

**SERIAL 10106 RFP EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES, SCHOOLS
Contract - Backbone Communications**

DATE OF LAST REVISION: February 20, 2014 CONTRACT END DATE: January 31, 2017

CONTRACT PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 31, ~~2014~~ 2017

TO: All Departments
FROM: Office of Procurement Services
SUBJECT: Contract for **EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES, SCHOOLS**

Attached to this letter is published an effective purchasing contract for products and/or services to be supplied to Maricopa County activities as awarded by Maricopa County on **January 12, 2011 (Eff. 03/22/12)**.

All purchases of products and/or services listed on the attached pages of this letter are to be obtained from the vendor holding the contract. Individuals are responsible to the vendor for purchases made outside of contracts. The contract period is indicated above.

Wes Baysinger, Chief Procurement Officer
Office of Procurement Services

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Copy to: Office of Procurement Services
Marc Kuffner, Schools Office



CONTRACT PURSUANT TO RFP

SERIAL 10106 -RFP

This Contract is entered into the March 22nd, 2012 by and between Maricopa County (“County”), a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, and Backbone Communications, an Arizona corporation (“Contractor”) for the purchase of Consulting services.

1.0 CONTRACT TERM:

- 1.1 This Contract is for a term of Two (2) years, beginning on the 22nd day of March, 2012 and ending the day of January 31st, ~~2014~~ 2017.
- 1.2 The County may, at its option and with the agreement of the Contractor, renew the term of this Contract for additional terms up to a maximum of three (3) years, (or at the County’s sole discretion, extend the contract on a month-to-month bases for a maximum of six (6) months after expiration). The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of its intent to extend the Contract term at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of the original contract term, or any additional term thereafter.

2.0 FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Any request for a fee adjustments must be submitted sixty (60) days prior to the current Contract expiration.. Requests for adjustment in cost of labor and/or materials must be supported by appropriate documentation. If County agrees to the adjusted fee, County shall issue written approval of the change. The reasonableness of the request will be determined by comparing the request with the (Consumer Price Index) or by performing a market survey.

3.0 PAYMENTS:

- 3.1 As consideration for performance of the duties described herein, County shall pay Contractor the sum(s) stated in Exhibit “A.”

3.2 Payment shall be made upon the County’s receipt of a properly completed invoice.

3.3 INVOICES:

- 3.3.1 The Contractor shall submit two (2) legible copies of their detailed invoice before payment(s) can be made. At a minimum, the invoice must provide the following information:

- Company name, address and contact
- County bill-to name and contact information
- Contract serial number
- Task Order Number
- County purchase order number
- Invoice number and date

- Payment terms
- Date of service
- Contract Item number(s)
- Description of service provided
- Pricing per unit of service
- Extended price
- Total Amount Due

3.3.2 Problems regarding billing or invoicing shall be directed to the County as listed on the Purchase Order.

3.3.3 Payment shall be made to the Contractor by Accounts Payable through the Maricopa County Vendor Express Payment Program. This is an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) process. After Award the Contractor shall fill out an EFT Enrollment form located on the County Department of Finance Website as a fillable PDF document (www.maricopa.gov/finance/)

3.3.4 EFT payments to the routing and account numbers designated by the Contractor will include the details on the specific invoices that the payment covers. The Contractor is required to discuss remittance delivery capabilities with their designated financial institution for access to those details.

4.0 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

4.1 The provisions of this Contract relating to payment for services shall become effective when funds assigned for the purpose of compensating the Contractor as herein provided are actually available to County for disbursement. The County shall be the sole judge and authority in determining the availability of funds under this Contract. County shall keep the Contractor fully informed as to the availability of funds.

4.2 If any action is taken by any state agency, Federal department or any other agency or instrumentality to suspend, decrease, or terminate its fiscal obligations under, or in connection with, this Contract, County may amend, suspend, decrease, or terminate its obligations under, or in connection with, this Contract. In the event of termination, County shall be liable for payment only for services rendered prior to the effective date of the termination, provided that such services are performed in accordance with the provisions of this Contract. County shall give written notice of the effective date of any suspension, amendment, or termination under this Section, at least ten (10) days in advance.

5.0 DUTIES:

5.1 The Contractor shall perform all duties stated in Exhibit "B", or as otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Officer.

