



***LOWER PIONEER VALLEY
EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE***

INVITATION FOR BIDS

INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMMABLE PAPER CUTTER

BID #2025-09

***174 Brush Hill Avenue
West Springfield, MA 01089
(413) 735-2200***

***Anna Bishop
Director of Finance***



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The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC) is seeking bids for an Industrial Programmable Paper Cutter.

Bid specifications can be obtained at the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, MA after 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2025 or by calling (413) 735-2200.

Sealed paper bids should be submitted in the format requested to the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089, and received no later than 1:00 p.m. on May 19, 2025, at which time bids will be publicly opened via Google Meet conference and recorded. No bids shall be accepted after this deadline. All bids must be clearly labeled on the outside lower, left-hand corner of the Bidder's envelope with the following information:

Project Title: **Industrial Programmable Paper Cutter Bid #2025-09**
Name, Address, Email Address of Bidder

The LPVEC is exempt from state sales tax and adheres to MGL Chapter 30B bidding requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. PURPOSE

The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC) is requesting proposals for the purpose of acquiring Equipment for the Advanced Machine Technology Program at the Career TEC Vocational School.

2. SUBMISSION OF BIDS – INSTRUCTION TO PROPOSERS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS: Bids from qualified vendors for an Industrial Programmable Paper Cutter Bid #2025-09.

2.1. Bids must be submitted to:

The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative
ATTN: Anna Bishop, Director of Finance & Operations
174 Brush Hill Avenue
West Springfield, MA 01089

Sealed bids should be marked on the outside lower, left-hand corner of the Bidder's envelope "Industrial Programmable Paper Cutter" and submitted no later than 1:00 p.m. on May 19, 2025, at which time bids will be publicly opened via Google Meet conference and recorded. No bid shall be accepted after this deadline. No telephone, facsimile, or verbal quotations will be accepted. The LPVEC is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible, or postage-due mail.

Additional copies of the Invitation for Bids documents are available upon request.

Each Bidder is responsible for delivery of the Bid. Bids and/or Bid revisions received after the date and time specified will not be considered.

Each Bid must be an original and hard copy, and signed by an authorized member of the Bidder's company. This member should be the highest-ranking officer at the local level.

Each Bidder must submit with the signed original Bid, one (1) copy of the signed original Bid.

Bidders are hereby notified that issuance of this Invitation for Bid and receipt of responses does not assure that a Bidder will be chosen. LPVEC reserves the right to reject any and all bids. LPVEC reserves the right to waive any of the informalities of this Invitation for Bid, to request additional information from any Bidders, to award without negotiation or discussion, to negotiate with any Bidders, to reject any or all bids or parts of bids, to solicit new bids, or to reject any or all Bidders as it deems in either's best interest.

2.2. KEY DATES

Specifications available:	10:00 a.m.	April 30, 2025
Question Submittal Deadline:	4:00 p.m.	May 9, 2025
Responses Due:	1:00 p.m.	May 19, 2025

3. INQUIRIES

Prospective Bidders may request clarification of information contained in the Invitation for Bid. All such requests must be received by the close of business on May 9, 2025. A response to all written requests will be provided two (2) business days after the inquiry deadline. Responses to any request for clarification will be provided in writing to all prospective Bidders who are on record as having received the Invitation for Bid. All inquiries for clarification of information contained in the Invitation for Bid must be submitted on the Bidder Inquiry Form (Submittal Form III) to:

Anna Bishop, Director of Finance & Operations
Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative
174 Brush Hill Avenue
West Springfield, MA 01089
Phone: 413-735-2200

