

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES SOFTWARE

ISSUED BY: Platte County R-III School District 998 Platte Falls Road Platte City, MO 64079 www.plattecountyschooldistrict.com

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Platte County R-III School District is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide integrated financial and human resources software solutions to support the district's:

- Financial operations and applications including accounting, budgeting, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and integration of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) accounting structure and principles.
- Human Resources applications to include: applicant tracking, employee records, personnel management, absence and time management, and reporting.
- The selected solution should enhance efficiency, and effective data management, ensure compliance with applicable state and federal regulations, and provide user-friendly functionality for staff.

2. OBJECTIVE

The primary objective is to procure a robust and scalable financial and human resources software solution(s) that:

- Supports compliance with federal, state, and local financial regulations.
- Provides real-time reporting and analytics.
- Streamlines and automates key financial and human resources processes.
- Enhances data security and integrates with existing systems.
- Offers comprehensive training and ongoing support for district staff.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The proposed solution should include, but is not limited to, the following functionalities:

- General Ledger: Ability to manage financial transactions and generate reports.
- Accounts Payable and Receivable: Efficient management of vendor payments and receivables.
- Budget Management: Tools for forecasting, creating, monitoring, and adjusting budgets.
- **Payroll Processing:** Comprehensive payroll functionality, including tax reporting and deductions.
- **Personnel System:** Employee records including tracking of demographic data, position history, certification, FMLA, ADA, leave balances and history, employee benefits, background check, emergency contact information, etc.
- **Compensation and Position Management:** Tools to support staffing model development and budgeting process.
- **Applicant Tracking:** Tools for requisitions, job postings (to multiple platforms), workflows, real-time analytics, collaboration tools for hiring teams, integration with one-way video screening tools, and integration with payroll system for employee records set-up.
- Absence and Time Management: Mobile-friendly tool with self-service leave requests, time tracking, and approvals, automated substitute finding, seamless integration with the payroll system for accurate time calculations and payment, geo-fencing capability, and real-time absence tracking and analytics.
- **Employee Records:** Tool for paperless forms, online checklists, e-Verify integration, digital storage, centralized tracking, automated alerts, contract engine, and real-time analytics.
- **Reporting and Analytics:** Customizable reports and dashboards.
- Integration Capabilities: Seamless integration with other systems such as HR and student information systems.
- Security Features: Role-based access controls and data encryption.

4. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Vendors should include the following in their proposal:

- Cover Letter: Introduction and summary of qualifications.
- Company Background: Overview of the company, including experience with school districts.
- Proposed Solution: Detailed description of the software's features and functionalities.
- Implementation Plan: Timeline, milestones, data conversion, and resources required.
- Training and Support: Description of training programs and ongoing technical support.
- Technical Specifications: Description of technical specifications and system security.
- **Cost Proposal:** Breakdown of all costs, including licensing, implementation, training, and maintenance.
- **References:** At least three references from similar-sized school districts (Missouri school districts preferred).

Please note: The Platte County School District Business Services and Human Resources Teams are seeking financial applications and human resources applications/platforms *presented separately and packaged*. We will evaluate each application/module and may select one company that can provide a comprehensive service or select separate companies based on the evaluation criteria below. We reserve the right to choose not to select any solutions and operate with our current software platforms.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Functionality and Features: Ability to meet the district's requirements.
- Cost: Total cost of ownership, including implementation and ongoing expenses.
 - We are seeking implementation and first-year costs, as well as continued cost structures for year two and beyond that, include annual subscription fees and other ancillary fees.
- User Experience: Ease of use and accessibility for staff.
- Vendor Experience: Demonstrated success in serving similar clients.
- Training and Support: Quality of training and availability of technical support.

6. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must be submitted via email no later than **12:00 PM on Friday, February 21st** to the following email addresses (proposals must include both): Put in the subject line "**RFP Proposal PCR3**"

Brian Noller Executive Director of Business Services noller.brian@pcr3schools.org

Ashley Jones Executive Director of Human Resources jones.ashley@pcr3schools.org

7. TIMELINE

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- **RFP Issuance Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2025
 - Questions Due Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 12:00 PM
 - Submit questions to both email addresses prior to this deadline
- Proposal Submission Deadline: Friday, February 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM
 - Submitted electronically to both email addresses above
- Evaluation and Vendor Selection: Friday, February 21, 2025 at 1:00 PM
- Notification of Top Selections: Monday, February 24, 2025
- Interview of Top Selections: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Thursday, March 6, 2025
- Presented to Board of Education: Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM
- Implementation Start Date: April 1, 2025
- Launch Date: July 1, 2025
- Training of District Staff: Late July, 2025

8. QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to (Include both addresses):

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Ashley Jones Executive Director of Human Resources jones.ashley@pcr3schools.org

The Platte County R-III School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to negotiate with any vendor as deemed in the district's best interest.

Appendix A - Platte County Relevant Data

Below is some relevant data to support the proposals that software firms/developers will provide to the Platte County R-3 School District as a response to this RFP

Total number of staff

- Certified 398
- Classified 318
- Substitutes 153

Total number of students

• 4424 - Includes Pre-K - 12th grade

Total number of sites/attendance centers

- 1 high school
- 2 middle schools
- 4 elementary schools
- 1 early childhood program
- 1 share time vocational school (Students from 7 school districts and 17 high schools attend in ¹/₂ day format)

Annual Budget

- \$79,414,287.00 which includes all operational expenses, capital expenditures, and debt services expenditures
- A link to our annual board presented and approved budget document can be found <u>HERE</u>

Payroll Periods

- There are 24 payroll periods LINK
- Team members are paid the 10th and 25th of each month