NORTH CHICAGO CUSD 187
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – CHARTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

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Q.1. Is there any way we can get these in AutoCAD so that we can show some alterations on the facility based on our plan and include that in the proposal?

A.1. AutoCAD files of the blueprints for the first and second floors of the Navy Facility are available upon request and can be used to provide more details regarding proposed modifications to the bldg (although not required for a complete submission). Note that to open the files you will need AutoCAD software which I'm told is not commonly installed on computers because of the cost.

Q.2. Is there any available district space (with classrooms, etc.) that can be used as an alternate site if the proposed building does not materialize?

A.2. The District is currently planning to close one or more of its buildings, regardless of the establishment of a charter school, because from an efficiency standpoint this needs to happen. However, the criteria for making a decision as to which building or buildings should be closed have not yet been established. Any closed school could be available for the charter school.

Q.3. What were the utilities costs for the Navy Facility when used by the military for training purposes?

A.3. The Navy has advised that the previous utilities cost for the building, when used as a Navy training facility with 24/7 operations, was $600K/year. Actual costs for the District and charter school as Lessee and Sublessee, respectively, will likely be less and will depend on (i) the actual square footage used by the charter operator, and (ii) the extent and scope of the school's operations (*for*, *e.g.*, number of computers regularly powered, length of school day and school year, etc.).

Q.4. Is there a specific format that our proposal should be in when I submit it to North Chicago (e.g. binder clipped? Hole punched? Bound?). Previous RFP experiences have required very specific preferences – I just want to make sure we don't miss anything.

A.4. No specific format is required for submission, other than the requirement that proposals be submitted in hard copy form (either by mail or in person at the District Office; no email or facsimile transmissions accepted) and the requirement that each applicant submit 7 copies of the proposal. For additional information, *see* http://www.isbe.net/charter/pdf/north_chicago_rfp_qa120511.pdf.