4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. **ADDENDA TO THE BID:** Should it become necessary to revise any part of the Invitation for Bid, notice of the revision will be given in the form of an addendum to all prospective Bidders on record as having received the Invitation for Bid. Each Bidder must acknowledge receipt of addenda, but the failure of a Bidder to receive or acknowledge receipt of any addendum shall not relieve the Bidder of the responsibility for complying with the terms thereof. Acknowledgement shall consist, minimally, of returning a signed copy of all addenda cover sheets as part of the Bid by the closing date and time. All addenda shall become a part of the Invitation for Bid. Acknowledgement of all addenda received must be submitted by the Bid closing date and time.
- 4.2. **OPENING OF BIDS:** At the specified time and date stated in Section 2.2, all submitted Bids shall be publicly opened via Google Meet conference and recorded. Any interested parties may attend the opening, however, information received will be confidential until after final action by the Board of Governors, except as required by law.
- 4.3. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** The information provided in the Invitation for Bid is intended solely for internal use by the Bidder in response preparation. All information contained herein is proprietary and shall not be distributed to any third party, except as required by law.
- 4.4. **RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATION:** From the issue date of the Invitation for Bid and until a Contract has been awarded and announced, Bidders or the LPVEC are not allowed to communicate about the subject of the Invitation for Bid or a Bidder's submission, except as provided in the Inquiries Section 3.
- 4.5. **BID COSTS:** Any recipient of the Invitation for Bid is responsible for any and all costs incurred by it or others acting on its behalf in preparing or submitting a bid, or otherwise responding to the Invitation for Bid, or any negotiations incidental to its bid or the Invitation for Bid.
- 4.6. **INFORMATION CONTROL:** The following process described is intended to ensure that all prospective Bidders have equal access to information relative to the Invitation for Bid. As part of the Invitation for Bid preparation (which may have included previous discussions with selected prospective Bidders), every effort has been made to provide prospective Bidders with adequate disclosure. Each Bidder shall prepare a Bid based only on the information contained in the Invitation for Bid, notwithstanding any information that may have been previously provided. A prospective

Bidder noting any inconsistency between the information contained in the Invitation for Bid and any information previously provided should request clarification (reference Section 3).

No information communicated, either verbally or in writing, to or from a Bidder shall be effective unless confirmed by written communication contained in the Invitation for Bid, an addendum to the Invitation for Bid, a request for clarification or written response thereto, or in the Bid.

- 4.7. **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS:** The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids not withdrawn before the opening date and to waive any irregularity or informality in the Bid process. The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative reserves the right to conduct discussions, request additional information, and accept revisions of Bids from any or all Bidders.

Bids may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the opening date. The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative reserves the right to make such investigations as deemed prudent to determine Bidder's qualifications and eligibility including, but not limited to, requests for financial statements and company profiles.

- 4.8. **FINALITY OF DECISION:** Any decision made by the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, including the selection of a vendor, shall be final.
- 4.9. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** LPVEC hereby notifies all Bidders that minority and women's business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this Invitation for Bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.
- 4.10. **RELEASE OF INFORMATION:** No Bidder shall make any press conference, news releases or announcements concerning its selection or non-selection for a contract prior to LPVEC's public release of said information or prior to the written approval of LPVEC.

5. BID FORMAT AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

This outlines the information that must be provided by Bidders and the required format for the Bid. Any bid which is not according to prescribed form, incomplete, not properly signed, or otherwise contrary to instructions may be rejected by the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. Please refer also to Section 2, Submission of Bids – Instruction to Proposers and Section 3, Inquiries, for additional requirements.

Bidders must demonstrate an understanding of the bid requirements set forth and shall provide information relating to the elements listed in sufficient detail to allow LPVEC to conduct an informed and fair selection process. Bidders are required to submit the following information which will be used by LPVEC in evaluating bids:

- 5.1. Each Bidder must submit one (1) complete copy with the original Bid signed by an authorized member of the company. This should be the highest-ranking officer at the local level.
- 5.2. All submittal forms are to be submitted with the bid.
- 5.3. **Bid Security:** A bid deposit shall be included with this bid in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the contract price made payable to the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative as a guarantee of good faith. This amount shall function as Bid Security until such time as contract(s) is/are negotiated

between the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative and the successful Bidders. It is further clarified that a bid deposit will be required from any one Bidder regardless of the number of bids submitted.

Should any Bidder(s) to whom an award is made fail to enter into contract within fifteen (15) days after receipt of notice of the award, the amount so received from such Bidder(s), through certified check, shall become the property of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative as liquidated damages to compensate for losses due to delay. The bid security from the two lowest Bidders will be retained until the successful bid has been approved by the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. The bid securities of other Bidders will be returned within ten (10) days after the bid opening.

