

## RFP 2025-17 Responses: Q & A

Questions	Answers
<p>Would all of the functions below be required or if it would be okay for a platform to meet only some of the requirements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Software Platform: This web-based application is designed to streamline the creation and ongoing management of individualized emergency operations plans for schools.</li><li>• Software Module: A dedicated and flexible module that allows schools to store and leverage photospheres to generate immersive, navigable virtual walkthroughs. These walkthroughs seamlessly integrate with live feeds from digital surveillance cameras, providing a comprehensive view.</li><li>• Emergency Response: Critical tools such as panic buttons, comprehensive mass notification systems, and various emergency communication tools are integrated to ensure rapid response.</li><li>• Visitor Management: This component manages all aspects of visitor entry, including registration and tracking, screening against sex offender databases, and robust ID verification.</li><li>• Threat Assessment: Dedicated features for identifying and proactively addressing potential threats, including possible behavioral threat assessments.</li><li>• Access Control: Advanced systems like keycard access, biometric scanners, and mobile access tools are used to effectively manage and monitor all entry and exit points, securing the premises.</li><li>• Video Surveillance: Provides capabilities for real-time monitoring and continuous recording of video feeds.</li></ul>	<p>Yes, all the functions listed are required</p>
<p>Section 1.1 and Section 2.1 of the RFP appear to have conflicting information regarding the scope of this bid. Is the State seeking proposals for software platforms (e.g. visitor and emergency management systems) as part of the scope of this RFP?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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Can vendors submit proposals for individual scope items, or is the State only interested in contracting with a single vendor for all items?	Single vendor for all items
Please let me know if this RFP request single vendor solution or this would be awarded to multiple vendors	Single vendor
Can you provide a detailed list of current platforms, systems, and legacy applications in use that the School Safety Platform must integrate with, including data formats and API availability?	ALSDE currently utilizes PowerSchool; integration may or may not be required with this platform
Could you please provide counts: districts, campuses, staff users, sworn officers to be provisioned, and expected concurrent usage during incidents?	We can estimate the number of user accounts will be around 14,000
If AI is used, what bias testing, human-in-the-loop, and evaluation evidence should be submitted? If no AI is used, will a simple attestation letter suffice, or is a specific form/template required?	If AI bias tests is used disaggregated performance data showing how the AI performs across demographics testing methodology and fairness metrics used; Vendor transparency about training data and aggregative decision making; human in the loop demonstrate on how human oversight is integrated into AI decision making; evaluation evidence; for evaluation evidence results from ongoing monitoring protocols for equity and safety impacts and any results from pilot testing; if no AI a attestation letter will suffice
Target implementation phasing (pilot districts vs. big-bang)? Any “go-live by” date?	No pilot; Integration expected to be January 2026 to July 2026
Is there a budget range or funding source guidance (state appropriations, grants) to inform scalable pricing tiers?	No
Will the State of Alabama please confirm the number of awards it intends to issue as part of this solicitation?	One
What are the “other platforms currently utilized by ALSDE” that require interfacing support for the platform?	None
What are the “legacy programs currently utilized” that require interfacing support for the platform?	ALSDE currently utilizes PowerSchool; integration may or may not be required with this platform

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Will the State of Alabama clarify whether they seek only an EOP platform, or whether they seek a broad solution for all components listed in the RFP?	All components
Does the State of Alabama intend to roll out the proposed solution to all districts in the state?	Yes
Will the State of Alabama confirm if PowerSchool is their statewide SIS? If not, please share if there is a statewide SIS, and which platform it is?	PowerSchool
Regarding imported information, is the expectation that the information imported will archive, or will the information be indexed for search, reporting, etc.?	Archived
What is the responsibility of the vendor at the end of the contract regarding data export?	We would like to have access to all information that was imported into the platform at the end of the contract