

TOWN OF NORTH  
PROVIDENCE  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

State of Rhode Island

**Terms and Requirements for Request for Proposal**

Item Description: **RESEARCH BASED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS**

Date and Time to be **ISSUED**: **THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026**

Date and Time to be **OPENED**: **FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Proposals may be submitted up to **10:00 AM** on the above meeting date at the **Office of the School Finance Director**, 1820 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence, RI 02904, during normal business hours, 8:30 AM through 4:00 PM. All proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above noted address.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Vendors must submit sealed proposals in an envelope clearly labeled with the above captioned item or work. The proposal envelope and any information relative to the proposal must be addressed to the **Finance Director**, 1820 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence, RI 02904. Any communications that are not competitive sealed proposals (i.e., product information or samples) should have “**NOT A PROPOSAL**” written on the envelope or wrapper.
2. Proposals must meet the attached specifications. Any exceptions or modifications must be noted and fully explained.
3. Proposal responses must be in ink or typewritten.
4. The price or prices proposed should be stated both in **WRITING** and in **NUMERALS**, and any proposal not so stated may be rejected.
5. Proposals **SHOULD BE TOTALED** WHEN APPLICABLE. Do not group items: price each item individually. Awards may be made on the basis of *total* proposal or by *individual items*.
6. Each responder is required to state in their proposal their full name and place of residence; and must state the names of persons or firms with whom he is submitting a joint proposal. All proposals **SHOULD BE SIGNED IN INK**.
7. One original proposal and **ONE copy** shall be submitted.

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**NOTICE TO VENDORS**

1. The North Providence School Department (NPSD) reserves the right to waive any and all informalities and to award the contract on the basis of the lowest qualified evaluated bid proposal.
2. No proposal will be accepted if made in collusion with any other responder.
3. A responder who is an out-of-state corporation must qualify or register to transact business in this State, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws, as amended, Sections 7-1.1-99, 7-1.1-105, 7-1.1-106.
4. The North Providence School Committee reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
5. In determining the lowest qualified evaluated bid proposal, cash discounts for payments less than thirty (30) days will not be considered.
6. Where prices are the same, the North Providence School Department reserves the right to award to one responder, or to split the award.
7. Competitive bids may be obtained by all responders attending the formal proposal opening.
8. As the North Providence School Department is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Sales Tax, prices quoted are not to include these taxes.
9. In case of error in the extension of prices quoted, the unit price will be given.
10. The contractor will not be permitted to either assign or underlet the contract, nor assign legally or equitably any moneys hereunder, or its claim thereto without the previous written consent of the School Committee.
11. Delivery dates must be shown on your proposal. If no delivery date is specified, it will be assumed that an immediate delivery from stock will be made.
12. A certificate of insurance shall be required of a successful vendor in which the North Providence School Department is named an *additionally named insured* in the title holder box. The certificate shall provide that the school department will be given at least 30 days advance notice of policy cancellation.
13. Proposals may be submitted on an "equal" in quality basis. The NPSD reserves the right to decide equality. Responders must indicate brand or make offered and submit detailed specifications if other than brand requested.
14. For contracts involving construction, alteration and/or repair work, the provisions of State Labor Laws concerning payment of prevailing wage rates apply (See R.I. General Laws Sec. 37-13-1 et seq. as amended).
15. No goods should be delivered or work started without Notice from the NPSD.

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VENDOR PROPOSAL TERMS

1. It is hereby mutually understood and agreed that no payment for extra work shall or will be claimed or made unless ordered in writing by the School Finance Director or his designee.
2. Awards will be made within thirty (30) days of the proposal opening. All proposal prices will be considered firm, unless qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored.
3. Failure to deliver within the time quoted or failure to meet specifications may result in default action in accordance with the general specifications. It is agreed that deliveries and/or completion are subject to strikes, lockouts, accidents and Acts of God.
4. Only one shipping charge will be applied in the event of partial deliveries for blanket purchases or term contracts.
5. The successful responder shall, prior to commencing performance under the contract, attach and submit a certificate of insurance, in a form satisfactory to the NPSD by which the successful responder will indemnify and hold harmless the NPSD during the term of the contract from claims for personal injury or damages to property sustained by third person, or their agents, servants and/or claimed under them.

