



Science Equipment Tender

Tender #25

Issue Date: Friday, March 23, 2012

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1.0	INTRODUCTION		
1.01	The Thames Valley District School Board (hereafter referred to as the TVDSB) invites interested parties to submit sealed submissions in response to this bid document. The TVDSB is one of the largest public school boards in the Province of Ontario and is comprised of all public schools within the counties of Elgin, Middlesex, and Oxford. The TVDSB is the employer of approximately 8,000 staff and operates 178 schools with an estimated enrolment of 74,000 students.		
1.1	PURPOSE		
1.1.1	The purpose of this bid document is to provide interested parties with sufficient information to enable them to prepare and submit bids for consideration by the TVDSB for science equipment, subject to the conditions herein.		
2.0	BID DEFINITIONS AND INFORMATION		
2.1	DEFINITIONS		
2.1.1	The following words are used throughout this bid document and bidders should note these conditions when completing their bid submission.		
2.1.1.1	The word "MUST" shall mean bidders "must" include the required information in bid submission. Failure to include the required information will deem submission noncompliant.		
2.1.1.2	The word "SHOULD" shall mean bidders "should" include the required information in bid submission.		
2.1.1.3	The word "NONCOMPLIANT" shall mean bid submissions will be eliminated from further evaluation if the submission does not include the required information.		
2.1.1.4	The word "SUBCONTRACTOR" shall mean a person, firm or company hired by the bidder(s) or the successful bidder(s) to perform any portion or all of this bid.		
2.1.1.5	The word "QUALIFIED" shall mean a bidder who is compliant and has included the required information in their bid submission.		
2.1.1.6	BID IRREGULARITY: A deviation between the requirements (terms, conditions, specifications, special instructions) of a bid response for the purposes of this bid; bid irregularities are further classified as major irregularities or minor irregularities. The classification of what is a major irregularity or a minor irregularity shall be the sole discretion of the TVDSB.		
2.1.1.6.1	Major Irregularity: A deviation from the bid request which affects the price, quality, quantity or delivery, and is material to the award. If the deviation is permitted, the bidder could gain an unfair advantage over competitors. The TVDSB will reject any bid submission which contains a major irregularity.		
2.1.1.6.2	Minor Irregularity: A deviation from the bid request which affects form, rather than substance. The effect on the price, quality, quantity or delivery is not material to the award. If the deviation is permitted or corrected the bidder would not gain an unfair advantage over competitors. The TVDSB may permit the bidder to correct a minor irregularity.		
2.2	STRUCTURE OF THIS BID		
2.2.1	Bidders must use the electronic bidding file (setup.exe) which is available on the internet at:		

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2.2.1.1	www.tvdsb.ca		
2.2.1.2	"Board" → "Purchasing" → "Bids"		
2.2.1.3	Scroll to the end of the document, click "Proceed to Inquiry/Download Page"		
2.2.1.4	Proceed to the bid "Science Equipment", click the "NEW" icon.		
2.2.1.5	The setup.exe file contains the Appendices025.xls spreadsheet with the following worksheets:		
2.2.1.6	Worksheet A: Terms and Conditions Response in Excel format		
2.2.1.7	Worksheet B: Equipment and Probeware Pricing in Excel format		
2.3	RETURN LOCATION		
2.3.1	Sealed bid submissions must be returned to:		
2.3.2	"Tenders Clerk"		
2.3.3	Tenders Clerk's box, Basement, Education Centre		
2.3.4	Thames Valley District School Board		
2.3.5	1250 Dundas Street		
2.3.6	London, Ontario		
2.3.7	N5W 5P2		
2.3.8	The bid submission envelope should show the bid document name, number, return date and time (as set out in Section 9.6 - Labelling of Envelope.)		
2.3.9	The bid submission must be returned to the "Tenders Clerk" for your bid submission to be accepted.		
2.3.10	Delivery to the "Tenders Clerk" is the responsibility of the bidder.		
2.3.11	Submissions received by electronic transmission (i.e. fax or email) will not be accepted.		
2.3.12	Late bids will be returned to the bidder, unopened, if a return address is included on the submission envelope.		
2.4	IMPORTANT DATES		
2.4.1	ISSUE DATE: Friday, March 23, 2012.		
2.4.2	RETURN DATE and TIME: prior to 12:00:00 noon local time Wednesday, April 18, 2012.		
2.5	QUESTIONS		
2.5.1	All questions pertaining to this bid document are to be addressed to: Laura Munding, Buyer by Fax (519) 452-2399 or email at l.munding@tvdsb.on.ca. All questions pertaining to this bid document must be submitted in writing.		
2.5.2	Questions concerning the terms and conditions of the bid document, whether made orally or in writing, to any individual other than indicated above may, at the sole discretion of the TVDSB, render your submission noncompliant. Direct questions in written form only to Laura Munding. The TVDSB will only be bound by written answers to questions.		
2.5.4	Should any questions raised by a bidder necessitate an addendum to this bid document, the addendum will be posted to the TVDSB Web Site.		
2.5.5	All Addenda will be issued at least seven days prior to the closing date. If an addendum is issued within seven days of the closing date, the date will be extended accordingly.		

