

Questions regarding Tippecanoe School Corporation E-Rate Project: Switch Upgrades and Data Closet Optimization

Form 470 #200005039

Question 1:

Could pictures of the locations be shared?

Answer:

Here is a link to a Google Drive folder containing the entire collection of photographs taken for the project.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15WCC1tOiaxSIYd0_1MftVSIKEhGV7sDO?usp=sharing

Question 2:

Do you have a time frame for the project? Are you expecting all of it over the summer or will it be on a school by school type run? If the E-rate is not approved until after the summer break, is there a plan?

Answer:

We do not have a predetermined time frame. Those logistics will be negotiated with the successful bidder(s).

Question 3:

The counts of units that need patch panel replacements (Level 2 and 3) Total 52, but the Equipment list only shows (25) 48-port patch panels.

Answer:

Bidders should provide an “installed price” for individual patch panels. Actual equipment needs may vary in number, as indicated in the RFP. The TSC will accept “per installed patch panel” price quotes based on the associated ratings (Level 2 or 3).

Question 4:

On this 470, the District is asking for 145 C2960X-STACK Cisco Catalyst 2960-X FlexStack Plus Stacking Modules. Each of these modules ship with the CAB-STK-E-0.5M Cisco FlexStack 50cm stacking cable that is being asked for 118 of. Are the 118 CAB-STK-E-0.5M cables really needed?

Answer:

Because they ship together, the stacking cables included with the FlexStack Plus Stacking Modules are sufficient for this project. There is not a need to provide a quote for the additional 118.

Question 5:

For Section A (Switch Needs), are you wanting to see Professional Services (install & config), or will the school be installing and configuring?

Answer:

Section A is a solicitation of switches only, with no additional installation services quoted.

Question 6:

For Section A (Switch Needs), will TSC allow remote access to perform configurations from engineers offsite?

Answer:

No, that will not be needed for this.

Question 7:

Will this be awarded holistically, or is it possible the project will be awarded partially to scale to available funding?

Answer:

It is definitely possible that work could be scaled in the case of budget constraints.

Question 8:

What do you mean by Category 2 on the Bond requirement section? Does that mean you need the bond for the entire RFP or just the Cabling portion/Section B?

Answer:

This project is entirely classified as Category 2.

Question 9:

Good morning, we are looking at providing a quote for your E-Rate project for switches and wireless controllers. Do you have the RFP or a location that I can locate it?

Answer:

Please respond to this email with the 470 number associated with your request. This is listed on the USAC site.

Follow-up Answer:

The RFP is posted to the 470. It may be necessary to scroll to the right to view it under the RFP Documents header.

Question 10:

Per page 15, section 5 – Are vendors required to have a location in Lafayette, Indiana?

Answer:

No, a Lafayette-based location is not a requirement.

Question 11:

Do you have a specific Collusion Affidavit that you would like to use?

Answer:

No.

Question 12:

Tippecanoe School Corporation is looking for a 5% bid bond on submission of the proposal and a separate 5% performance bond if the vendor is chosen?

Answer:

Yes, that is correct. The bid bond would expire once a successful bid is chosen. At that point, the successful bidder must obtain a performance bond.

Question 13:

Typically, when there are multiple schools involved in an e-rate project, the proposal has to be broken by quantity of parts for each school for funding. According to the RP, it looks like you are only wanting to see the cost as a lump sum total, not per school total, is this correct?

Answer:

No, this is incorrect. Costs should be provided per building - just as the building breakdowns are provided in the RFP.

Question 14:

In correlating the name of the school to the acronym of the pictures:

Battle Ground ES (BGE) – RFP missing IDF02

Burnett Creek ES (BCE) – RFP missing IDF03

Wea Ridge ES (WRE) – RFP missing IDF03

Harrison HS (HHS) – RFP missing IDF01

McCutcheon HS (MHS) – RFP missing IDF01

Answer:

This is correct. The above IDFs were omitted intentionally from this project.

Question 15:

RFP indicates five (5) Middle Schools, but there are six (6) middle school folders for pictures, it looks like the RFP is missing the school acronym BGM that is in the picture files

Answer:

Battle Ground Middle (BGM) is omitted from the project. The “picture” folder for that school was empty all along, but has now been deleted to avoid confusion.

Question 16:

Are we attaching the vertical management to existing racks (level 1 and 2) or are they to be attached to the new racks in level 3?

Answer:

There will be some racks in these IDFs which do not currently have vertical management, and will be staying put. Those racks will need the vertical management attached. Any new racks should be accompanied by the new vertical management.

Question 17:

Are the new modular patch panels replacing existing patch panels that have modular jacks or are jacks to be included also?

Answer:

Our existing patch panels are mostly non-modular. The Hubbell patch panels that we’re seeking are modular, and WILL require inclusion of modular jacks.

Question 18:

Are all patch cables to be Category 6 rated?

Answer:

The part numbers listed in the RFP all refer to Category 6 rated cables.

Question 19:

Patch cords are shown to be standard and small diameter, can they all be one or the other or are they required to be broken up as shown?

Answer:

The majority of patch cables needed will be standard diameter. The small diameter cables will be used for specialty devices that show up in fewer quantities.

Question 20:

Patch cords are shown as lump sum of 30,000 feet instead of an actual quantity. Would it be better to show just one price for the patch cords with color to be determined or do you have an actual breakout quantity of each color?

Answer:

This project will require a quantity of +/- 4830 cables. Bidders should provide unit prices for each of the cable part numbers listed in the RFP.

Question 21:

Who is responsible for the moving and re-installing of power in the racks that have power piped straight in them?

Answer:

The expectation is that the successful bidder would provide this service.

Question 22:

Who is responsible for the discarding of the racks/cabinets that are being removed?

Answer:

The expectation is that the successful bidder would provide this service.

Question 23:

How many old switches are being removed?

Answer:

+/- 355 switches will be removed

Question: 24:

How many new switches are being installed?

Answer:

+/- 250 will be installed

Question 25:

Pictures indicate an IDF that has two different wall racks, but, the RFP does not show this IDF. Should this closet need complete; what level? If a level 3, are the cables long enough to reach new location? Please clarify.

Answer:

The IDF in question is listed on the RFP as Battle Ground Intermediate School, IDF01. There will not be any moves necessary, but extensive patch cable replacement is needed. Additionally, using only 5ft cables will not suffice in this location. Bidders should plan to include a quantity of +/- 20 of Panduit part number **UTPSP25BUY** in a range of colors.