

Expanded Math Access Program (RFP #25-008) Questions and Answers

1. Where can I locate the NYSED RFP #25-008, Expanded Math Access Program (K-8)?

The Request for Proposal (RFP): Expanded Math Access Program (K-8) is available on the [Competitive Procurement Contracts](#) webpage and the [Funding Opportunities](#) webpage.

2. Regarding RFP #25-008 Expanded Math Access Program (K-8), the RFP seems to indicate only one vendor will be selected to provide the requested services for K-8. Can you please confirm whether this is correct and whether NYSED would consider vendors that offer partial grade bands (ex. K-5)?

NYSED will award one (1) contract pursuant to RFP #25-008 for an amount no higher than \$2,250,000 per year. Services cannot be split among multiple bidders.

3. Will NYSED choose the same vendor who was awarded the first RFP/contract?

The incumbent vendor must submit a bid, which will be evaluated the same as all other RFP submissions. This RFP employs a “best value” method of procurement, with 30 percent of the overall points awarded based on cost. See the “Criteria for Evaluating Bids” section of the RFP for additional information.

4. Fiscal: Will the student licenses be utilized throughout the year or just for the tournament?

Student licenses must be available for NYS students in grades K-8 to utilize throughout the school year to support math fluency and the love of math.

Program: If awarded, would vendors be allowed to solicit sponsorships (to support the Statewide Tournament)?

No.

5. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a bid for the EMAP program under RFP 25-008. This bid is to be submitted electronically. Given the size and nature (confidential data included therein) of the project, I wanted to ask if it would be acceptable to provide a secure link in an email so that we can upload the required documents, and you can download them safely. I can send 4 separate emails, each with its own link to closely comply with the directions provided:

Submission Documents labeled [name of bidder] Submission Documents RFP #25-008

Technical Proposal labeled [name of bidder] Technical Proposal RFP #25-008

Cost Proposal labeled [name of bidder] Cost Proposal RFP #25-008

M/WBE Documents labeled [name of bidder] M/WBE Documents RFP #25-008

It is not practical for NYSED to retrieve documents from links provided by bidders. If necessary, it is permissible to send more than one email to accommodate larger files.

6. The Word version of the RFP has TWO Exhibit 1. May we assume that is simply an error?

Thank you for pointing that out. In fact, the Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and Supplemental Information pages in the Appendix R were all in the RFP twice. However, it was not a simple duplication. The first instance of each of those (on pages 74-81) was correct. The second instance (pages 82-86) was outdated material.

[The RFP was reposted](#) on February 20 and is now 80 pages. It contains the correct Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and Supplemental Information pages. Bidders who are using the original RFP should use the documents included on pages 74-81.

7. Under Deliverable section C.1.3 Facilities and Amenities, requires the vendor to provide sufficient staff to direct and assist student participants and their families, and the adult chaperones, including teacher proctors at the Statewide Event. Can volunteers be used for this purpose?

Yes. The vendor would be responsible for either hiring staff or obtaining volunteers to ensure sufficient staff levels at the Statewide Tournament including providing reimbursement for travel, accommodations, meals, and overtime costs as needed. NYSED can provide the vendor with contact information for professional organizations and other stakeholder groups that may be able to serve as staff and/or volunteers for the Statewide Tournament.

8. I provide Consulting and IT services to NYC Public Schools. I am a NYC certified MWBE company. I wanted to know if this qualifies me for state MWBE contracts. If not how do i become state MWBE certified? Also, where do i get access to the state vendor or solicitation portal to get access to upcoming contracts?

A business must be New York State M/WBE certified to pursue opportunities reserved for M/WBEs or to have their participation as a subcontractor count toward a primary vendor's M/WBE utilization. New York State M/WBE Certification is administered by Empire State Development. For additional information on NYS MWBE Certification requirements, and for assistance, [click here](#). The [New York State Contract Reporter](#) is the best place to access contracting opportunities.