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3.0	TERM/PRICING/DELIVERY/PAYMENT		
3.1	CONTRACT TERM		
3.1.1	The term of this agreement shall be for one year, unless otherwise provided herein, terminating on April 30, 2013.		
3.1.2	The TVDSB may, at the end of this contract term, extend the contract for a period of two additional years, in one (1) year increments, and will advise the bidder, in writing, of their intentions.		
3.1.3	Bidders must state if your company would agree to extending this contract with the same terms and conditions for a second year ending April 30, 2014.		
3.1.4	Bidders must state if your company would agree to extending this contract with the same terms and conditions for a third year ending April 30, 2015.		
3.2	PRICING		
3.2.1	All charges must be included in the cost of the item. Prices quoted must be for goods and services exactly as specified and in Canadian funds, unless otherwise indicated.		
3.2.2	Prices must include delivery, F.O.B. destination. NO AWARDS WILL BE MADE TO FIRMS QUOTING FREIGHT EXTRA.		
3.2.3	Prices must remain in effect for the initial one year term of the contract.		
3.2.4	The TVDSB expects to order in multiple shipments over the length of this contract.		
3.2.5	It is the intention of the TVDSB to rationalize its supplier base. This contract may be awarded on a per item basis or on the best cost of various groupings. The groupings will be determined by the TVDSB. Each bidder agrees to the award on this basis.		
3.2.6	Bidders should state any further discount, as a percentage, if all items in one Worksheet are awarded to your company.		
3.2.7	The TVDSB would like to take advantage of any promotions, price decreases, rebates or new technologies available during the term of the contract. Detail your company's strategy related to future pricing, new hardware components or new technologies.		
3.3	DELIVERY & ORDERING		
3.3.1	Delivery for all items will be directly to our Schools, Distribution Centre, Educational Resource Centre or Community Education Centres.		
3.3.2	Delivery dates will be specified on all of our purchase orders. Immediate delivery will be accepted unless otherwise designated on our purchase orders. In case of construction of new schools or school renovations, the TVDSB shall not accept delivery until the date specified on those purchase orders.		
3.3.3	The successful bidder(s) bears the cost of repairs to the site and to hardware with respect to damage caused from shipping or installation.		
3.3.4	The successful bidder(s) will remove all packaging and shipping debris at no cost to the TVDSB.		
3.3.5	The TVDSB's purchase order number should appear on all packages, packing slips, correspondences, customs documentation and freight bills of lading.		

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3.3.6	The lead time shown will be used to calculate delivery dates on our purchase orders and to monitor your company's performance. The lead time must be met as it is one of our criteria considered in the decision, and award, of this and future contracts.		
3.3.7	Not all goods will be ordered at one time; orders will be placed as requests are received from our schools.		
3.3.8	In order to meet any minimum order stipulation, we may combine orders from different sites for delivery to our Distribution Centre at 951 Leathorne Street in London. Those orders would be labelled in the "ship to" portion of our purchase order as "Wrap and Label Care of Distribution Centre". Our expectation is that these shipments will arrive packaged and labelled PER SITE, ready for us to forward directly to the school with no further packaging or resorting required.		
3.3.8.1	Bidders must state minimum dollar value per order.		
3.4	TAXES		
3.4.1	Harmonized Sales Tax: Where applicable, HST must be shown as a separate line item on all invoices in accordance with Canadian and Provincial Government regulations.		
3.5	INVOICING/PAYMENT TERMS		
3.5.1	All invoices must be sent to the Thames Valley District School Board, 1250 Dundas Street, London, Ontario N5W 5P2. Attention: Accounts Payable.		
3.5.2	Bidders should indicate any specific payment terms. It is generally expected that payment will be 45 days from receipt of invoice.		
3.5.3	Bidders should state percentage discount for early payment and net payment terms.		
3.5.4	Purchase order numbers must be stated on all invoices; invoices without will be returned unpaid.		
4.0	SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS		
4.1	QUALITY		
4.1.1	Unless otherwise specified, supplies must be new, in good condition, fit for the purpose for which they are being acquired and free from defects. The decision of the TVDSB pertaining to items being rejected is final.		
4.1.2	Manufacturers' brand names and numbers are used as guidance for the bidders; alternate items of equal quality will be considered. If bidding on an alternate item, the manufacturer's name and model number must be indicated in the appropriate field FOR EVERY ALTERNATE ITEM BID.		
4.1.3	The determination of equal quality will be based on our internal professional opinions.		
4.1.4	In addition to price, quality and suitability to school use will be among the first considerations. Delivery lead times, service, performance record, manufacturer's warranties and the value of the overall award will be also taken into consideration when awarding this contract.		
4.1.5	Any material, equipment, service or work ordered which, in the opinion of the TVDSB, does not completely fulfill the specifications must immediately be removed and/or completed to the specifications or sample quality at the expense of the successful bidder.		
4.2	REQUIREMENTS/QUANTITY		
4.2.1	The requirements are detailed in Worksheet B.		

