



North County Educational Purchasing Consortium

Addendum No. 1 to NORTH COUNTY EDUCATIONAL PURCHASING CONSORTIUM REQUEST FOR BIDS

Bid No. 2026-SCI – Science Supplies

Addendum Dated: December 12, 2025

Original BID Issued Date: December 3, 2025

Bid Due Date: December 17, 2025, by 10:00:00am PST

All clarifications, updates and questions received are posted below with corresponding answers.

- Q1. For a vendor to be considered, they must bid at least ninety (90%) percent of items listed (45 of the 50 items). I only have about 6 items I can bid on. Do I continue to fill this bid out or would I be rejected?**

A: This Request for Bids is being conducted as a Market Basket Bid (Option 1). As stated in the General Conditions, Section 7(a), for a vendor to be considered for award, the vendor must bid at least ninety percent (90%) of the National Brand items listed in the market basket.

Vendors who do not meet this minimum requirement will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for award under this solicitation.

Vendors should carefully review the bid requirements to determine whether they are able to meet the minimum participation threshold prior to submitting a bid.

- Q2. Can you please verify the bid effective dates?**

A: The contract term for Bid No. 2026-SCI – Science Supplies shall begin on January 1, 2026, and shall continue through December 31, 2026, unless earlier terminated in accordance with the contract documents. The contract may be extended for two (2) additional one-year terms, subject to mutual agreement of the parties and approval by the Consortium's Governing Board.

- Q3. Can you please verify the bid effective dates? The tentative award date is 2/4/2026 and the bid effective dates are 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.**

A: The anticipated contract term is January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The tentative award date of February 4, 2026 reflects the date the Consortium's Governing Board is expected to consider and ratify the award.

The Consortium was granted approval for "President's Award" of BID 2026-SCI at the December 3, 2025 Board Meeting. The President's Award is an interim authorization granted by the Consortium's President that allows staff to proceed with contract execution before the full Governing Board Meeting, when timing does not align neatly with bid schedules. It is not a final contract approval, but a procedural mechanism to keep procurements moving without delaying service to member district. The President's award allows for contract performance to begin prior to the February Board meeting.