



FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270000305
PA State PEPPM Contract - Supplemental 1

Billed Entity

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Billed Entity Number: 17000299

FCC Registration Number: 0011729043

Number of Eligible Entities: 835

Application Type

Applicant Type: Consortium

Statewide State:

PA

Recipients of Services: Bookmobile; Charter School; Detention Center; ESA School; General-Use School; Head Start; Juvenile Justice; Kiosk; Main Branch; New Construction Library; New Construction School; Pre-K; State Library Agency - Library; Swing Space

Statewide Application Represents:

Consulting Firms

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Education Plus	16075832	740-253-1153	lorrie.germann@gmail.com
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Consultants

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RFPS

ID	Name
233431	PEPPM 2027 RFP BID DOCS COMBINED
233658	Amendment 1 Sept 8 2026

Category One Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Function Other Description	Minimum Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Category One Network Equipment		10 Gbps	100 Gbps	835	1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Category One Maintenance and Operations		10 Gbps	100 Gbps	835	1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name
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The E-Rate eligible product lines, or their equivalents, included on this 470 are as follows: /

Arista Networks
 Belden
 Cables2Go
 Lowell Manufacturing Company
 ReadyLinks
 Riverbed
 Samsung
 SolarWinds
 Tripp Lite
 Ubiquiti
 Vivi
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Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Arista Networks or equivalent		835	1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Arista Networks or equivalent		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Routers and Necessary Software and Licenses	Arista Networks or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Routers	Arista Networks or equivalent		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses	Arista Networks or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	Arista Networks or equivalent		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers and Necessary Software and Licenses	Arista Networks or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers	Arista Networks or equivalent			1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Belden or equivalent		835	1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Belden		835	1	Each		233431, 233658

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Cabling	Belden or equivalent		835	1	Feet	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Cabling	Belden		835	1	Feet		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Other or equivalent	1	835	1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Other or equivalent	1	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Cabling	Other or equivalent	1	835	1	Feet	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Cabling	Other or equivalent	1	835	1	Feet		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Racks	Other or equivalent	1		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Racks	Other or equivalent	1	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Racks	Other or equivalent	7		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Racks	Other or equivalent	7	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Uninterruptable Power Supply/ Battery Backup and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	7		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Uninterruptable Power Supply/ Battery Backup	Other or equivalent	7	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	11		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	Other or equivalent	11	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	11		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	Other or equivalent	11	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Routers and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	15		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Routers	Other or equivalent	15	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	15		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	Other or equivalent	15	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Samsung or equivalent		835	1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Samsung		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Firewall Service, Components, and Necessary Software and Licenses	Samsung or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Firewall Service and Components	Samsung		835	1	Each		233431, 233658

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Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	Samsung or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	Samsung		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers and Necessary Software and Licenses	Samsung or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers	Samsung		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Firewall Service, Components, and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	19		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Firewall Service and Components	Other or equivalent	19	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Tripplite or equivalent		835	1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Tripplite		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Cabling	Tripplite or equivalent		835	1	Feet	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Cabling	Tripplite		835	1	Feet		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Racks	Tripplite or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Racks	Tripplite		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Uninterruptable Power Supply/ Battery Backup and Necessary Software and Licenses	Tripplite or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Uninterruptable Power Supply/ Battery Backup	Tripplite		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Ubiquiti or equivalent		835	1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Ubiquiti		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Cabling	Ubiquiti or equivalent		835	1	Feet	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Cabling	Ubiquiti		835	1	Feet		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Routers and Necessary Software and Licenses	Ubiquiti or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Routers	Ubiquiti		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	Ubiquiti or equivalent			1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	Ubiquiti		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
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Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers	Ubiquiti		835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	21		1	Each	Yes	233431, 233658
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers	Other or equivalent	21	835	1	Each		233431, 233658
Managed Internal Broadband Services	Leased Equipment			835				233431, 233658
Managed Internal Broadband Services	Existing Equipment			835				233431, 233658

Description of Other Manufacturers

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1	Cables2Go
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7	Lowell Manufacturing Company
8	Lowell Manufacturing Company
9	Lowell Manufacturing Company
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Technical Contact

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State and Local Procurement Restrictions

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All entities that have electronically signed Letters of Agency (LOAs) have been added as PEPPM consortia members in EPC, with a few exceptions. The following entities signed LOAs to participate in this procurement, but were either not founded in the EPC database, or could not be added due to EPC system limitations because they are either consortia or libraries:

Bryn Athyn Church School

Chester County Family Academy Charter School

Chester County Technical College HS

Connellsville Area Career and Technical Center

Diocese of Greensburg

Easton Arts Academy

Evergreen Community CS

Excelsior School of Philadelphia

Freire CS (Freire Consortia)

Freire CS (Freire Wilmington)

Hazleton Area Career Center

Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence CS

Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts

Lincoln Learning Network (LLN) - IU12 RWAN Consortium

Luzerne County Library System

Lycoming Career and Technology Center
Lycoming County Library System
MCLINC
Seneca Highlands Career and Technical Center
Wayne Library Authority

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
17000299	PA State PEPPM Consortium (Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit)

Certifications

I certify that the applicant includes:

I certify that the applicant includes schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7801 (18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.

I certify that the applicant includes libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and, except for the limited case of Tribal colleges or universities, have budgets that are completely separate from any schools (including, but not limited to elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities).

Other Certifications

I certify that this FCC Form 470 and any applicable RFP will be available for review by potential bidders for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted will be carefully considered and the bid selected will be for the most cost-effective service or equipment offering, with price being the primary factor, and will be the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology goals.

I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification) after the later of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the form for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.

I acknowledge that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) and/or library(ies) I represent securing access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity necessary to use the services purchased effectively.

I certify that I have reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that I have complied with them. I acknowledge that persons willfully making false statements on this form may be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.

NOTICE:

In accordance with Section 54.503 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, certain schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts must file this Description of Services Requested and Certification Form (FCC Form 470) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. Schools and libraries must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information requested in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether you have complied with the competitive bidding requirements applicable to requests for universal service discounts. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, rule or order, the information you provide in this form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information you provide in this form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, information provided in or submitted with this form, or in response to subsequent inquiries, may also be subject to disclosure consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, FCC regulations, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the information you provide in this form may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC or Universal Service Administrator may return your form without action or deny a related request for universal service discounts.

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