5.2 During the Contract term, County shall provide Contractor's personnel with adequate workspace for consultants and such other related facilities as may be required by Contractor to carry out its contractual obligations.

6.0 TERMS and CONDITIONS:

6.1 INDEMNIFICATION:

6.1.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless County, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and the cost of appellate proceedings, relating to, arising out of, or alleged to have resulted from the negligent acts, errors, omissions, mistakes or malfeasance relating to the performance of this Contract. Contractor's duty to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County, its agents,

representatives, officers, directors, officials, and employees shall arise in connection with any claim, damage, loss or expense that is caused by any negligent acts, errors, omissions or mistakes in the performance of this Contract by the Contractor, as well as any person or entity for whose acts, errors, omissions, mistakes or malfeasance Contractor may be legally liable.

6.1.2 The amount and type of insurance coverage requirements set forth herein will in no way be construed as limiting the scope of the indemnity in this paragraph.

6.1.3 The scope of this indemnification does not extend to the sole negligence of County.

6.2 **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

6.2.1 **Contractor, at Contractor's own expense, shall purchase and maintain the herein stipulated minimum insurance from a company or companies duly licensed by the State of Arizona and possessing a current A.M. Best, Inc. rating of B++. In lieu of State of Arizona licensing, the stipulated insurance may be purchased from a company or companies, which are authorized to do business in the State of Arizona, provided that said insurance companies meet the approval of County. The form of any insurance policies and forms must be acceptable to County.**

6.2.2 All insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect until all work or service required to be performed under the terms of the Contract is satisfactorily completed and formally accepted. Failure to do so may, at the sole discretion of County, constitute a material breach of this Contract.

6.2.3 Contractor's insurance shall be primary insurance as respects County, and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County shall not contribute to it.

6.2.4 Any failure to comply with the claim reporting provisions of the insurance policies or any breach of an insurance policy warranty shall not affect the County's right to coverage afforded under the insurance policies.

6.2.5 The insurance policies may provide coverage that contains deductibles or self-insured retentions. Such deductible and/or self-insured retentions shall not be applicable with respect to the coverage provided to County under such policies. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the deductible and/or self-insured retention and County, at its option, may require Contractor to secure payment of such deductibles or self-insured retentions by a surety bond or an irrevocable and unconditional letter of credit.

6.2.6 County reserves the right to request and to receive, within 10 working days, certified copies of any or all of the herein required insurance certificates. County shall not be obligated to review policies and/or endorsements or to advise Contractor of any deficiencies in such policies and endorsements, and such receipt shall not relieve Contractor from, or be deemed a waiver of County's right to insist on strict fulfillment of Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

6.2.7 The insurance policies required by this Contract, except Workers' Compensation, and Errors and Omissions, shall name County, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials and employees as Additional Insureds.

6.2.8 The policies required hereunder, except Workers' Compensation, and Errors and Omissions, shall contain a waiver of transfer of rights of recovery (subrogation) against County, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials and employees for any claims arising out of Contractor's work or service.

6.2.9 Commercial General Liability.

Commercial General Liability insurance and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 for each occurrence, \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate, and \$4,000,000 General Aggregate Limit. The policy shall include coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage, personal injury, products and completed operations and blanket contractual coverage, and shall not contain any provision which would serve to limit third party action over claims. There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL limiting the scope of coverage for liability arising from explosion, collapse, or underground property damage.

6.2.10 Automobile Liability.

Commercial/Business Automobile Liability insurance and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella insurance with a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence with respect to any of the Contractor's owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles assigned to or used in performance of the Contractor's work or services under this Contract.

6.2.11 Workers' Compensation.

6.2.11.1 Workers' Compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by federal and state statutes having jurisdiction of Contractor's employees engaged in the performance of the work or services under this Contract; and Employer's Liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 for each accident, \$1,000,000 disease for each employee, and \$1,000,000 disease policy limit.

6.2.11.2 Contractor waives all rights against County and its agents, officers, directors and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance obtained by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

6.2.12 Errors and Omissions Insurance.

Errors and Omissions insurance and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella insurance, which will insure and provide coverage for errors or omissions of the Contractor, with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 for each claim.

