

**To:** Jacqueline Posey, Procurement Agent

**From:** Andrea Marafino, Technology Services Program Analyst

**Date:** March 27, 2018

**Re:** Determination for Mini Bid 18-68-18: Tablets for Use with Educational Applications

The District issued Mini Bid 18-68-18 to procure educational tablets to be used with instructional applications in Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) elementary schools. The scope of the mini bid was to purchase five tablets for each classroom in grades K-3, for a total of approximately 4,200 devices.

A committee comprised of eight members met on February 16, 2018 to evaluate the bids submitted by six vendors. Due to the wide range of responses for peripheral items, the committee determined that the award would be limited to the following items only:

- Devices compatible with both the SuccessMaker and Imagine Learning applications
- 3-year Extended Service Agreement with Accidental Damage Coverage

Screen protectors, device covers, headsets, charging stations, and lockable storage containers will be purchased separately via vendors already contracted with TUSD to provide these items.

Several vendors submitted proposals for multiple devices, including devices with 8" screens, however, at only about 80% of the screen size recommended for use with the SuccessMaker and Imagine Learning applications, the committee unanimously agreed that these devices would not be evaluated.

Of the devices remaining within the budget allocated, the committee selected two devices that were then tested by IT staff to ensure compatibility with SuccessMaker and Imagine Learning. The devices were also tested by students from Blenman Elementary School and Drachman Montessori K-8 Magnet School to ensure that there were no issues from a user standpoint.

The committee then reconvened on March 21, 2018 and determined that the solution provided by Barnes and Noble would be most advantageous and best overall value for the District. In addition to providing a compatible device and extended warranty within budget, Barnes and Noble's solution included on-site training for all TUSD schools as well as a management solution consisting of setup of all devices at no additional cost. This added value from the Barnes and Noble solution more than offset any difference in price offered by other proposed solutions.

A member from the Technology Oversight Committee provided input throughout the entire process, however, was unable to participate in the final evaluation meeting.

Thank you,

Andrea Marafino