- 5.4. **Exceptions:** Any exceptions to the specifications or any other special considerations or conditions requested or required by the Bidder shall be enumerated by the Bidder and submitted as part of its Bid, together with an explanation as to the reason the specifications cannot be met. Each Bidder shall be required and expected to meet the specifications in their entirety, except to the extent exceptions are expressly noted in its Bid.
- 5.5. **Liability Insurance:** Bidder must include an insurance certificate or binder for general liability in the amounts \$1,000,000 owner and aggregate \$2,000,000; workers' compensation; and professional liability in the amount of \$1,000,000. In addition, the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative shall be named as an additional insured on the Bidder's general liability policy.
- 5.6. **Equipment (Submittal Form I).** Must be completely filled out including lead/delivery dates for the equipment, signed and submitted.
- 5.7. **Bid Form (Submittal Form II):** Must be submitted and signed by duly authorized officer of the Company with authority to secure contracts.
- 5.8. **Non-Collusion Statement (Submittal Form IV):** By submitting a bid to LPVEC, Bidder will certify that their offer is in all respects bona fide, fair, and made without collusion or fraud with any person. As used in this section, "person" shall mean any natural person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity.
- 5.9. **Tax Compliance Certificate (Submittal Form V):** Bidders are further advised that upon signing a contract, the selected vendor must certify that it has complied with any and all laws of The Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees, and withholding and remitting of child support as required by Mass. Gen. Laws c.62C §49A and the Child Care Act, Stat. 1990, c.521, §7, as amended by Stat 1991, c.329 as provided in the contract. A vendor's failure to certify compliance with said laws would be cause for LPVEC not to enter into a contract. LPVEC further reserves the right to investigate, at any time prior to its execution of a contract or during the term of a contract, any information indicating that there has been a failure to comply with said laws. If LPVEC determines that any selected **vendor has not complied with said laws, it shall decline to enter** into a contract and may decline to extend the contract.

6. CONTRACT AWARD

Bids will be publicly opened via Google Meet conference and recorded in the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative office at 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts, on May 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

The award will be made on the total overall cost to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who meets or exceeds the minimum specifications.

Notice of acceptance of bid, given or mailed, within sixty (60) business days after the opening of bids shall constitute acceptance of any item therein, conditioned on the submission by the successful Bidders of any evidence of ability to perform (satisfactory to the LPVEC), receipt of the successful bidder's bid security, Performance Bond, or any other assurances, and execution of the contract by the LPVEC.

Invoices shall be billed to Accounts Payable of the appropriate bid participant at the billing address listed on the purchase order.

Invoices must include purchase order number, (a) item number, (b) quantities, (c) description, (d) unit price and (e) totals.

The LPVEC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or any item(s) thereof and to award the contract as the LPVEC deems is in its, and other participants', best interest.

The requirements set forth in these specifications are considered binding and a part of the contract(s) with the successful bidder(s).

7. DELIVERY LOCATION

All bid prices must include delivery charges for delivery of equipment to the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01034. Equipment **must** be delivered and installed by August 15, 2025.

No charges will be allowed for packing, crating, freight, express or cartage unless specifically stated and included in the bid. Prices must be firm. No delivery, fuel, freight or any other additional charges of any kind will apply.

8. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1. All quoted equipment must meet or exceed the specifications listed in this Bid.
- 8.2. All equipment is to be installed as specified in accordance with project specifications and manufacturer's recommendations.
- 8.3. Vendor will conduct initial start-up and will conduct full functional testing of the system and its components, if necessary. In the event problems are identified and, in the opinion of LPVEC, Vendor is unable to sufficiently address a technical malfunction, the appropriate manufacturer's representative will be contacted and made available, if necessary, at no cost to LPVEC.
- 8.4. Vendor will provide all necessary training, user's manuals and other training documents on the specifics of the system to accomplish training and operational requirements.

EXHIBIT A

STANDARD FEATURES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ - 30-1/2" cutting width & 4" clamp opening ▪ ▪ Hydraulic clamping and cutting ▪ Electronic Controlled Adjustable Clamp pressure ▪ Soft Power foot pedal activated pre-clamping ▪ Electronic hand-wheel on front of table for backgauge adjustment ▪ Line-light cut position indicator ▪ Metric and English data entry with the acceptance of fractions that are automatically calculated to decimal equivalents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ False Clamp Plate ▪ Cast Iron and Steel construction ▪ Air Table ▪ Knife Change and Lubrication schedule alerts ▪ Computer Diagnostics ▪ Lighted work surface |
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TC SYSTEM PROGRAMMING FEATURES