6.2.13 Certificates of Insurance.

6.2.13.1 Prior to commencing work or services under this Contract, Contractor shall have insurance in effect as required by the Contract in the form provided by the County, issued by Contractor's insurer(s), as evidence that policies providing the required coverage, conditions and limits required by this Contract are in full force and effect. Such certificates shall be made available to the County upon 48 hours notice. **BY SIGNING THE AGREEMENT PAGE THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO THIS REQUIREMENT AND UNDERSTANDS THAT FAILURE TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THIS CONTRACT.**

6.2.13.1.1 In the event any insurance policy (ies) required by this Contract is (are) written on a "claims made" basis, coverage shall extend for two (2) years past completion and acceptance of Contractor's work or services and as evidenced by annual Certificates of Insurance.

6.2.13.1.2 If a policy does expire during the life of the Contract, a renewal certificate must be sent to County fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date.

6.2.14 Cancellation and Expiration Notice.

Insurance required herein shall not be permitted to expire, be canceled, or materially changed without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County.

6.3 WARRANTY OF SERVICES:

6.3.1 The Contractor warrants that all services provided hereunder will conform to the requirements of the Contract, including all descriptions, specifications and attachments made a part of this Contract. County's acceptance of services or goods provided by the Contractor shall not relieve the Contractor from its obligations under this warranty.

6.3.2 In addition to its other remedies, County may, at the Contractor's expense, require prompt correction of any services failing to meet the Contractor's warranty herein. Services corrected by the Contractor shall be subject to all the provisions of this Contract in the manner and to the same extent as services originally furnished hereunder.

6.4 NOTICES:

All notices given pursuant to the terms of this Contract shall be addressed to:

For County:

Maricopa County
Office of Procurement Services
Attn: Director of Purchasing
320 West Lincoln Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2494

For Contractor:
BACKBONE COMMUNICATIONS
5025 N. CENTRAL AVE #422
PHOENIX, AZ 85012

6.5 REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT:

6.5.1 Contractor signifies its understanding and agreement by signing this document that this Contract is a requirements contract. This Contract does not guarantee any purchases will be made (minimum or maximum). Orders will only be placed upon the award of a Task Order when the County identifies a need and issues a purchase order or a written notice to proceed.

6.5.2 County reserves the right to cancel purchase orders or notice to proceed within a reasonable period of time after issuance. Should a purchase order or notice to proceed be canceled, the County agrees to reimburse the Contractor for actual and documented costs incurred by the Contractor. The County will not reimburse the Contractor for any avoidable costs incurred after receipt of cancellation, or for lost profits, or shipment of product or performance of services prior to issuance of a purchase order or notice to proceed.

6.6 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:

The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time, when in the best interests of the County without penalty or recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice,

the Contractor shall immediately stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the County. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the County upon demand. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination.

6.7 **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:**

6.7.1 In addition to the rights reserved in the Contract, the County may terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.

6.7.2 Upon termination under this paragraph, all goods, materials, documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the County on demand.

6.7.3 The County may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials or services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the County for any excess costs incurred by the County in procuring materials or services in substitution for those due from the Contractor.

6.7.4 The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

6.8 **STATUTORY RIGHT OF CANCELLATION FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Notice is given that pursuant to A.R.S. §38-511 the County may cancel this Contract without penalty or further obligation within three years after execution of the contract, if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the contract on behalf of the County is at any time while the Contract or any extension of the Contract is in effect, an employee or agent of any other party to the Contract in any capacity or consultant to any other party of the Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. Additionally, pursuant to A.R.S §38-511 the County may recoup any fee or commission paid or due to any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the contract on behalf of the County from any other party to the contract arising as the result of the Contract.

6.9 **OFFSET FOR DAMAGES;**

In addition to all other remedies at law or equity, the County may offset from any money due to the Contractor any amounts Contractor owes to the County for damages resulting from breach or deficiencies in performance under this contract.

