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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rockland County, popularly known as Rockland BOCES and its component school districts (in accordance with Section 104b of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law), hereby invites the submission of sealed Proposals for the following:

GRANT WRITER – RFP #2023-24-04

Proposals will be received until Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 11:00 AM by the PURCHASING OFFICE at:

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT - BUILDING #4

Rockland County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)
65 Parrott Road
West Nyack, NY 10994-0607

at which time and place all proposals will be opened at 11:00 AM on the above date. In the event that Rockland BOCES Purchasing Office is closed the day of the RFP Opening, the RFP(s) will be opened at the same time, on the next day that Rockland BOCES Purchasing Office is open. Conditions, Specifications, Forms and instructions for submitting proposals may be downloaded from our website at <http://www.rocklandboces.org> or from the Purchasing Office. Vendors are requested to carefully review the instructions contained therein.

ROCKLAND BOCES IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPOSALS OPENED PRIOR TO THE PROPOSAL OPENING IF PROPOSAL NUMBER AND OPENING DATE DO NOT APPEAR ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE. PROPOSALS OPENED PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED ARE INVALID.

THE PROPOSER ASSUMES THE RISK OF ANY DELAY IN THE MAIL OR IN THE HANDLING OF THE MAIL BY EMPLOYEES OF ROCKLAND BOCES, AS WELL AS IMPROPER HAND DELIVERY. Please refer to the General Information/Conditions for details.

The Rockland County Board of Cooperative Educational Services reserves the right to waive any informalities in the proposals, or to reject all proposals, or to accept any proposal which in the opinion of the Board will be to their best interest.

Board of Cooperative Educational Services
Sole Supervisory District
65 Parrott Road
West Nyack, NY 10994-0607

By: Jackie Cinquemani, Purchasing Agent



**Rockland Board of Cooperative Educational Services
(a/k/a Rockland BOCES)**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

for

GRANT WRITER

RFP #2023-24-04

**For Year
2023/2024**

**Rockland BOCES
65 Parrott Road
West Nyack, NY 10994**

February 13, 2023

A. Statement of Purpose:

The Rockland Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and its component school districts seeking Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms or individuals for the provision of Grant Writer.

B. Time Line:

Release of RFP Specifications	→	February 13, 2023
RFP Proposal Due	→	April 4, 2023
Notification of Award (BOE Approval)	→	April/May 2023
Effective Date of Award	→	May/June 2023

C. Questions Concerning the RFP:

From the issue date until the selection of the successful applicant, all contacts with BOCES personnel concerning the contents of this RFP must be through Jackie Cinquemani, Purchasing Agent. To the extent possible **each question should be submitted in writing**, citing a particular RFP section, prior to any formal conference with interested applicants. Answers to all questions of a substantive nature will be addressed in writing. Copies of questions and answers will be provided to all participants.

D. Oral Presentation:

The BOCES reserves the right to require all applicants, under final consideration, to make oral presentations regarding their RFP.

E. Addendum to RFP:

The BOCES reserves the right to amend the RFP. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFP, an addendum will be provided to all prospective applicants who received the RFP. It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure that they have responded to all addendums before submission of the RFP.

F. Incurred Costs:

The BOCES is not liable for any cost incurred by prospective applicants or applicants submitting proposals.

G. Submission of Proposal:

The following are general requirements to which applicants must adhere in response to the RFP:

1. Proposals are to be sent showing the following information on the outside and shall be mailed or hand delivered to the following address:

Rockland BOCES – Purchasing Department
65 Parrott Road – Bldg #4
West Nyack, NY 10994

RFP #2023-24-04 – GRANT WRITER

CONFIDENTIAL - DO NOT OPEN

Please be sure your return address is shown on the outside of the envelope.

2. RFP's must be **received** by BOCES on or before 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. **Proposals received after this time will NOT be accepted.**
3. To facilitate the evaluation process, the applicant is required to submit three (3) copies of the proposal.

H. Request for Supplemental Information:

During the evaluation period, applicants may be requested to present supplemental information clarifying their proposal. This information must be submitted in writing and will be included as a formal part of the applicant's proposal.