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4.2.2	The quantities shown on each Worksheet are for a one (1) year period, based on a sample of our usage from August 2009 to July 2010. Each Worksheet is a sample list of product requirements and the pricing will be used in evaluation of bid submissions. Quantities are subject to equipment breakdowns, user requests, program changes and budget approval which may be increased or decreased when orders are placed. All items may not be purchased if costs exceed budget. In no way should the information furnished be considered as a guarantee with respect to the future volume of business. The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for supplying the quantities that are eventually ordered for each item awarded during the term of this bid at the quoted price.		
4.2.3	Bidders should bid on a minimum of 80% of the items listed. The TVDSB will purchase any new/additional items from the successful bidder(s).		
4.3	RETURN OF GOODS POLICY		
4.3.1	The TVDSB will return any shipment collect if, in our opinion, the product supplied does not conform to the specification and/or samples submitted in the bid.		
4.3.2	Bidders should state if there is a time limit on returning goods.		
4.3.3	Bidders should state if there is a restocking charge on any returned item and the amount or rate to be charged if goods are returned for any other reason than those stated in 4.3.1.		
4.3.4	Bidders should describe their procedure for returned goods with respect to:		
4.3.4.1	Packaging		
4.3.4.2	"Attention To" labelling		
4.3.4.3	Address to where returns should be shipped		
4.3.4.4	Method of shipment (company truck, courier, transport)		
4.3.4.5	If a return authorization number is required		
4.3.4.6	What charges apply and who is responsible for payment		
4.3.5	The TVDSB will not pay to return any goods which do not meet the specifications listed in this bid.		
4.4	ILLUSTRATIVE LITERATURE		
4.4.1	Bidders should submit ILLUSTRATIVE and SPECIFICATION INFORMATION for each item of which they have bid. Bidders who are bidding EXACTLY as specified do not need to supply this information. Bidders who are submitting a catalogue should indicate page number where the item is illustrated.		
4.4.1.1	Bidders should state if this literature can be obtained directly from the manufacturer via the internet.		
4.4.1.2	Bidders should state the web site addresses for each manufacturer.		
4.5	SAMPLES		
4.5.1	Each bidder may be required to submit, at the bidder's own expense, the items which are being bid upon for examination and comparison purposes. This must be done on request and at a time and location chosen by the TVDSB.		
4.5.2	Not all samples will be returned immediately. Those retained for quality control purposes or testing will be purchased and any item tested that proves defective will be returned.		

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4.5.2.1	Bidders should provide return instructions (i.e. address and authorization number) if required, for sample returns.		
4.6	SUBSTITUTIONS		
4.6.1	In the event that an item ordered becomes discontinued during the contract, all bidders must notify the Purchasing Services Department for authorization before the item is substituted and shipped. Successful bidders may be required to provide samples of the proposed substitutions before sending shipments. The TVDSB reserves the right to return any shipment collect if, in our opinion, the product(s) supplied do not conform to the specifications in this bid document.		
4.7	WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE		
4.7.1	Warranty information must be provided for any items bid on Worksheet B - Equipment & Probwware.		
4.7.2	Bidders must state length of warranty. Bidders must state if warranty includes parts, labour and if the warranty is on-site. If not, bidders must indicate the terms of the warranty.		
4.7.3	Bidders should state location of service facilities.		
4.7.4	Bidders should state number of service people at each location.		
4.7.5	Bidders should state time to respond to service calls:		
4.7.5.1	Less than one half day		
4.7.5.2	One half day		
4.7.5.3	One full day		
4.7.5.4	More than one day		
4.7.5.5	Other		
4.7.6	Bidders should include a statement outlining your company's quality assurance philosophy and program. This statement should detail how your company will respond to:		
4.7.6.1	Service related problems		
4.7.6.2	Quality problems		
4.7.7	All equipment should be guaranteed for the entire period of the contract you are bidding. The successful bidder(s) must be prepared to exchange all equipment that proves defective during this contract without rewriting the agreement. Machines will be replaced if the number of service calls greatly exceeds those recommended in the machines preventive maintenance schedule or when the successful bidder(s) and the TVDSB recommends replacement due to any other conditions upon mutual agreement.		
4.7.8	The TVDSB reserves the right to initiate a survey to measure customers' satisfaction.		
4.8	ENVIRONMENT		
4.8.1	Bidder(s) should include a detailed description of any environmental initiative and how your program would be implemented and benefit TVDSB.		
5.0	TERMS AND CONDITIONS		
5.1	GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS		
5.1.1	Any response submitted to the bid is IRREVOCABLE for 120 days.		

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5.1.2	A bidder who has already submitted a bid may submit an addendum in writing and signed by the bidder at any time up to the official closing time. No facsimiles shall be accepted. The last submission shall supercede and invalidate all previous submissions by that bidder as it applies to this bid. Addenda must be submitted to the "Tenders Clerk" in the same manner and within the same time constraints as the bid submission.		
5.1.3	A bidder may withdraw the bid at any time up to the official closing time by letter bearing his/her signature as it is in the submission. Withdrawal requests received after the closing date shall not be permitted. Submission withdrawals must be submitted to the "Tenders Clerk" in the same manner and within the same constraints as a bid submission.		
5.1.4	The issuance of this call for bids shall not constitute any obligation on the part of the TVDSB to any firm or individual who submits a bid.		
5.1.5	The bidder should have satisfactorily fulfilled all relevant obligations as required under the terms and conditions of any previous award in order to be considered as an acceptable bidder.		
5.1.6	The laws of the Province of Ontario shall govern in any dispute occasioned as a result of the performance or non-performance and/or workmanship of a contract issued pursuant to the bid and any dispute arising out of the issuance of and response to this bid.		
5.1.7	The TVDSB reserves the right to withdraw the award of the contract to a successful bidder(s) within 30 days of the award if in the opinion of the TVDSB the successful bidder(s) is unable or unwilling to enter into a form of contract satisfactory to the TVDSB. The TVDSB shall be entitled to do so without any liability being incurred by the TVDSB to the bidder		
5.1.8	The lowest or any bid submission may not necessarily be accepted. The TVDSB reserves the right to decline any or all bid submissions, or to cancel the bid call in whole or in part at any time prior to making an award, for any reason, or no reason, without liability being incurred by the TVDSB to any bidder for any expense, cost, loss or damage incurred or suffered by the bidder as a result of such withdrawal.		
5.1.9	All costs associated with the preparation of the bid submission will be solely the responsibility of the bidder.		
5.1.10	The TVDSB reserves the right to decline or purchase one or all items in this bid from one supplier or from multiple suppliers.		
5.1.11	All of the terms and conditions of this bid are deemed to be accepted by the bidder and incorporated into the bidder's proposal submission. It is the TVDSB's intention that the Terms and Conditions stated in this bid and the successful bidder's response to this bid will form the contract between TVDSB and the successful bidder(s). Any conflict in the wording of the bidder's invoice and/or sales agreement and the wording of the terms and conditions of this proposal, shall be resolved in favour of the TVDSB and shall be deemed to be incorporated into the bidder's invoice and/or sales agreement.		