6.10 **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS OF SERVICE:**

6.10.1 **The County reserves the right to add and/or delete materials to a Contract. If a service requirement is deleted, payment to the Contractor will be reduced proportionately, to the amount of service reduced in accordance with the bid price. If additional materials are required from a Contract, prices for such additions will be negotiated between the Contractor and the County.**

6.10.2 **The County reserves the right of final approval on proposed staff for all Task Orders. Also, upon request by the County, the Contractor will be required to remove any employees working on County projects and substitute personnel based on the discretion of the County within two business days, unless previously approved by the County.**

6.11 RELATIONSHIPS:

In the performance of the services described herein, the Contractor shall act solely as an independent contractor, and nothing herein or implied herein shall at any time be construed as to create the relationship of employer and employee, partnership, principal and agent, or joint venture between the District and the Contractor.

6.12 SUBCONTRACTING:

The Contractor may not assign this Contract or subcontract to another party for performance of the terms and conditions hereof without the written consent of the County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. All correspondence authorizing subcontracting must reference the Proposal Serial Number and identify the job project.

6.13 AMENDMENTS:

All amendments to this Contract shall be in writing and approved/signed by both parties. Maricopa County Office of Procurement Services shall be responsible for approving all amendments for Maricopa County.

6.14 ACCESS TO AND RETENTION OF RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUDIT AND/OR OTHER REVIEW:

6.14.1 **In accordance with section MCI 367 of the Maricopa County Procurement Code the Contractor agrees to retain all books, records, accounts, statements, reports, files, and other records and back-up documentation relevant to this Contract for six (6) years after final payment or until after the resolution of any audit questions which could be more than six (6) years, whichever is latest. The County, Federal or State auditors and any other persons duly authorized by the Department shall have full access to, and the right to examine, copy and make use of, any and all said materials.**

6.14.2 **If the Contractor's books, records , accounts, statements, reports, files, and other records and back-up documentation relevant to this Contract are not sufficient to support and document that requested services were provided, the Contractor shall reimburse Maricopa County for the services not so adequately supported and documented.**

6.14.3 **If at any time it is determined by the County that a cost for which payment has been made is a disallowed cost, the County shall notify the Contractor in writing of the disallowance. The course of action to address the disallowance shall be at sole discretion of the County, and may include either an adjustment to future claim submitted by the Contractor by the amount of the disallowance, or to require reimbursement forthwith of the disallowed amount by the Contractor by issuing a check payable to Maricopa County**

6.15 AUDIT DISALLOWANCES:

If at any time, County determines that a cost for which payment has been made is a disallowed cost, such as overpayment, County shall notify the Contractor in writing of the disallowance. County shall also state the means of correction, which may be but shall not be limited to adjustment of any future claim submitted by the Contractor by the amount of the disallowance, or to require repayment of the disallowed amount by the Contractor.

6.16 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

6.16.1 After the exhaustion of the administrative remedies provided in the Maricopa County Procurement Code, any contract dispute in this matter is subject to compulsory

arbitration. Provided the parties participate in the arbitration in good faith, such arbitration is not binding and the parties are entitled to pursue the matter in state or federal court sitting in Maricopa County for a de novo determination on the law and facts. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, each party will designate an arbitrator and those two arbitrators will agree on a third arbitrator. The three arbitrators will then serve as a panel to consider the arbitration. The parties will be equally responsible for the compensation for the arbitrator(s). The hearing, evidence, and procedure will be in accordance with Rule 74 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. Within ten (10) days of the completion of the hearing the arbitrator(s) shall:

6.16.1.1 Render a decision;

6.16.1.2 Notify the parties that the exhibits are available for retrieval; and

6.16.1.3 Notify the parties of the decision in writing (a letter to the parties or their counsel shall suffice).

6.16.2 Within ten (10) days of the notice of decision, either party may submit to the arbitrator(s) a proposed form of award or other final disposition, including any form of award for attorneys' fees and costs. Within five (5) days of receipt of the foregoing, the opposing party may file objections. Within ten (10) days of receipt of any objections, the arbitrator(s) shall pass upon the objections and prepare a signed award or other final disposition and mail copies to all parties or their counsel.

6.16.3 Any party which has appeared and participated in good faith in the arbitration proceedings may appeal from the award or other final disposition by filing an action in the state or federal court sitting in Maricopa County within twenty (20) days after date of the award or other final disposition. Unless such action is dismissed for failure to prosecute, such action will make the award or other final disposition of the arbitrator(s) a nullity.

6.17 SEVERABILITY:

The invalidity, in whole or in part, of any provision of this Contract shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision of this Contract.

