other details. This representative(s) shall go to each school site and/or graduation site to assist with cap and gown measurements, distributions and collections. The vendor must provide a central location for students who did not order a gown to go, with clearance from the school site, to rent a gown. If the gown is not in stock at the time of order, it must be available for pick-up by the student within 48 hours.
- **Refunds:** All caps and gowns, and tassel sets returned in original package unused will be fully refunded including sales tax.
- **Returns:** After graduation ceremony, at a time and place specified by each school and under the direction of the principal, the vendor shall be responsible for picking up, packaging and shipping all caps and gowns for return. This location may be the school site and/or the graduation site. There will be no additional charge for this service.
- **Fulfillment:** The successful bidder, **upon request**, will certify and show satisfactory evidence of the ability to provide and deliver approximately 20,000 caps and gowns to numerous locations on approximately the same date. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, references from other school districts where this style and quantity of gowns have been rented, proof of existing inventory and detailed plan for distribution, and/or certification from a supplier that this quantity of caps and gowns can be furnished when requested. Failure to show such evidence when requested will cause the vendor to be ineligible for award. M-DCPS will be the sole source for determining if the evidence submitted is satisfactory.
- **Damaged cap and/or gown replacement:** The vendor shall provide a maximum 24-hour turn-around time for delivering replacement gown to the school site when graduation is two (2) days away or same day replacement when graduation is the next day.
- **Medallions:** Medallions are to be custom designed for each school. Price may vary due to design and colors selected by the school. Cost of medallions submitted by vendor on the Bid proposal form is for informational purposes only and will not be used in determining the low bidder.
- **Sample:** The vendor, upon request, will provide a sample of a cap and gown that meets all specifications. This sample must be provided within seven (7) days of request.
- **Note:** The vendor shall, upon request and as needed, furnish caps and gowns for students, faculty, and stage guests at various times of the year to accommodate other graduation requirements.