I. Notification of Award:

Following the notification of the selected individual or firm, a contract will be executed between the parties as soon as possible thereafter.

J. Contract Terms:

These specifications will become part of any "contract" forms that may be required and will take precedence over any other terms or conditions submitted by the proposer. Any agreement resulting from this RFP shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New York.

K. Indemnification:

Each party hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party from all suits, claims and the liability for injury or damage to persons or property resulting from or arising out of any activity conducted by either the respective parties or their agents, employees, invitees or designees except for injuries or damage caused or contributed to by the acts, omissions or negligence of the other party.

L. Payment for Services:

Progress payments will be made for hours of work completed during the course of the engagement.

M. Term of Engagement:

A one (1) year contract is contemplated, subject to the annual review and recommendation of the BOCES, the satisfactory negotiation of terms (including a price acceptable to the BOCES and the selected consultant), the annual availability of appropriation, and annual approval by the Rockland BOCES Board of Education.

The agreement may be extended to a 2nd and 3rd year engagement, upon mutual consent of both parties.

The individual or firm, as well as the BOCES shall have the option to cancel the engagement for the year 2023/2024, provided that thirty days notice is given to the other party or at the pleasure of the Board of Education.

N. Subcontracting:

No subcontracting will be allowed.

O. Scope of Work to be Performed:

The Grant Writer is responsible for the location and development of comprehensive grants which will include grant research, identification of appropriate applications, proposal development and grant writing in pursuit of public and private funding sources. The Grant Writer will work in coordination with Rockland BOCES' Grants Specialist, who will serve as the direct liaison with component districts.

- Researches and identifies potential grant sources, which includes contacting federal, state and local agencies, companies, and foundations to pursue grant funds as well as conducting Internet and other searches.
- Identifies funding that is desired, develops strategies to obtain funding and timelines for project funding.
- Attends grant development meetings to obtain information to adequately respond to a grant application.
- Writing or co-writing and editing applications for a variety of funders that includes writing narratives and budgets, completing forms, packaging the application, and where necessary, submitting the complete application.

It is anticipated that this service will encompass approximately 60 to 100 hours per year as needed and required. State your proposed fee for providing your service required in this RFP.

Hourly Rate: _____ # of hours contracted not to exceed 100 hours. Total: _____

Mileage Rate (Not to exceed IRS mileage rate): _____

Fees shall include all other expenses.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

P. Qualifications of Candidate

- A Bachelor's degree in English, Business Administration, or closely related field from an accredited institution. OR An equivalent mix of education and experience that demonstrates the candidate meets all competency requirements for this position.
- At least one year of experience in researching and submitting winning grant proposals to public and private resources, grant or contract administration, or equivalent experience.
- Knowledge of grant proposal and contract agreement processes and requirements.
- Knowledge and ability to use office software and administrative systems, including but not limited to: Microsoft Excel, Word, Access, Power Point, Outlook; web applications and the Internet.
- Ability to diplomatically and effectively work with faculty, staff and administrators.
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Ability to apply technical knowledge.
- Ability to travel within the region and the state of New York
- Acceptance of the responsibility to promote the welfare and best interests of students at all times.
- A demonstrable understanding and acceptance of the mission, values, goals and objectives of Rockland BOCES and identified school districts.
- A demonstrated understanding and value for the contributions that a diverse workforce can make to the success of the organization and the students we serve.

Q. Proposal Submissions

Candidates wishing to submit proposals must include responses to the following:

1. A letter describing the services to be provided to Rockland BOCES.
2. A sample grant narrative that was successfully submitted and funded.
3. A schedule of the fees the individual or organization intends to charge Rockland BOCES.
4. Provide the names of all current and former clients including School Districts and BOCES with information on the number of years of service to each along with the names and telephone numbers of contact persons.
5. Resume with relevant experience.
6. Provide a statement verifying that there are no conflicts of interest between the individual or organization and the Rockland BOCES Board.
7. Identify any litigation brought against the firm, individuals in the firm as well as any predecessor firm during the past five years. If any litigation, please provide relevant information concerning same.