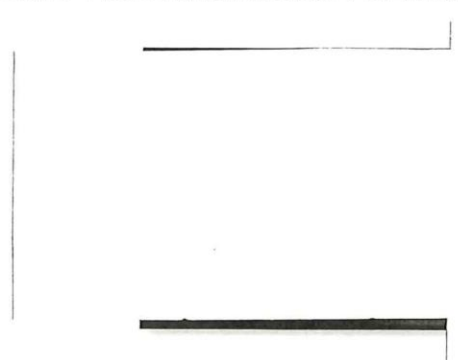
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|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10.5" Color Touch Screen control ▪ Clean layout and easy to use with operator prompts and assistance ▪ Unrestricted program storage capacity ▪ Programmable Clamp pressure control per cut ▪ JDF and network capable hardware ▪ USB port for simple thumb drive program entry ▪ Receives .csv files from common market spreadsheet software making offline programming and memory storage simple to implement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Repeat and Loop commands greatly simplify program entry improving efficiency ▪ ▪ Fast backgauge speeds ▪ Auto-programming features (sheet division & label cutting) with animated graphics |
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EXHIBIT A (CON'T)

SPECIFICATION

CUTTING

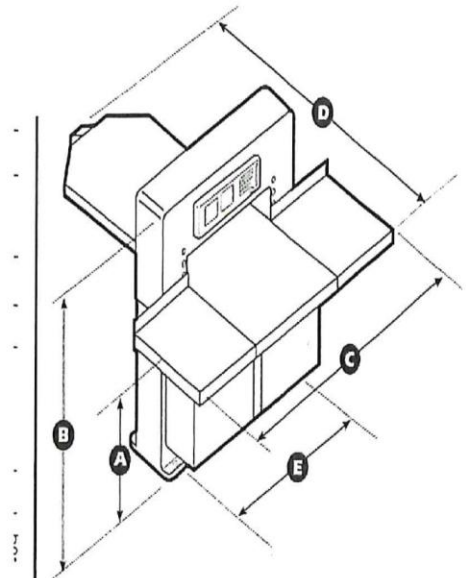
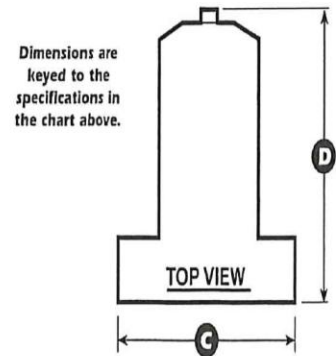
Maximum Cutting Width	30-1/2" / 77.5 cm
Minimum Cut: without false clamp plate	3/4" / 19 mm
with false clamp plate	2" / 5 cm
Maximum Cut Depth	30-1/2" / 77.5 cm
Clamp Opening: without false clamp plate	4" / 10.2 cm
with false clamp plate	3-3/4" / 9.5 cm
Clamping Method	Hydraulic
Maximum Clamping Force	5000 lbs/2200daN
Backgauge Control	Power

DIMENSIONS

Table Space: in front of knife	25" / 63.5 cm
A Table Height	36-1/2" / 94 cm
B Overall Height	58-1/2" / 149 cm
C Overall Width (with side tables)	78-1/2" / 200 cm
Overall Width (without side tables)	51" / 130 cm
D Overall Length	71" / 180 cm
E Mounting Dimension	45-1/2" / 115.6 cm
Door Pass-through: assembled	51" / 130 cm
with table/treadle removed	42" / 106 cm
with table/treadle/power unit removed	29" / 74 cm
Net Weight (approximate)	2360 lbs / 1070 kg
Shipping Weight (approximate)	2500 lbs / 1134 kg

ELECTRICAL

Standard Motor 5 H.P., 3 Phase, 60 Hz, AC, 208/230 Volts, 25 Amps. Service size 40 Amps.
 Single Phase Supply Kit : K-3482
 OPTIONAL: 460 Volts, 11.5 Amps. Service size 20 Amps.