6.18 RIGHTS IN DATA:

The County shall own have the use of all data and reports resulting from this Contract without additional cost or other restriction except as provided by law. Each party shall supply to the other party, upon request, any available information that is relevant to this Contract and to the performance hereunder.

6.19 INTEGRATION:

This Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, proposals, communications, understandings, representations, or agreements, whether oral or written, express or implied.

6.20 VERIFICATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES §41-4401 AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

6.20.1 By entering into the Contract, the Contractor warrants compliance with the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA using e-verify) and all other federal immigration laws and regulations related to the immigration status of its employees and A.R.S. §23-214(A). The contractor shall obtain statements from its subcontractors certifying compliance and shall furnish the statements to the Procurement Officer upon request. These warranties shall remain in effect through the term of the Contract. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall also maintain Employment Eligibility Verification forms (I-9) as required by the

Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended from time to time, for all employees performing work under the Contract and verify employee compliance using the E-verify system and shall keep a record of the verification for the duration of the employee's employment or at least three years, whichever is longer. I-9 forms are available for download at USCIS.GOV.

- 6.20.2 The County retains the legal right to inspect contractor and subcontractor employee documents performing work under this Contract to verify compliance with paragraph 6.20.1 of this Section. Contractor and subcontractor shall be given reasonable notice of the County's intent to inspect and shall make the documents available at the time and date specified. Should the County suspect or find that the Contractor or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, the County will consider this a material breach of the contract and may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the Contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the Contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the Contractor.

~~6.21 VERIFICATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES §§35-391.06 AND 35-393.06 BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH SUDAN AND IRAN:~~

~~6.21.1 By entering into the Contract, the Contractor certifies it does not have scrutinized business operations in Sudan or Iran. The contractor shall obtain statements from its subcontractors certifying compliance and shall furnish the statements to the Procurement Officer upon request. These warranties shall remain in effect through the term of the Contract.~~

~~6.21.2 The County may request verification of compliance for any contractor or subcontractor performing work under the Contract. Should the County suspect or find that the Contractor or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, the County may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the Contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the Contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the Contractor.~~

6.22 CONTRACTOR LICENSE REQUIREMENT:

6.22.1 The Respondent shall procure all permits, insurance, licenses and pay the charges and fees necessary and incidental to the lawful conduct of his/her business, and as necessary complete any required certification requirements, required by any and all governmental or non-governmental entities as mandated to maintain compliance with and in good standing for all permits and/or licenses. The Respondent shall keep fully informed of existing and future trade or industry requirements, Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, and regulations which in any manner affect the fulfillment of a Contract and shall comply with the same. Contractor shall immediately notify both Office of Procurement Services and the using agency of any and all changes concerning permits, insurance or licenses.

6.22.2 Respondents furnishing finished products, materials or articles of merchandise that will require installation or attachment as part of the Contract, shall possess any licenses required. A Respondent is not relieved of its obligation to possess the required licenses by subcontracting of the labor portion of the Contract. Respondents are advised to contact the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, Chief of Licensing, at (602) 542-1525 to ascertain licensing requirements for a particular contract. Respondents shall identify which license(s), if any, the Registrar of Contractors requires for performance of the Contract.

6.23 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

6.23.1 The undersigned (authorized official signing for the Contractor) certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that the Contractor, defined as the primary participant in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76, and its principals:

6.23.1.1 are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or agency;

6.23.1.2 have not within 3-year period preceding this Contract been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

6.23.1.3 are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2) of this certification; and

6.23.1.4 have not within a 3-year period preceding this Contract had one or more public transaction (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause of default.

6.23.2 Should the Contractor not be able to provide this certification, an explanation as to why should be attached to the Contact.

6.23.3 The Contractor agrees to include, without modification, this clause in all lower tier covered transactions (i.e. transactions with subcontractors) and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions related to this Contract.

6.24 **PRICES:**

Contractor warrants that prices extended to County under this Contract are no higher than those paid by any other customer for these or similar services.

6.25 **GOVERNING LAW:**

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Arizona. Venue for any actions or lawsuits involving this Contract will be in Maricopa County Superior Court or in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, sitting in Phoenix, Arizona

6.26 **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:**

In the event of a conflict in the provisions of this Contract and Contractor's license agreement, if applicable, the terms of this Contract shall prevail.

