



RIO RANCHO PUBLIC SCHOOLS PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

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Prospective Contractor:

Vaya Verde, dba Learner's Chess
532 Adams Street NE
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Total amount of prospective contract for SY17-18: \$ 11,300

Total amount of prospective contract over three years: \$ 29,550

To include:

- A chess club, which is one enrichment activity for the students who attend the Rio Rancho Public Schools before and after school program called, "Students Achieving for Excellence," S.A.F.E.
- Chess coaches teach chess classes in intensives and 1:1 to student during S.A.F.E.
- Organize and facilitate a chess tournament at each SAFE site
- Organize and facilitate a one semester chess tournament between students from five SAFE sites
- Learner's Chess is the only chess program that has operated in RRPS schools.

Proposed Contract Term: 36 Months (3 years)

- 10 Months: August 2017-May 2018.

Summary:

The Rio Rancho Public Schools Purchasing Department intends to make a purchase for which we believe there is no competition. This will be a "Sole Source" procurement made in accordance with 13-1-126 NMSA 1978. The purpose of this notice of intent is to attempt to identify possible alternatives. Any potential vendor who does not agree that this product or service is available from only the intended source must contact the Rio Rancho Public Schools Purchasing Office within thirty (30) calendar days of the date this notice is posted to the

State of New Mexico General Services/Purchasing Division “Sunshine Portal”. Note, the full Notice of Intent - Sole Source Procurement and Contractor Measurement and Verification Plan package may be viewed online at the following website address:

<https://www.rpps.net/cms/one.aspx?pageId=338932>

Your response must be in writing and describe the product or service you are proposing as an equivalent or alternative product and service. Please send your response, via email to: michael.madrid@rpps.net The words “Response to Proposed Sole Source” must appear in the subject line. If you have any questions, please contact this office at that email address.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Learner’s Chess provides a chess club during the Rio Rancho Public School’s before and after school program that is operated at all ten elementary schools and is called “Students Achieving for Excellence” or S.A.F.E.

The Learner’s Chess club provides chess coaches, chess intensive classes, and organizes and operates a Chess tournament for the students who participated in the Chess Club. The services of Learner’s Chess is consistent with

A full description of the S.A.F.E. program is described below.

The vision of the Rio Rancho Public Schools’ S.A.F.E. Program is to become a nationally recognized before and after school program that serves our community by empowering children *to succeed socially and academically* through quality enrichment, learning, and role modeling experiences.

The mission of the Rio Rancho Public Schools’ S.A.F.E. Program is to provide a challenging and nurturing environment that empowers each child to discover more about him/herself and to thrive academically, socially and physically through unique and engaging experiences.

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

In 2001-02, the district received a 21ST Century Learning Community Grant that funded after-school tutoring at three RRPS elementary schools and one middle school. It was named, “Chiles.” When the grant expired in 2004, the district leadership decided to launch Students Achieving for Excellence (aka SAFE), a before-and-after-school program at each elementary school. At the time, there were fewer elementary schools, and each SAFE Program served significantly fewer students. Today, SAFE serves students in all of the district’s elementary schools and over 1,000 students. We are proud to offer ten distinct and high-quality SAFE Programs that engage students in age-appropriate enrichment activities as well as with quality toys, board, and cooperative learning games. SAFE utilizes a variety of learning spaces and partners with several local musicians, museums, and non-profits.

1. SAFE is an enrichment program for families that need a before and after school program at their child’s elementary school. Please note that SAFE is not daycare, and we do not offer a drop-in service.
2. The SAFE enrichment program provides developmentally appropriate activities for our students, in grades kindergarten through grade five. Developmentally appropriate activities may include literacy, dance, sports, music, math club, chess, arts-and crafts, gym games, and hands-on science.

3. SAFE partners with excellent vendors and non-profits to offer experiential learning (at NO extra cost to families) that builds background knowledge and a passion for learning. We have partnered with organizations such as:
- Santa Fe Opera
 - National Museum of Nuclear Science and History
 - Line dancing
 - Yoga
 - Explora!
 - Learner's Chess
 - Jazzercise
 - Be Greater Than Average (Hand's on science)
4. The SAFE Program at each RRPS elementary school recognizes that children learn through play. As such, we balance the scheduled enrichment activities with time for children to play gym games, on the playground, in a computer lab, board games, and with quality toys.

BELIEFS

The Rio Rancho Public Schools SAFE Program believes that we are responsible for ensuring:

- every child will have a sense of belonging and is valued as an individual.
- each child is capable of achieving a high standard of personal accountability both academically and socially.
- our SAFE staff make a critical contribution to the academic, social, and physical development of each student served.
- each student is respected for his/her individual and cultural diversity.
- all children are engaged in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.