

UnboundEd

Request for Proposals - Technical Audit

Issuing Company Information

At [UnboundEd](#), we are a team of former classroom teachers, district and school leaders, curriculum writers, and education experts unified by our desire to see every student thrive in school.

Our commitment to every learner unites us. UnboundEd works side-by-side with educators to ensure every student has access to grade-level, engaging, affirming, and meaningful — [GLEAM®](#) — instruction. By cultivating the mindsets, knowledge, and skills at the heart of truly transformative teaching and learning, we can ensure all kids thrive.

Overview

The required format for proposals is a PDF document no more than five (5) pages in length. **The submission deadline is May 15, 2026 at 11:59pm EST and proposals received after this date will not be considered.** Please send submissions to dev@unbounded.org. Questions regarding this solicitation can also be directed to this email address.

Project Scope, Deliverables & Budget

UnboundEd empowers educators to meet the needs of every single student through GLEAM® instruction (grade-level, engaging, affirming, and meaningful). Our Standards Institute (SI) provides hands-on instruction where educators cultivate the mindsets, skill sets, and tools to implement GLEAM® in their classrooms.

UnboundEd seeks to extend our current technology footprint to take Standards Institute beyond initial instruction and into the classroom, providing virtual support, community, and tools to make GLEAM® implementation in school districts throughout the school year even more successful. The long-term vision is to create a hub that supports and engages teachers to think about GLEAM® alignment in their ongoing practice.

In pursuit of constant improvement in our ability to deliver high-quality instructional experiences to educators, UnboundEd has deployed several client-facing technologies. These include 1) a proprietary Learning Management System (LMS) and 2) a recently acquired product, an AI-powered lesson generation tool that helps teachers produce detailed, culturally responsive lesson plans and supplemental resources.

UnboundEd hereby requests proposals to help us evaluate our overall technology portfolio and advise us on the feasibility of streamlining these products into a single client-facing experience that can flexibly provide services to a variety of clients.

Project deliverables should include, but are not limited to:

- Written assessment of each codebase
 - Summary of major technologies, languages, and frameworks used
 - Notes on adherence to code design best practices
 - Technical debt and maintainability considerations
- Maintenance plan for each codebase
 - What would it take to keep them operating healthily long-term?
 - Are there opportunities to future-proof?
- Feasibility assessment for merging the products into one codebase
 - Executive summary
 - Key advantages and challenges
 - Sample system architecture diagrams and options for a combined product
- Strategic evaluation
 - Given our customer goals, what would you advise us to do with the platforms?
 - Are there other opportunities we aren't yet considering?

The total project budget must not exceed \$35,000 USD.

Submission Guidelines

A successful proposal will include:

1. Experience & Qualifications
 - a. Relevant past projects or case studies
 - b. Industry expertise
 - c. Team credentials and key personnel
 - d. References
2. Methodology / Approach
 - a. How do you plan to execute the project?
 - b. Project timeline and milestones

- c. Project management processes
- 3. Pricing
 - a. Estimated cost breakdown and pricing structure

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Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be scored using a weighted rubric, including these factors:

- Completeness of solution
- Relevant experience
- Project management clarity
- Price
- Potential for long-term partnership

Mutual Nondisclosure

In connection with the evaluation of any submission to this request for proposal (“RFP”), each party may, but is not obligated to, disclose (the “disclosing party”) its confidential information to the other party (the “receiving party”). Each party acknowledges that the Confidential Information (as defined below) of the disclosing party is proprietary and of significant value to the disclosing party. To protect each party’s proprietary rights in such Confidential Information and in consideration of disclosure of Confidential Information, the parties agree as follows:

1. Confidential Information. “Confidential Information” includes, without limitation, (a) business, operations and financial plans and programs, product and services information, techniques, processes, inventions, methodologies, work approaches, customer, prospect and vendor information, research and development plans, pricing and cost information, (b) other information related to the disclosing party’s business which is at any time so designated by the disclosing party orally or in writing as “Confidential” or “Proprietary”, and (c) information that would be apparent to a reasonable person familiar with the disclosing party’s business and the industry in which it operates, that such information is of a confidential or proprietary nature the maintenance of which is important to the disclosing party. “Confidential Information” does not include any information that the receiving party can demonstrate by documentary evidence (i) is now or becomes publicly available by lawful means and

without breach of any confidentiality obligation; (ii) was known to and reduced to writing by the receiving party prior to the date of this Agreement; (iii) is independently developed by the receiving party without use of any Confidential Information of the other party, and by employees of the receiving party who have not had access to the Confidential Information; or (iv) is lawfully obtained by the receiving party from any third party. Confidential Information is delivered "AS IS", and all representations and warranties, expressed or implied, including fitness for a particular purpose, merchantability, and non-infringement, are hereby disclaimed. Neither party shall be liable for any special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages by reason of any alleged breach of these terms, to the extent that any such breach was not due to a willful or grossly negligent act.

2. Nondisclosure and Nonuse. The receiving party agrees that it will not (a) disclose or describe to any third party, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information of the disclosing party, except as permitted under Section 3, or (b) copy or otherwise reproduce, summarize, compile, quote or make any use of Confidential Information of the other party other than as necessary to evaluate the submission to this RFP. The receiving party will be liable for the acts, omissions or defaults of all persons to whom it shares the disclosing party's Confidential Information.

3. Protection of Confidentiality. The receiving party will protect the disclosing party's Confidential Information provided to it from any loss, theft, distribution, use or disclosure except as expressly permitted under this RFP. The receiving party will use the same standard of care to protect the disclosing party's Confidential Information as the receiving party uses to protect its own confidential and proprietary information, but in any event not less than a reasonable standard of care. Each party shall restrict access to the other party's Confidential Information to its employees, consultants and agents who need to know such information to evaluate the submission and who are bound by confidentiality obligations substantially similar to those of this RFP. It shall not be a breach of these terms for the receiving party to disclose the disclosing party's Confidential Information to the extent such disclosure is required by law or court or government order, provided, however, that the receiving party shall notify the disclosing party prior to such disclosure and shall cooperate with the disclosing party in requesting confidential treatment for such Confidential Information.

4. Return of Confidential Information. In the event a business relationship is not reached and discussions between the parties conclude, or at any time requested by the disclosing party, the receiving party promptly will return to the disclosing party all Confidential Information of the disclosing party, in whatever form, including copies, summaries or compilations made by the receiving party and destroy all notes, reports and other materials prepared by or for the receiving party that incorporates any of the

disclosing party's Confidential Information. The receiving party will, if upon request, provide the disclosing party with written certification stating that all such Confidential Information has been returned or destroyed.