6.27 **INFLUENCE**

As prescribed in MC1-1202 of the Maricopa County Procurement Code, any effort to influence an employee or agent to breach the Maricopa County Ethical Code of Conduct or any ethical conduct, may be grounds for Disbarment or Suspension under MC1-902.

An attempt to influence includes, but is not limited to:

6.27.1 **A Person offering or providing a gratuity, gift, tip, present, donation, money, entertainment or educational passes or tickets, or any type valuable contribution or subsidy,**

6.27.2 **That is offered or given with the intent to influence a decision, obtain a contract, garner favorable treatment, or gain favorable consideration of any kind.**

If a Person attempts to influence any employee or agent of Maricopa County, the Chief Procurement Officer, or his designee, reserves the right to seek any remedy provided by the

Maricopa County Procurement Code, any remedy in equity or in the law, or any remedy provided by this contract.

6.28 **PUBLIC RECORDS:**

All Offers submitted and opened are public records and must be retained by the Records Manager at the Office of Procurement Services. Offers shall be open to public inspection after Contract award and execution, except for such Offers deemed to be confidential by the Office of Procurement Services. If an Offeror believes that information in its Offer should remain confidential, it shall indicate as confidential, the specific information and submit a statement with its offer detailing the reasons that the information should not be disclosed. Such reasons shall include the specific harm or prejudice which may arise. The Records Manager of the Office of Procurement Services shall determine whether the identified information is confidential pursuant to the Maricopa County Procurement Code.

6.29 **INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS:**

The following are to be attached to and made part of this Contract:

6.29.1 Exhibit A, Pricing;

6.29.2 Exhibit B, Scope of Work;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Contract is executed on the date set forth above.

CONTRACTOR

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

ADDRESS

DATE

MARICOPA COUNTY

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER,
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

DATE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LEGAL COUNSEL

DATE

**EXHIBIT A
PRICING**

SERIAL 10106-RFP

NIGP CODE:91838

RESPONDENT'S

NAME:

Backbone Communications

COUNTY VENDOR NUMBER :

ADDRESS:

5025 N. Central Ave #422

Phoenix, AZ 85012

P.O. ADDRESS:

SAME AS ABOVE

TELEPHONE

NUMBER:

602-614-0226

FACSIMILE NUMBER:

602-277-9266

WEB SITE:

www.backbonecommunications.com

CONTACT

(REPRESENTATIVE):

Brian Snyder

REPRESENTATIVE'S E-MAIL

ADDRESS:

brian@backbonecommunications.com

YES NO

WILL ALLOW OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO PURCHASE FROM THIS CONTRACT
RESPONDENT IS REQUIRED TO PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PAYMENT
TERMS.

[X] []

FAILURE TO INDICATE PAYMENT TERMS WILL RESULT IN A DEFAULT TO NET 30 DAYS.

RESPONDENT MUST INITIAL THEIR SELECTION BELOW.

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> [] NET 10 DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> [] NET 45 DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> [] 1% 10 DAYS NET 30 DAYS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> [] NET 15 DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> [] NET 60 DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> [] 2% 30 DAYS NET 31 DAYS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> [] NET 20 DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> [] NET 90 DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> [] 1% 30 DAYS NET 31 DAYS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X] NET 30 DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> [] 2% 10 DAYS NET 30 DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> [] 5% 30 DAYS NET 31 DAYS |

1.0 PRICING:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
1.1 SENIOR CONSULTANT	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	PER HOUR
1.2 CONSULTANT	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	PER HOUR
1.3 CLERICAL SUPPORT	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	PER HOUR

HOURLY RATES ARE TO INCLUDE GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES, FAXES, TRAVEL EXPENSES AND
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS.