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5.1.12	The successful bidder(s) must not at any time subcontract any portion of its contract with the TVDSB nor shall it assign the contract without the written permission of the TVDSB. The successful bidder(s) must not, at any time, change subcontractors approved by the TVDSB without written permission of the TVDSB.		
5.1.13	While the TVDSB has used considerable efforts to ensure an accurate representation of information in this bid document, the information contained herein is contained solely as a guideline for bidders. The information is not guaranteed or warranted to be accurate by the TVDSB, nor is it necessarily comprehensive or exhaustive. Nothing in this bid document is intended to relieve bidders from forming their own opinions and conclusions in respect to the matters addressed in this bid document.		
5.1.14	The TVDSB may accept or waive a minor irregularity, or where practical to do so the TVDSB may as a condition of bid acceptance request a bidder to correct a minor irregularity with no change in bid price. Items of non compliancy on any bid submissions which do not strictly comply with the provisions, procedures and requirements of this bid, or are incomplete, ambiguous, or which contain errors, alterations, misleading information, omissions, or irregularities of any kind, may be rejected and disqualified at the discretion of the TVDSB. All bidders agree to provide all such additional information as, and when requested, at their own expense, provided no bidder in supplying any such information shall be allowed, in any way to change the pricing or other cost quotations originally given in its bid submission or in any way materially alter or add to the solution originally proposed.		
5.1.15	All TVDSB policies, procedures and regulations must be adhered to by the successful bidder(s).		
5.1.15.1	Smoking is prohibited in all TVDSB buildings and on all TVDSB property.		
5.1.15.2	Some TVDSB sites are equipped with video surveillance cameras.		
5.1.15.3	The successful bidder(s) is obliged to cooperate with all recycling and environmental procedures and initiatives established by government, the TVDSB and each school.		
5.1.16	The successful bidder(s) will reimburse the TVDSB for any damages through negligence or willful acts of any of the successful bidder(s)' employees or contracted staff.		
5.1.17	The successful bidder(s)' employees and contracted staff shall not be considered TVDSB employees and shall not represent themselves as an agent of the TVDSB nor be eligible for any of the benefits provided to TVDSB employees.		
5.1.18	The TVDSB reserves the right to demand the removal of any successful bidder's employees or contracted staff engaged in this contract if, in the TVDSB's opinion, their conduct has been of an unacceptable nature.		
5.1.19	The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for seeing that regular supervision is maintained over all working personnel. It is the bidder's responsibility to see that all their activities are properly coordinated with the TVDSB's operations and modify assignments as required.		
5.1.20	This bid document is being issued pursuant to the TVDSB's Purchasing Policies and Procedures.		
5.1.21	The acceptance of the bid by the successful bidder and the award of the contract contemplated by this bid document is subject to approval of the Board of Trustees.		

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5.2	CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT / LOSS OF SERVICE		
5.2.1	The TVDSB reserves the right to terminate this contract within 30 days written notice if, in its opinion, the successful bidder(s) fails to meet the terms and conditions of the contract. Notwithstanding the termination of the contract, the successful bidder(s) shall remain responsible for its obligations under this contract up to the date of termination. The TVDSB reserves the right to commence an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the successful bidder(s) for damages that result from the breach of the terms and conditions of the contract, by the successful bidder(s).		
5.2.2	The TVDSB shall have the right to retain and set off from any monies payable to the successful bidder(s) under the contract the total outstanding amount from time to time and for all damage claims by the TVDSB or any third parties arising out of this contract which have not been resolved by the successful bidder(s) or its insurer.		
5.2.3	The TVDSB reserves the right to withhold monies owing under a contract to the value of the obligation to a maximum of the monies owing to the successful bidder(s) for any indebtedness of the supplier that may impact on the TVDSB.		
5.2.4	The successful bidder(s) shall be responsible for ensuring continuous delivery of the goods and services in the event of a labour disruption by either, the successful bidder(s), the TVDSB's staff or third party interruptions.		
5.2.5	In the event that the successful bidder(s) becomes insolvent, and/or the successful bidder(s) is unable or unwilling to provide the contracted service for a period of more than 30 consecutive days during the period of the contract, the TVDSB shall have the right to replace the successful bidder(s) with another service provider suitable to the TVDSB in addition to all of its other rights pursuant to the term of this bid.		
5.3	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT		
5.3.1	Bidders agree that all documentation and information contained in any bid submissions and any addendum that becomes the property of the TVDSB shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to an application pursuant to a Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act request for disclosure. Notwithstanding that a bid submission or an addendum may contain a trade secret of the bidder, intellectual property right of the bidder, or scientific, technical, commercial, pricing or other financial or labour relations information or any other similar secret.		
5.3.2	A bidder specifically consents to the disclosure of any and all information contained in their bid submission or any addendum pursuant to a request for disclosure pursuant to a Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and such consent shall be considered a consent given pursuant to Subsection 10(2) of the said Act. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the bidder assigns all right, title and interest that they have in the bid submission, and any addendum to the TVDSB, including the right to copy and/or publish the same as the TVDSB sees fit, notwithstanding that no request for disclosure is made pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.		
5.3.3	All bidders agree not to disclose any information provided by the TVDSB in this bid document to any third party without the written consent of the TVDSB.		

