



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2026

TO: PEPPM Registered Vendors & Potential Bidders

FROM: Thomas Caruso, Director, CSIU Cooperative Purchasing

SUBJECT: PEPPM 2027 Product Line Request for Bids by Kern County Superintendent of Schools, California

We are pleased to announce the publication of a new Request for Bids (RFB):

- PEPPM 2027 Product Line Bid – California (Electronic Bid Number 551242)

This RFB is issued through the PEPPM cooperative purchasing program under the authority of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS). The Product Line Bid seeks bids for multiple branded technology Product Lines.

The California RFB is separate from the Pennsylvania Product Line RFB issued through the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. Vendors interested in competing for awards under both solicitations must submit a separate bid response to each RFB.

The Bid Deadline

All bids must be received electronically through www.Epylon.com by **3 p.m. PT on Thursday, October 15, 2026**. We advise bidders to submit at least one to two days before the Bid Due Date to leave time to detect and correct any of their errors and to avoid any last-minute disruptions. Late bids will not be responsive.

Prebid Meeting

Potential bidders will have the opportunity to receive an overview of specifications, requirements, and bidding processes for the RFB by attending the prebid meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 8 a.m. PT, via Zoom.

Please note: Significant updates have been made to the Epylon eBid system. Attending the prebid meeting will be critical for understanding the changes and successfully submitting your bid.

[Click here to register for the prebid meeting.](#)

Other Important Dates

- Bidder Questions/Exceptions Due Date.....September 24, 2026
- Response to Questions/Exceptions.....October 1, 2026
- Tentative Board Award Date.....December 1, 2026
- Contract Start Date.....January 1, 2027

Why Bid in California?

PEPPM cooperates with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS) to conduct a separate California RFB, providing Bidders an opportunity to receive a PEPPM Product Line Contract awarded in California. Many California school districts and other Eligible Entities prefer to utilize contracts awarded through a California public agency.

Bidders interested in both the Pennsylvania and California PEPPM Product Line opportunities must submit a separate bid response to each RFB.

Differences in the California RFB

There are no bid fees to participate in the California RFB. The California and Pennsylvania RFBs are similar, allowing Bidders that responded to the Pennsylvania RFB to use much of the same information and documentation when preparing their California bid response.

The California bid deadline is scheduled after the Pennsylvania deadline to provide Bidders additional time to prepare and submit their California response.

Product Specifications

The PEPPM 2027 Product Line Bid seeks bids for multiple branded technology Product Lines. A list of the Product Lines sought, including the applicable Product Line descriptions/specifications, is posted at www.PEPPM.org/bids.

Specifications may be supplemented or amended during the bidding process.

Bidding Process

Bids must be submitted through the eBid system at www.Epylon.com.

New vendors should register through www.PEPPM.org. Registering through PEPPM will provide access to both the PEPPM website and the Epylon eBid system using the same username and password. There is no cost to register or to view bid materials.

If you previously registered through www.PEPPM.org, use your PEPPM username and password to log in at www.Epylon.com. Vendors who already have Epylon accounts should have received the bid invitations in their Epylon eBid inboxes.

If You Do Not See the RFBs in Your Epylon Inbox

If your company has an existing Epylon account but you do not see the RFBs in your inbox, please check the following:

- **Another user at your company may have already opened the RFB.** Once an RFB is opened by one user under a company's Epylon account, it will no longer appear in the inboxes of other users associated with that company. The user who opened the RFB can forward it to another company representative. If you are unsure who opened it, contact Epylon Customer Service for assistance.

- **Your company may not be categorized as a technology supplier.** Contact Epylon Customer Service and request that your company be added as a technology supplier so the RFBs can be made available to your account.
- **Your company may use geographic territories within Epylon.** If users are assigned by territory, the RFBs may have been directed to the employee(s) designated for Pennsylvania.

If you still cannot locate an RFB, contact Epylon Customer Service for assistance.

Technical Bidding Help

Epylon will not answer policy questions related to the bid but can assist with technical help in filling out the bid forms or gaining access to the RFBs. A PEPPM Bidder's Guide is posted as a PDF at www.PEPPM.org/bids. Contact Epylon at Service@Epylon.com or call customer service at (888) 211-7438.

Bid Policy Questions

Submit questions about terms and conditions or specifications with the eBid on the "Bidder's Questions" tab no later than 4 p.m. PT September 24, 2026. In addition, view answers to frequently asked questions at www.PEPPM.org/bids.

Review Bid Information Before Registering

Potential bidders may review the bid specifications, Terms and Conditions, and other publicly available bid information before registering by visiting www.PEPPM.org/bids or www.Epylon.com/corporate/solutions/peppm.shtml. Vendors that decide to participate should register through www.PEPPM.org to obtain access to both PEPPM and the Epylon eBid system.

Amendments and Changes

Notices of any bid changes or amendments will be published electronically within the eBid software. In addition, the amendments will be posted on www.PEPPM.org/bids. Registered vendors will be notified by email.

About PEPPM

PEPPM has a proven record of serving school districts and other public agencies across all the United States with cooperative purchasing contracts competitively bid under the high standards expected for public-sector procurement. The PEPPM cooperative purchasing program helps schools and other public agencies drive down the cost of acquisition and derive the best value for their technology investments.