R. Evaluation of Proposals

The BOCES reserves the right to:

- Reject any and all proposals/received in response to this RFP
- Select a proposal other than the proposal offering the lowest fee
- Waive or modify irregularities in proposals received, after prior notification to the applicant
- Negotiate with any applicant whose proposal is within the competitive range.

S. Scoring Criteria

1. Qualifications – Experience of individual or organization, educational background, specialized skills.
2. References – Individual or firm should make available a list of references of successful work with clients on the issues listed in the Scope of Work.
3. Results of interview by Board of Education for Steering Committee.
4. Fees – Estimated costs as compared to other.



HOLD HARMLESS

(PROPOSER)

_____ does hereby covenant and agree to
(Individual/Firm)
defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Rockland BOCES from and against
any and all liability, loss, damages, claims, or actions (including costs and
attorney's fees) for bodily injury and/or
property damage, to the extent permissible by law, arising out of or in
connection with the _____
(Name of project)
by the _____, it's agents, servants and
(Individual/Firm)
employees.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BID PROPOSAL CERTIFICATIONS

Firm Name _____ Telephone No. _____

Business Address _____ Fax No. _____

I. General Bid Certification

The bidder certifies that he will furnish, at the prices herein quoted, the materials, equipment and/or services as proposed on this bid.

II. Non-Collusive Bidding Certification

By submission of this bid proposal, the bidder certifies that he is complying with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law as follows:

Statement of non-collusion in bids and proposals to political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, or local law, for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain the following statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true under the penalties of perjury: Non-collusive bidding certification.

"(a) By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of knowledge and belief:

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition."

(b) A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (b) (1) (2) and (3) above have not been complied with; provided, however, that if in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. Where (a) (1) (2) and (3) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for award. Nor shall any award be made unless the head of the purchasing unit of the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid is made, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

The fact that a bidder (a) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured (b) has informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (c) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning subparagraph one (a).

2. Any bid hereafter made to any political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof by a corporate bidder for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, or local law, and where such bid contains the certification referred to in subdivision one of the section, shall be deemed to have been authorized by the board of directors of the bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the signing and submission of the bid and the inclusion therein of the certificate as to non-collusion as the act and deed of the corporation.

Signature (Authorized)

Title

Date

**Rockland BOCES
65 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY 10994-0607**

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT CERTIFICATION

As a result of the Iran Divestment Act of 2012 (Act), Chapter 1 of the 2012 Laws of New York, a new provision has been added to the State Finance Law (SFL), § 165-a, effective April 12, 2012. Under the Act, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (OGS) will be developing a list (prohibited entities list) of “persons” who are engaged in “investment activities in Iran” (both are defined terms in the law). Pursuant to SFL § 165-a(3)(b), the initial list is expected to be issued no later than 120 days after the Act’s effective date, at which time it will be posted on the OGS website.

By submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) in response to this solicitation or by assuming the responsibility of a Contract awarded hereunder, Proposer/Contractor (or any assignee) certifies that once the prohibited entities list is posted on the OGS website, it will not utilize on such Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the prohibited entities list.

Additionally, Proposer/Contractor is advised that once the list is posted on the OGS website, any Contractor seeking to renew or extend a Contract or assume the responsibility of a Contract awarded in response to the solicitation, must certify at the time the Contract is renewed, extended or assigned that it is not included on the prohibited entities list.

During the term of the Contract, should the Rockland BOCES receive information that a person is in violation of the above-referenced certification, Rockland BOCES will offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then Rockland BOCES shall take such action as may be appropriate including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

Rockland BOCES reserves the right to reject any proposal or request for assignment for an entity that appears on the prohibited entities list prior to the award of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the prohibited entities list after contract award.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: _____

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p>	
	<p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p>	
	<p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____</p> <p>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶</p>	<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p><small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small></p>
	<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p> <p>ROCKLAND BOCES 65 PARROTT ROAD WEST NYACK, NY 10994</p>
	<p>6 City, state, and ZIP code</p>	
	<p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p>	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*