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5.4	HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILD LABOUR LAWS		
5.4.1	Any infringement on human rights, but namely those of children, is of considerable concern to the TVDSB. Bidders wishing to do business with the TVDSB are asked to promote the purchase of goods from companies that operate in full compliance with the laws of their respective countries and with all applicable child labour laws, rules and regulations related to hiring, wages, hours worked, overtime and working conditions.		
5.4.2	Bidders should indicate your firm's policy and present practices and procedures in place to encourage promotion of this objective.		
5.4.3	For bidders information the web site address of the International Labour Organization and its objectives toward the abolition of child labour is:		
5.4.3.1	http://www.ilo.org		
5.5	HEALTH, SAFETY REGULATIONS		
5.5.1	All equipment requiring approval (Hydro One, C.S.A., ULC., etc.) must be completely assembled and must bear label showing approval of assembly prior to delivery. The TVDSB shall not accept any equipment that has not been inspected and approved. If not so approved, the TVDSB reserves the right to invoice the successful bidder(s) for the cost of certification/replacement.		
5.5.2	Every person who supplies any machine, device, tool, equipment or service to the TVDSB must ensure that the machine, device, tool, equipment or service complies with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations of Industrial Establishments. The burden of proof rests with the supplier.		
5.5.3	The Ministry of Education and Training and the Ministry of Health provides regulations specifying which substances/ products are not acceptable. If applicable, the successful bidder(s) must supply MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS providing us with the breakdown of components for any products used in our facilities with every shipment.		
5.5.4	The Occupational Health and Safety Act describes the responsibilities of an employer. The TVDSB requires contractors maintain procedures, training and enforcement so that the responsibilities are carried out at our workplace. The contract shall abide by and strictly adhere to the regulations and conditions set out and laid down by the most current versions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1990, Chapter 0-1. Their workers must be trained in WHIMS in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Act Regulations. They must adhere to all of the TVDSB's Health and Safety Policy, Procedures and Guidelines and Municipal Bylaws.		
5.6	COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE		
5.6.1	The successful bidder(s) must be covered by Commercial General Liability Insurance throughout the term of the contract. Each bidder must state if it has Commercial General Liability Insurance Coverage.		

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5.6.2	Each bidder should show proof with the submission of this bid that upon the award of this contract that it will be covered by Commercial Liability Insurance coverage with limits of \$2 million per occurrence for liability (by way of primary coverage and/or Umbrella Coverage and/or otherwise), arising at law for damages caused by reason of bodily injury (including death) or damage to property by its employees or subcontractors. If the bidder does not presently have \$2 million per occurrence of Commercial Liability Insurance coverage, the bidder shall provide a written assurance from his insurer or agent on the insurer's or agent's letterhead that liability insurance limits will be increased to \$2 million per occurrence from the commencement of the contract should the contract be awarded to the bidder. The successful bidder(s) further agrees to maintain good standing throughout the term of the contract. The TVDSB reserves the right to request proof of coverage any time throughout the duration of the contract.		
5.6.2.1	This liability policy shall contain the following coverage:		
5.6.2.2	Personal Injury & Property Damage		
5.6.2.3	Non-Owned Automobile Liability		
5.6.2.4	Owners and Contractors Protective Coverage		
5.6.2.5	Contractual Liability		
5.6.2.6	Broad Form Property Damage		
5.6.2.7	Products & Completed Operation Insurance		
5.6.2.8	Contingent Employees Liability		
5.6.2.9	Cross Liability Clause and Severability of Interest Clause		
5.6.3	Upon an award to the successful bidder(s) by the TVDSB, the successful bidder(s) shall be required to submit certification in a form satisfactory to the TVDSB of the above-mentioned coverage to protect the TVDSB against claims for property damages and personal injuries, including accidental death, caused by the successful bidder(s) or its employees or subcontractors during the performance of its obligations under the contract.		
5.6.4	The successful bidder(s) agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the TVDSB from and against any and all liability for loss, damage and expense, which the TVDSB may suffer or for which the TVDSB may be held liable by reason or injury (including death) or damage to any property arising out of negligent or willful acts on the part of the successful bidder(s) or any of its representatives or employees or subcontractors in the execution of the work performed or from defects in the equipment supplied.		
5.7	MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE		
5.7.1	Bidders must state if its own vehicles and/or those vehicles owned by its employees or subcontractors shall operate on the property of the TVDSB.		

