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TO: Gina Picard
FROM: Michael Comella
DATE: August 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Award recommendation for Tutoring RFP for FY26
CC: Kimberly Sullivan, Kathy Koziol, Bid File

The Temporary Homebound Tutoring RFP was posted on BidNet. The RFP/bid was downloaded by 31 vendors and 4 RFPs were received.

After reviewing the submissions it is my recommendation that the RFP/bid be awarded to Academic Advantage.

Below is a list of the reasons why Chariho did not go with StudentNest (submitted a matching low bid) and chose Academic Advantage

1. The RFP stated, "References and prior work performed for Chariho Regional School District will be used in the bid evaluation process." Though StudentNest submitted references, they have not provided tutoring services for Chariho. Academic Advantage has worked with many school districts in Rhode Island and provided tutoring services for Chariho.
2. Academic Advantage has successfully provided tutoring services in the district over the past several years.
3. StudentNest provided references from California, Wisconsin, and North Carolina school districts, but did not provide any local references.
4. StudentNest submitted six resumes, of which only three showed experience in tutoring or education.
5. Given the size and scope of StudentNest, the review committee was concerned with StudentNest's ability to provide tutors locally and timely.