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1 Interactive Video Instruction/Instructional Technology
 - 1.1.1 Consultant Services
 - 1.1.1.1 Instructor(s) to provide instruction in content-specific courses to Maricopa County students through the MCESA Interactive Video Instruction Lab.
 - 1.1.1.2 Consultant(s) to create K-12 course material to be taught through the Interactive Video Instruction Lab.
 - 1.1.1.3 Consultant(s) to plan job-embedded professional development in innovative and engaging uses of technology in the classroom that will result in increased student academic progress, achievement, and success.
 - 1.1.1.4 Consultant(s) to support MCESA staff in identifying instructional technology practices that result in significant student learning gains.
 - 1.1.1.5 Consultant(s) to work collaboratively with teacher and principal evaluation teams to incorporate effective innovative practices for instruction into evaluation system.
 - 1.1.1.6 Consultant(s) to train on broadcast equipment installed in the interactive video instruction lab.
 - 1.1.1.7 Consultant(s) to support the development of a cadre of district/school based innovative instructional practice leaders skilled in the use of technology to deliver effective instruction.
 - 1.1.1.8 Consultant(s) to develop a repository of innovative practices in instruction and assessment through videotaping and streaming of effective lessons.
 - 1.1.2 Professional Development Services
 - 1.1.2.1 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to deliver job-embedded professional development in innovative and engaging uses of technology in the classroom that will result in increased student academic progress, achievement, and success.
- 1.2 Educational Programming
 - 1.2.1 Consultant Services
 - 1.2.1.1 Consultant(s) to plan job-embedded professional development for superintendents, district office staff, principal leaders, principals, assistant principals, and/or teachers in identified topic areas (e.g., teacher/principal supervision and evaluation; instructional leadership; data-informed decision-making; mentoring/coaching of teachers; continuous improvement planning; curriculum, instruction, and assessment).
 - 1.2.1.2 Consultant(s) to provide technical assistance on the development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, revision, and validation of:
 - 1.2.1.2.1 A value-added model for use in pay-for-performance programs; including the development of differentiated guidebooks for each employee group that explains the components of a performance-based compensation system.

- 1.2.1.2.2 A valid and reliable formative/benchmark assessment system, aligned to the State-administered Arizona’s Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) assessment.
- 1.2.1.2.3 Valid and reliable formative assessments for non-tested grade levels and subject areas.
- 1.2.1.2.4 Assessment center tool(s) and processes designed to assess knowledge, skills, and dispositions of current and potential principal leaders, principals, and teacher leaders.
- 1.2.1.2.5 Teacher and principal evaluation tool(s) over a multi-year period.
- 1.2.1.2.6 Qualified and certified evaluator training, including establishment and maintenance of evaluator inter-rater reliability.
- 1.2.1.2.7 Inter-rater reliability training for evaluators.
- 1.2.1.3 Consultant(s) to provide technical assistance on the development/procurement and implementation of a data management system.
- 1.2.1.4 Consultant(s) to create training modules for facilitators of grade 7-12 Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to use to deliver professional development on:
 - 1.2.1.4.1 Becoming a PLC.
 - 1.2.1.4.2 Developing common assessments.
 - 1.2.1.4.3 Develop content area expertise in targeted areas.
- 1.2.1.5 Consultant(s) to screen practicing and prospective principals, assistant principals, and teacher leaders as part of an assessment center model designed to identify knowledge, skills, and dispositions of current and potential principal leaders, principals, and teacher leaders.
- 1.2.1.6 Consultant(s) to develop courses for teacher leader skill development (e.g., PLC facilitation, data analysis, reach and touch extensions, distance learning, and content knowledge).
- 1.2.1.7 Consultant(s) to provide technical assistance in the design and implementation of professional growth plans for principals and teachers that are aligned teacher and principal evaluation results.
- 1.2.1.8 Consultant(s) to develop professional development programs in instructional leadership and management specific to increasing the number of highly qualified principals.
- 1.2.1.9 Consultant(s) to provide technical assistance and support in the development of curriculum and assessments to support statewide K-12 implementation of common core standards including:
 - 1.2.1.9.1 The development of a database of formative assessment resources aligned to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Language Arts content.
 - 1.2.1.9.2 The development of a comprehensive set of student interventions and instructional strategies that enable a “move on when ready” environment for all students.

1.2.1.9.3 Alignment of curriculum and assessments to instructional materials.

1.2.2 Professional Development Services

1.2.2.1 Facilitation/professional development services to improve the skills of principals and assistant principals in targeted areas (e.g., coaching/mentoring; data analysis and use of data; PLC; continuous improvement planning; curriculum, instruction, and assessment).

1.2.2.2 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to develop the skills (coaching, pedagogy, content) of teacher leaders (peer evaluators, master educators, aspiring leaders).