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5.7.2	In the event of an affirmative answer to 5.8.1, the successful bidders must be covered by Automobile Liability Insurance through the term of the Contract. If the bidder's employees or subcontractors will operate their own vehicles during the contract then they must maintain the same Automobile Liability Coverage as the bidder. Each bidder must state if it or its employees or subcontractors have Automobile Liability Insurance Coverage. Sub clauses also subsection 5.8.3 to subsection 5.8.4 applies to those employees or subcontractors who operate their own automobiles on the property of the TVDSB.		
5.7.3	Bidders should show proof with the submission of this bid, that upon the award of this contract that it will be covered by Automobile Liability Insurance with coverage limits of \$2 million (Commercial and \$1million on all personally owned vehicles)per occurrence for liability arising at law for damages caused by reason or bodily injury (including death) or damage to property by its employees or subcontractors. If the bidder does not presently have \$2 million per occurrence of Automobile Liability Insurance Coverage, the bidder shall provide a written assurance from his insurer or agent on the insurer's or the agent's letterhead that liability insurance limits will be increased to \$2 million for Commercial Vehicles and \$1 million personally owned vehicles per occurrence from the commencement of the contract and annually thereafter for the term of the contract, should the contract be awarded to the bidder. The successful bidder(s) further agrees to maintain that good standing throughout the term of the contract.		
5.7.3.1	The TVDSB reserves the right to request proof of coverage anytime throughout the duration of the contract. This liability policy shall contain the following coverage:		
5.7.3.2	Third Party Liability Coverage in the form of OAP-1		
5.7.4	Upon an award to the successful bidder(s) by the TVDSB, the successful bidder(s) shall be required to submit certification in a form satisfactory to the TVDSB of the above-mentioned coverage to protect the TVDSB against claims for property damage and personal injuries, including accidental death, caused by the successful bidder(s) or its employees or subcontractors during the performance of its obligations under the contract by way of the ownership or operation of an automobile.		
5.7.5	The successful bidder(s) agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend, the TVDSB from and against any and all liability for loss, damage and expense, which the TVDSB may suffer or for which the TVDSB may be held liable by reason of injury (including death) or damage to any property arising out of negligence on the party of the successful bidder(s) or any of its representatives or employees by way of the ownership or operation of an automobile.		
6.0	BIDDER PROFILE		
6.1	REFERENCES		
6.1.1	Bidders should provide a minimum of three references where you have successfully provided goods and or services similar to this bid document. The reference must contain the following information:		
6.1.1.1	Reference 1 - Company Name:		
6.1.1.2	Reference 1 - Address:		
6.1.1.3	Reference 1 - Contact Name:		

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6.1.1.4	Reference 1 - Phone Number:		
6.1.1.5	Reference 1 - Fax Number:		
6.1.1.6	Reference 1 - e-mail address:		
6.1.1.7	Reference 2 - Company Name:		
6.1.1.8	Reference 2 - Address:		
6.1.1.9	Reference 2 - Contact Name:		
6.1.1.10	Reference 2 - Phone Number:		
6.1.1.11	Reference 2 - Fax Number:		
6.1.1.12	Reference 2 - e-mail address:		
6.1.1.13	Reference 3 - Company Name:		
6.1.1.14	Reference 3 - Address:		
6.1.1.15	Reference 3 - Contact Name:		
6.1.1.16	Reference 3 - Phone Number:		
6.1.1.17	Reference 3 - Fax Number:		
6.1.1.18	Reference 3 - e-mail address:		
6.2	ADMINISTRATION & ORGANIZATION		
6.2.1	The TVDSB reserves the right at any time after the closing date, to request from any bidder evidence of its financial standing and stability, including that of each of its officers, directors and principals. All bidders agree to provide at their own expense all such above-related information as may be requested by the TVDSB within four (4) days of the date of any such request.		
6.2.2	Bidders are required to list any and all pending or ongoing legal claims or disputes where the bidder could individually or in combination with other claims, suffer a potential economic loss greater than \$100,000.00.		
6.2.3	Bidders should state location of their distribution centre.		
7.0	BID SUBMISSION		
7.1	BIDDER'S RESPONSE GUIDE		
7.1.1	Each bid submission should be structured using only the criteria identified in this bid document. When submitting bids, bidders should use the same numbering format, as on this bid document.		
7.1.2	The bid submission must include:		
7.1.2.1	Printed and signed copies of all Appendices		
7.1.3	One Diskette, CD, or memory stick with file name:		
7.1.3.1	Appendices025.xls containing the following worksheets:		
7.1.3.1.1	Worksheet A: Terms and Conditions Response in Excel format - Electronic response required		
7.1.3.1.2	Worksheet B: Equipment and Probeware - Electronic response required		
7.1.4	It is the bidders' responsibility to ensure that the necessary files are on the diskette, CD, or memory stick.		
7.1.5	Failure to respond in electronic format will deem the bid noncompliant.		

