

Mt. Diablo Unified School District
BEN 144178
Category 1 Specification – Internet Transport Service

Form 470 #260019795

All bids must be submitted to bids@erateconsulting.com by 5:00pm(PST) on March 10, 2026.

Requirements/Preferences:

(1) All proposals **must** be submitted in electronic format to bids@erateconsulting.com. Only those bids sent to this specific email address will be reviewed. **Any and all proposals not submitted to this email will be considered nonresponsive.** Adherence to this requirement is your responsibility and cannot be imputed to the Applicant.

(2) Your proposal **must** include your standard contract terms and conditions. Failure to do so will result in your bid being nonresponsive for bid evaluation purposes.

(3) In your email submission, the subject line **must** specifically reference the District and the applicable Form 470#.

(4) At the time of bid submission, you **must** have a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and must remain current throughout the term of the contract. Lacking a valid SPIN at the time of submission will result in your bid being deemed nonresponsive for bid evaluation purposes.

(5) If your proposed solution is comprised of products and/or services available through a State Master Contract or some other cooperative purchasing arrangement recognized by the State of California, please provide a specific reference to the contracting arrangement and, where applicable, the contract number.

(6) It is preferred that vendors have prior experience delivering the proposed solution in California. References must be provided upon request.

(7) Proposed monthly recurring costs must include all taxes, fees, and additional charges (if any). Failure to include any such taxes, fees, or other additional charges shall preclude service providers from subsequently modifying the monthly recurring charge(s) without the District's prior written consent to said modification. By submitting a proposal in response to this Form 470, you agree to be bound by this requirement.

(8) Proposals encompassing multiple Category One services **must** include an itemized breakdown of all proposed monthly recurring charges, inclusive of all taxes, fees, and additional charges (if any). Failure to do so will result in your bid being deemed nonresponsive for bid evaluation purposes.

(9) All proposals must conform to the applicable provisions of California State Law and Board of Education policies and regulations.

(10) Proposals should be for a term of 36 months and may include an applicant option for two one-year extensions.

(11) Provider's service agreement shall allow for the District to increase bandwidth during the term of the agreement without extending that term.

(12) Proposals should include all one-time, non-recurring charges. Failure to include such charges in your submission will be deemed a waiver of the right to collect any such costs prior to or during the implementation process.

(13) By submitting a bid in response to this Form 470, you are certifying that your Company is in compliance with FCC Order FCC 19-121, which bars the use of USF subsidies to fund equipment, components, and services from "covered" companies deemed to provide a national security risk.

(14) In Attachment A, please provide a projected service start date, taking into account any necessary construction timeline estimates. **Failure to indicate the service start date in Attachment A will result in your bid being deemed nonresponsive for bid evaluation purposes relative to that service.** If you indicate a particular service start date in either Attachment but are ultimately unable to begin providing service on that date, the Applicant reserves the right to terminate the contract without penalty.

(15) Providers must give the Applicant the option to participate in either the Service Provider Invoicing (SPI) method or the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) method.

(16) The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and/or waive any irregularity in any proposal received. The District shall be the sole judge of the competency and responsibility of the bidders. The submission of a bid by the bidder is an acknowledgement of this right.

(17) If the incumbent vendor does not respond to this Form 470 with a quote, the District reserves the right to use the incumbent vendor's current pricing as a bid.

(18) The District reserves the right to consider as bids in its evaluation any services that are available by way of State Contract and/or State-approved cooperatives.

(19) Please have an authorized company representative print, sign and date this document and submit along with your bid to indicate that you have read, considered, and understand each of these requirements. **Failure to submit this document with an authorized representative's signature will result in your bid being deemed nonresponsive for bid evaluation purposes.**

(20) The District reserves the right to purchase one or more circuits at the quoted line-item pricing.

Internet Transport Service (Attachment A):

Bidders will include all costs necessary to construct, install, configure, provide, maintain, and monitor the service requested below.

The District is seeking proposals for dedicated ethernet transport service between its hub sites and its ISP provider. The District is requesting pricing for dedicated point to point connections but will also accept pricing for switched ethernet connections that meet its technical requirements. The Hub site and satellite site addresses can be found in Attachment A.

The Service provider shall supply an industry standard Service Level Agreement (SLA), to ensure the following objectives are maintained:

- No other bidder's customers will have any physical or logical access to the District's traffic/VLAN.
- Network Availability – 99.99%
- Packet Delivery Rate – 99.99%
- Mean Time to Repair 4 Hours
- The service provider shall provide 24/7 monitoring of the circuits
- There is no right of provider to limit or throttle the capacity of the circuit at any time for any reason

As indicated in Attachment A, providers may submit pricing for the specified bandwidth increments. Providers should indicate both the maximum bandwidth of the underlying circuit and the commit rate being quoted. For example, you may provide pricing for a circuit that is configured as 10/10Gbps or one that is 10/100Gbps. Provider must include any one-time cost associated with upgrading bandwidth during the term of the contract.

Proposals must afford the District the right to increase bandwidth during the contract term without extending the term of the original agreement. Any one-time costs associated with bandwidth increases should be referenced in the proposal. Failure to include any such one-time charges in your Proposal shall preclude the service provider from subsequent attempts to collect such costs. By submitting a Proposal in response to this Form 470, you agree to be bound by this requirement.

The District will consider network solutions that differ from dedicated point to point, but your Proposal must include specific detailed information about how the network will function and include any special construction or one-time fees associated with deployment. Failure to specifically include these costs or to indicate that no such costs apply will result in your proposal being deemed nonresponsive for bid evaluation purposes.

If your proposed design requires one or more aggregation circuits at the hub site, you must include the monthly cost of that aggregator in Attachment A, along with any one-time charges.

Vendors are encouraged to include the cost to upgrade those circuits to higher bandwidth increments. In such cases, you **MUST** include any one-time costs associated with upgrading during the term of the contract.

You may modify Attachment A as necessary to incorporate any and all available bandwidth increments and corresponding costs.

Providers should provide per circuit pricing as the District reserves the right to procure additional circuits as needed during the term of the agreement.

Bid Evaluation Criteria:

The following criteria and corresponding weights shall be used to evaluate Proposals submitted in response to this FCC Form 470. The award will be made to the vendor deemed to offer the most cost-effective solution, after considering the price of eligible goods and services and other relevant factors.

- Costs of Eligible Goods of Services – 30%
- Prior Experience with Vendor’s Service – 25%
- Proposed Solution Meets District’s Technical Requirements – 20%
- Operational Considerations – 15%
- Comprehensive of Proposal – 10%

Please print your name, sign, and date to indicate that you have read the above requirements, that you understand them, that your proposal complies will all requirements, and that you agree to be bound by the terms of this document. Failure to do so will result in your bid being deemed nonresponsive for bid evaluation purposes.

Vendor Representative Name

Vendor Representative Signature

Date: _____