SUBMITTAL FORM I
INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMMABLE PAPER CUTTER

EQUIPMENT LIST	QUANTITY	PRICE / EACH	TOTAL PRICE	DELIVERY LEAD TIME
<i>Industrial Programmable Paper Cutter</i>	1			
<i>Set up and Installation</i>	1			
<i>Delivery Charges</i>	1			
<i>Total</i>				

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

DATE: _____

SUBMITTAL FORM II

BID FORM

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address _____

The undersigned has read and fully understands the specifications in this bid and will furnish quality and quantity of the items as submitted on the attached bid lists.

The bid, as presented by your organization and accepted by the LPVEC, shall be bona fide and will be subject to legal implications if contract prices are not upheld through the term of the contract.

Authorized Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

Title _____

Date: _____

SUBMITTAL FORM III

Bidder Inquiry Form

Questions in regard to:	Original Bid:	Addendum No.:
Section Number		
Company:		
Representative:		Telephone

* All inquiries must be received by the close of business on May 9, 2025.

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SUBMITTAL FORM IV

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

As per Chapter 30B, Section 10, any person submitting a bid for the procurement of goods or services to any governmental body shall certify in writing, on the bid or bid, as follows:

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that his/her bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

DATE: _____

SUBMITTAL FORM V

CERTIFICATE OF TAX COMPLIANCE

MASS. GENERAL LAWS, CH. 62C, S: 49A(b)

I hereby certify that I have complied with all laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding of child support. Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury:

(1) Individual Contractor _____
(Contractor's Name and Signature)

Social Security Number _____

(2) Corporation,
Association or Partnership _____
(Contractor's Name)

Federal Tax ID Number, or
Social Security Number _____

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

Note to Contractor: Please sign at (1) or (2), whichever applies.

CHAPTER 62C. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO STATE TAXATION

Chapter 62C: Section 49A Certification of compliance with tax laws as prerequisite to obtaining license or governmental contract

Section 49A. (a) Any person applying to any department, board, commission, division, authority, district or other agency of the commonwealth or any subdivision of the commonwealth, including a city, town or district, for a right or license to conduct a profession, trade or business, or for the renewal of such right or license, shall certify upon such application, under penalties of perjury, that he has complied with all laws of the commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support. Such right or license shall not be issued or renewed unless such certification is made. (b) No contract or other agreement for the purposes of providing goods, services or real estate space to any of the foregoing agencies shall be entered into, renewed or extended with any person unless such person certifies in writing, under penalties of perjury, that he had complied with all laws of the commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support. (c) Any such agency, which has been notified by the commissioner pursuant to section forty-seven A that a person who holds a license or certificate of authority issued by such agency or who has agreed to furnish goods, services or real estate space to such agency has neglected or refused to file any returns or to pay any tax required under this chapter and that such person has not filed in good faith a pending application for abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board contesting such tax or has been penalized pursuant to section 9 of chapter 62E for failure to comply with the provisions under said chapter 62E relating to reporting of employees and contractors, or has been penalized pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (f) of section 12 of chapter 119A for failure to comply with the provisions under said chapter 119A relating to withholding and remitting child support, shall refuse to reissue, renew or extend such license, certificate of authority, contract or agreement until the agency receives a certificate issued by the commissioner that the person is in good standing with respect to any and all returns due and taxes payable to the commissioner as of the date of issuance of said certificate, including all returns and taxes referenced in the initial notification or, if the licensee has been penalized for failure to comply with the provisions relating to reporting of employees and contractors under chapter 62E or withholding and remitting child support under chapter 119A, a certificate issued by the commissioner that the licensee is in compliance with said provisions. (d) Any person who owns or leases a motor vehicle or trailer that is required to be registered in the commonwealth under chapter 90 and improperly registers the motor vehicle or trailer in another state or misrepresents the place of garaging of the motor vehicle or trailer in another city or town, shall be considered in violation of laws of the commonwealth relating to taxes under chapter 60A, chapter 64H or chapter 64I. The right, license or contract provided for in subsections (a) and (b) shall not be issued or renewed until the person or business entity has paid all taxes due at the time of application for such right, license or contract. (e) Any person who, for the purpose of evading payment of a tax pursuant to chapters 59 to 64J, inclusive, willfully makes and subscribes any return, form, statement or other document pursuant to subsection (a), (b) or (d) that contains or is verified by a written declaration that is made under the penalties of perjury, and that contains information that he does not believe to be true and correct as to every matter material to his compliance with all laws of the commonwealth relating to taxes, shall be subject to section 73.