1.2.2.3 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to train teachers, principals, and district office staff on:

1.2.2.3.1 Value-added model

1.2.2.3.2 Use of data management system.

1.2.2.4 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) (subject matter experts) to deliver training modules to grade 7-12 teachers on:

1.2.2.4.1 How to function as part of a PLC.

1.2.2.4.2 Developing common assessments.

1.2.2.4.3 Building content knowledge of teachers in relation to identified student deficiencies.

1.2.2.5 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to provide training to superintendents, district office staff, principals, assistant principals, and teachers on the teachers and principal evaluation tool(s) and processes, and the use of data generated from the evaluation process.

1.2.2.6 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to deliver courses to teacher leaders (PLC facilitation, data analysis, reach and touch extensions, distance learning, content knowledge).

1.2.2.7 Highly qualified instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to train teachers on:

1.2.2.7.1 Best practices in reading.

1.2.2.7.2 Student goal setting and development of common, formative assessments.

1.2.2.7.3 Researched, proven strategies designed to help students succeed, and to train school staff and parents.

1.2.2.8 Highly qualified instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to train school staff and parents on proven strategies to help students succeed.

1.2.2.9 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to train and support cadres of trainers who become skilled in the use of data to support and improve instruction and who are able to provide training for their own districts and schools

1.2.2.10 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to provide training and guidance to parents and guardians to support the successful transition of students through the K-16 system.

1.2.2.11 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to train teachers and principals on the effective delivery of instruction using content rich lessons in the areas of STEM and language arts.

- 1.2.2.12 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to provide training and support on:
 - 1.2.2.12.1 The alignment of curriculum and assessments to instructional materials.
 - 1.2.2.12.2 The development of aligned, formative, and summative assessments, including the use of teacher created assessments.
 - 1.2.2.12.3 The alignment of curriculum and assessments to instructional materials.
 - 1.2.2.12.4 Development and implementation of a comprehensive set of student interventions and instructional strategies that enable a “move on when ready” environment for all students.
 - 1.2.2.13 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to train school personnel on aligned standards, curriculum, and assessments in order to ensure K-12 students leave the system college-and-career-ready.
 - 1.2.2.14 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to develop a cadre of trainers for districts and schools who are skilled in curriculum alignment, assessment development, and materials alignment.
 - 1.2.2.15 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to provide gifted education professional development, course attainment for the purpose of teacher to obtain gifted education endorsement.
- 1.3 Juvenile Transitions
- 1.3.1 Consultant Services
 - 1.3.1.1 Consultant(s) to provide technical assistance in the development/procurement and implementation of multiple measures/processes for evaluating evidence-based practices for providing transition/re-entry services to juveniles (e.g., student achievement data, program effectiveness data, observation data, report writing).
 - 1.3.1.2 Consultant(s) for facilitating strategic planning sessions for advisory councils and work groups organized to support the juvenile transition/re-entry innovation initiatives.
 - 1.3.2 Professional Development Services
 - 1.3.2.1 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to train teachers and counselors on the effective use of Education-Career Action Plan (E-CAP) to support instructional and academic learning goals.
 - 1.3.2.2 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to provide implementation support and coaching for educational programming for juvenile justice professionals and parents of at-risk youth.
- 1.4 Title Grants
- 1.4.1 Consultant Services
 - 1.4.1.1 Consultant(s) to advise on purchase of relevant English Language Learning (ELL) curriculum materials.
 - 1.4.1.2 Consultant(s) to advise on relevant ELL professional development.

- 1.5 Data
 - 1.5.1 Consultant Services
 - 1.5.1.1 Consultant(s) to design teacher and principal longitudinal data portfolios to communicate progress to administrative stakeholders and allow for timely targeted resources and staff development.
- 1.6 Other
 - 1.6.1 Consultant Services
 - 1.6.1.1 Consultant services to provide technical assistance on the development/procurement of educational programming for at-risk youth.
 - 1.6.2 Professional Development Services
 - 1.6.2.1 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to provide implementation support and coaching for implementation of educational programming for at-risk youth.
 - 1.6.2.2 Instructor(s)/facilitator(s) to implement a “train-the-trainer” professional development model to support ongoing implementation of educational programming for at-risk youth.

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