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7.1.6	All bid documents should be submitted in an envelope marked with the bid name and number (as set out in Section 9.6 - Labelling Instructions).		
7.1.7	Bidders' submissions should include page numbers for ease of reference by committee members.		
7.1.8	The specifications and pricing section of the bid submission should not make reference to supplemental materials.		
7.1.9	Supplemental materials will not qualify as substitutes for direct responses to the bid's requirements unless specifically requested.		
8.0	AWARD		
8.1	EVALUATION PROCESS		
8.1.1	An evaluation committee will be established to evaluate bid submissions.		
8.1.2	All bid submissions will first be evaluated on their compliance with the requirements of this bid document.		
8.1.3	All compliant bid submissions will be evaluated by a TVDSB evaluation committee.		
8.1.4	All bid submissions will be evaluated on their ability to supply the requirements identified in the Worksheets.		
8.1.5	In the event of a tie score the TVDSB will resolve the tie by drawing of names. All parties will have representation at the draw.		
8.1.6	Compliant bidders may be requested to make a presentation of their bid for clarification only. No alteration of your submission will be permitted. Notification will be given to qualified bidders as to the time and place. The presentation shall be at the expense of the bidder.		
8.1.7	Delivery, lead times, service, performance record, and the value of the overall award will also be taken into consideration when awarding this contract.		
8.1.8	The determination of equal quality will be based on our internal professional opinions.		
8.2	AWARD AND NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT		
8.2.1	The results of this bid will be posted to the TVDSB web site as soon as decisions have been made:		
8.2.1.1	www.tvdsb.ca		
8.2.1.2	"Board" → "Purchasing" → "Bids"		
8.2.1.3	Scroll to the end of the document, click "Proceed to inquiry/download page".		
8.2.1.4	Proceed to the Bid, click		
8.2.1.5	"Results - Check Mark"		
8.2.1.6	View documents in PDF format.		
8.2.2	All bid files are available for downloading at no charge from the TVDSB web site.		

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 Purchasing Department

Joyce Bennett
 Chairperson

9.0	ELECTRONIC BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS		
9.1	DOWNLOADING BID DOCUMENTS		

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9.1.1	All documents are available from the TVDSB Web Site at www.tvdsb.on.ca		
9.1.2	Click "Purchasing - Bids" icon		
9.1.3	Click "Electronic Bidding Instructions, Bid Download and Bid Results" or "Bids"		
9.1.4	Read instructions		
9.1.5	Click "Proceed to Inquiry/Download page"		
9.1.6	Click on the "Name of the Bid" to view documents in PDF format.		
9.1.7	Click on the "NEW" logo to download the executable files for preparing and submitting your bid.		
9.1.8	All bid files are available for downloading at no charge from the TVDSB web site.		
9.2	PRINTING COPIES OF BID DOCUMENTS		
9.2.1	To view a copy of the bid document in PDF format, click on "Science Equipment"		
9.3	COMPUTER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS		
9.3.1	To use the electronic system, bidders must have the following equipment:		
9.3.1.1	Microsoft Windows, version 9.5 or greater		
9.3.1.2	2.5 MB available hard drive space		
9.3.1.3	3 ½ 1.44 MB diskette drive, CD burner, or USB port.		
9.4	INSTALLATION OF BID PROGRAM ONTO YOUR COMPUTER:		
9.4.1	The TVDSB has made every effort to ensure the files are free of any virus and are functional. However, in safe computing practice, you are responsible for checking the files on your own virus checker to ensure they are free of any virus.		
9.4.2	Download the executables from our Web Site as shown above in section 9.1. Double click on the "NEW" logo for the executable file. Follow the instructions.		
9.4.3	The bid files are installed into a default directory called C:\LBTENDER. When the installation process is complete, a box will appear with a "Remove Thames Valley District School Board Tender icon"; please close this box. When the setup is complete, click close.		
9.4.4	To begin the bid process:		
9.4.4.1	Go to Windows Explorer		
9.4.4.2	Click on C:\ drive		
9.4.4.3	Open the folder "lbtender"		
9.4.4.4	The file "Appendices025.xls" will be installed in the c:\lbtender directory with the following worksheets:		
9.4.4.4.1	Worksheet A - Terms and Conditions		
9.4.4.4.2	Worksheet B - Equipment and Probeware		
9.4.5	To start the process open the Excel files and complete as instructed.		
9.5	THE RETURN DISKETTE, MEMORY STICK OR CD:		
9.5.1	After all bids have been entered:		
9.5.1.1	Copy Appendices025.xls to either a diskette, memory stick, or CD using your company's standard CD Writing program.		

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9.5.1.2	Check to ensure that the files are on the diskette, memory stick, or CD. Without these files we will not be able to download your bid.		
9.5.1.3	Be sure to label your diskette, memory stick, or CD with company name and signature as outlined in section 9.7.		
9.6	LABELLING OF ENVELOPE		
9.6.1	ADDRESS BID ENVELOPE AS SHOWN BELOW:		
9.6.2	From - Company Name & Address		
9.6.3	To: OFFICE OF THE TENDERS CLERK		
9.6.4	Thames Valley District School Board		
9.6.5	EDUCATION CENTRE,		
9.6.6	1250 Dundas Street,		
9.6.7	LONDON, Ontario		
9.6.8	N5W 5P2		
9.6.9	Science Equipment Tender		
9.6.10	Bid #25 - 2012		
9.6.11	Return Date: 12:00:00 noon local time, Wednesday, April 18, 2012.		
9.7	PLEASE AFFIX LABEL ON DISK, MEMORY STICK, OR CD AS SHOWN BELOW:		
9.7.1	THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD		
9.7.2	Science Equipment Tender		
9.7.3	Bid #25 - 2012		
9.7.4	Return Date: 12:00:00 noon local time, Wednesday, April 18, 2012.		
9.7.5	Signature:		
9.7.6	Firm Name:		
10.0	SIGNATURE PAGE		
10.1	This section must be completed, signed, and included with your submission for your bid to be accepted.		
10.2	I hereby acknowledge and agree that I have read and completed all of the preceding Contract Terms and Conditions and all Appendices. All required Appendices are included in our bid submission.		
10.3	I/We the undersigned are duly authorized to execute this Bid Submission on behalf of:		
10.4	NAME (Please print):		
10.5	TITLE:		
10.6	SIGNATURE:		
10.7	FIRM NAME:		
10.8	State the legal entity that your organization operates under:		
10.8.1	Proprietorship		
10.8.2	Partnership		
10.8.3	Corporation		