**Introduction:**

The North Providence School Department is soliciting for proposals for: **RESEARCH BASED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS**

**Requests for Clarification:**

Inquiries concerning clarification on any portion of this RFP should be made to:

Finance Office  
1820 Mineral Spring Ave.  
North Providence, RI 02904  
[Comptroller@npsd.k12.ri.us](mailto:Comptroller@npsd.k12.ri.us)

**Cost Proposal:**

The cost proposal should include the following information:

- 1.) The responder shall submit Attachment “B” filled out completely.
- 2.) The cost proposal should contain all pricing information relative to delivery of services as described in this RFP.
- 3.) No proposals will be accepted after FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 at 10am. North Providence School Department will evaluate all proposals. Be prepared to answer any calls in regards to the proposal.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

- 1.) The NPSD will review and evaluate each submitted proposal in accordance with the requirements of this RFP. The evaluation will include weighted criteria detailed below. If further information is desired, vendors may be requested to make additional written submissions or oral presentations to the North Providence School Committee.
- 2.) Proposal will be evaluated on the following:

		<b>Score</b>
1.	Company Information and Years in Business	20
2.	Required documents stated in RFP	20
3.	Experience and References	20
4.	Business located in North Providence	5
5.	Pricing	35
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**Final Selection:**

The North Providence School Committee will select a firm based upon the review, evaluation and recommendation of the Evaluation Committee in regards to the proposal submitted for consideration. The North Providence School Committee will take final action as to whether to go forward with the proposal. Following the notification of the firm selected, it is expected a contract will be executed between the parties.

- 1.) A firm's submission of a proposal indicates acceptance of the conditions contained in this Request for Proposals unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the NPSD and the firm selected.

**Timeline:**

Request for Proposals Issued	THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026
Proposal Due Date and Opening	FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.
School Committee Meeting for potential contract award	JULY SCHOOL BOARD

## Attachment “A” – Page one

The North Providence School Department invites the submittal of responses to this Request for Proposals:

### **RESEARCH BASED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS**

- Strategy and Best Practice Research Studies —Comprehensive reports containing detailed profiles of dozens of innovative practices and strategies, implementation road maps, and advice. Organization facilities have unlimited access to studies.
- Executive Briefings—Condensed studies meant for broad distribution to key leadership constituencies at Organization districts. Briefings will be available in unlimited quantity.
- Annual Superintendent Roundtable—Two half-day sessions designed for staff to present the major research findings from the year and facilitate discussion amongst superintendents on how to introduce these ideas to their own districts, held several times throughout the year.
- District Leadership Summit--Typically, a one-day session for district leaders to review our research on selected hot topics from the current year’s research and to network with peers.
- On-Demand Research—Organization may assign our staff short-answer research projects on topics of interest at their districts. Organization may request as many projects as they like across the year, however a project should be completed before requesting. The organization will assign a Dedicated Advisor, which is a staff member who serves as a primary point of contact and oversees ongoing value delivery. Our dedicated advisor will help navigate resources and achieve goals of the program.
- Access to Our Experts— Research staff should be made available for unlimited telephone consultations on the terrains covered in the reports, providing hands-on support for implementation and troubleshooting. Researcher time must be available at no additional cost.
- Annual Webinar Series—Hour-long educational intensives facilitated by staff to provide discussion and implementation support on District Leadership Forum research, without the burden of travel. Webinars shall be open to all employees.
- Private Webinars—Customized educational intensives for organizations on any best practice study, research topic, or implementation challenge.
- The District Onsite—Once each Year, a staff member will travel to the Organization's district to present research or facilitate discussion on a particular topic or terrain to the audience of our choosing.
- Online Research Database—Dedicated website should be provided for our organization, providing full access to all research, as well as online archive materials that have been completed for postsecondary institutions.

**Attachment “B” – Page one**

**NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
COST PROPOSAL FORM**

Agrees to respond on: **RESEARCH-BASED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS**

Date and time to be opened: **FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.**

<b>VENDOR NAME:</b>	
<b>VENDOR ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP:</b>	
<b>Soc. Sec. # or Fed. ID #</b>	

The North Providence School Committee and/or its authorized representatives shall have the right to cancel these services in this contract when it is determined that school operations have been delayed by failure of these contractors to render proper services for any reason whatsoever under the terms of the contract, or when any contract conditions and specifications are not met.

The bidder as indicated below, has carefully examined the proposals, specifications, and proposes and agrees, if this proposal is accepted, to contract with the NPSD to provide: **RESEARCH-BASED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS**

**Attachment "B" – Page two**

**Proposal Form**

Name of Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Description:

PRICE

RESEARCH-BASED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND  
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