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10.9	If your organization is incorporated, bidders must state the jurisdiction in which the corporation was originally incorporated in:		
10.9.1	Name of each individual Partner or Correct Legal Name of Corporation:		
10.9.2	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
10.9.3	ADDRESS:		
10.9.4	INTERNET ADDRESS:		
10.9.5	TELEPHONE NO.:		
10.9.6	FAX NO.:		
10.10	If subcontracting , bidders must provide the correct legal name for any sub contractor, their full personal name and address, telephone number, fax number, as well as the name(s) of appropriate contact persons (with whom the TVDSB may consult regarding this bid with whom the bidder enters into a contract(s) with to carry out any portion of this contract:		
10.10.1	Firm Name:		
10.10.2	Firm Address:		
10.10.3	Telephone Number:		
10.10.4	Fax Number:		
10.10.5	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		

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SECTION B. EQUIPMENT								
Item No.	UOM	Product Description	Boreal # or equivalent	Quantity	Your product number - Make/model	State length of warranty	State if warranty is on site or return to depot	Unit Price
B1	EACH	Corning Pyroceram Hot Plate, Analog Display, 4" x 5"	62083M06	1				
B2	EACH	Electronic Pro Balance, 2000g x 0.1g, 6 Weighing Modes	47191M07	1				
B3	EACH	Electronic Pro Balance, 400g x 0.01g, 4 Weighing Modes	47191M04	1				
B4	EACH	Electronic Pro Balance, 120g x 0.001g, 4 Weighing Modes	47191M12	1				
B5	EACH	Van de Graff type Electrostatic generator	61932M00	1				
B6	EACH	Four Wheel Dynamics Carts	65929M00	1				
B7	EACH	Optics Materials Kit	66462M00	1				
B8	EACH	Rive Ray Box w/Transformer Lamp	6818290	1				
B9	EACH	Ripple tank wave generator	16700M00	1				
B10	EACH	Water Pollution demonstration kit	46959M00	1				
B11	EACH	Wind Tunnel	67310M67	1				
B12	EACH	Water testing kit	46438M01	1				
B13	EACH	Quality Lab Incubators, Large/2.0 cu. ft	45384M00	1				
B14	EACH	AC/DC Amplifier Power Supply	64920M00	1				
B15	EACH	Microscope - Basic Model		1				
B16	EACH	Microscope - Intermediate Model		1				
B17	EACH	Microscope - Advanced Model		1				

SECTION C. PROBEWARE								
Item No.	UOM	Product Description	Boreal # or equivalent	Quantity	Your product number - Make/model	State length of warranty	State if warranty is on site or return to depot	Unit Price
C1	EACH	Hand held data logger that supports sensors F5-F21 appropriate for student use in grades 6 through 12		1				
C2	EACH	Software licenses - school/ teacher/ student associated with data logger		1				
C3	EACH	Software licenses - board wide (28 secondary school locations) for data logger		1				
C4	EACH	Service contract - for datalogger and associated probes		1				
SENSORS associated with Data Logger								
C5	EACH	Dissolved oxygen sensor	DO-BTA	1				
C6	EACH	Dissolved carbon dioxide sensor		1				
C7	EACH	Light sensor	LS-BTA	1				
C8	EACH	Extra long temperate probe	TPL-BTA	3				
C9	EACH	Temperature probe - stainless steel	TMP-BTA	5				
C10	EACH	Spirometer		1				

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Item No.	UOM	Product Description	Boreal # or equivalent	Quantity	Your product number - Make/model	State length of warranty	State if warranty is on site or return to depot	Unit Price
C11	EACH	Atmospheric Pressure sensor		1				
C12	EACH	Relative humidity sensor	RH-BTA	1				
C13	EACH	Atmospheric carbon dioxide		1				
C14	EACH	pH sensor	PH-BTA	1				
C15	EACH	EKG		1				
C16	EACH	UV		1				
C17	EACH	Conductivity probe	CON-BTA	1				
C18	EACH	Turbidity sensor	TRB-BTA	1				
C19	EACH	Motion		1				
C20	EACH	Force		1				
C21	EACH	Acceleration		1				
C22	EACH	Soil moisture sensor	SMS-BTA	1				
C23	EACH	UVB sensor	UVB-BTA	1				
C24	EACH	co2 gas sensor	CO2-BTA	1				
C25	EACH	Voltage probe	VP-BTA	1				
C26	EACH	Current probe	DCP-BTA	1				
C27	EACH	Vernier GPS sensor	VGPS	6				
C28	EACH	Flow rate sensor	FLO-BTA	3				
C29	EACH	Photogate system		1				

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