



FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270000514

KETS Next Gen Networking Hardware Products and Services 2027

Billed Entity

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Billed Entity Number: 128821

FCC Registration Number: 0011881927

Number of Eligible Entities: 175

Application Type

Applicant Type: Consortium

Statewide State:

KY

Recipients of Services: Charter School; Detention
Center; Dormitory; General-Use School; Juvenile
Justice; New Construction School; Swing Space

Statewide Application Represents:

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
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RFPS

ID	Name
233569	Attachment A KETS Network Products and Services Rebid RFP 758 2700000070
233570	Attachment B Cost Proposal Form RFP 758 2700000070
233571	Attachment C Annual Affidavit and Other Affidavits RFP 758 2700000070
233572	Attachment D VENDORS QUESTION FORM RFP 758 2700000070
233573	Attachment E Mandatory Requirements Checklist RFP 758 2700000070
233574	Attachment F Contractual Definitions OEM Held Network Contract RFP 758 2700000070
233575	Final_RFP_758_2700000070_1_SO_FORM

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		100 Mbps	100 Gbps	175	1	Each	Yes	233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Category One Maintenance and Operations		100 Mbps	100 Gbps	175	1	Each	Yes	233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name
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Narrative

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is seeking state master contract(s) to establish contract pricing for a procurement vehicle for E-rate eligible networking hardware, software, and services. Details are set forth in the RFP. Eligible entities of 175 represents all KY K-12 public school districts, not school buildings. Listed quantities of 1 are placeholders. Specific quantities needed are unknown at this time as this procurement is to intended to establish statewide pricing vehicles to be available to all public K-12 districts (170+ school districts comprised of 1700+ school buildings and non-instructional facilities) in the Commonwealth rather than a contract for a specific purchase. EPC does not allow for distinction between different types of eligible equipment under C1. See RFP for details on equipment and functionality sought. EPC's 2000 character limit does not allow for the inclusion of all mandatory requirements. Instead, see attached "Attachment E Mandatory Requirements Checklist RFP 758 2700000070". The installment payment plan option is selected to indicate that leasing options are also being sought as a part of this procurement. See Attachment A for details. The number of entities listed is an indicator of the number of K-12 public school districts which will be eligible to utilize the contract(s) awarded based on this process. There is no guarantee, implied or expressed, of the actual number of devices or services to be procured by the eligible entities under any contract awarded. Procurement activity schedule is as follows: Release of RFP August 28, 2026; Certification of USAC Form 470 August 31, 2026; Optional (but highly recommended) vendor conference Sept 3, 2026, 8am-10am EDT. Vendors MUST email Dianne.Lee@ky.gov by 8:00am EDT on Sept 2, 2026, with their company name, contact name and email address to confirm attendance for the Vendor Conference to receive an email invitation for the MS Teams meeting. Vendor written questions are due Sept 4, 2026, by 9:00 PM EDT and shall be recorded on "Attachment D Vendors Question Form RFP 758 2700000070" and submitted via email to Dianne.Lee@ky.gov); Commonwealth responses to vendors written questions will be posted September 11, 2026; Proposals are due no later than 3:30 PM EDT, September 28, 2026. Minimum and maximum capacities for C1 equipment listed reflect the range of connections currently provided by the state to each public school district via the Next Generation Kentucky K-12 Internet (NGKI) connection. Actual speed of connection varies between districts. User Access and maintenance licenses for Category 1 eligible equipment are also included in this request.

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	No Preference		175	1	Each	Yes	233569, 233570,

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
								233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	No Preference		175	1	Each		233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Internal Connections	Routers and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Routers	No Preference		175	1	Each		233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	No Preference		175	1	Each		233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Internal Connections	Racks	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Racks	No Preference		175	1	Each		233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		175	1	Feet	Yes	233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		175	1	Feet		233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573,

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								233574, 233575
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	No Preference		175	1	Each		233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers	No Preference		175	1	Each		233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Managed Internal Broadband Services	Leased Equipment			175				233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575
Managed Internal Broadband Services	Existing Equipment			175				233569, 233570, 233571, 233572, 233573, 233574, 233575

Description of Other Manufacturers

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State and Local Procurement Restrictions

Details regarding bidding on Commonwealth procurements can be found at: <https://finance.ky.gov/eProcurement/Pages/procurement-laws-regulations-and-policies.aspx>. K-12 public school districts are required by state regulation 701 KAR 5:110 to procure only those technologies that meet KETS technical, product and design standards, if a technical, product or design standard for that category has been established, regardless of source of funds as set forth in the Master Plan for Education Technology. The contract(s) resulting from this competitive bid will serve as the expression of these product standards, therefore public K-12 entities in the Commonwealth are required by regulation to utilize contracts resulting from this competitive bid to procure networking equipment and services.

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
128821	KENTUCKY STATE DEPT OF EDUC

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.

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 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.

I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used primarily for educational purposes, see 47 C.F.R. § 54.500, and will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513. Additionally, I certify that the entity or entities listed on this form have not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment sought by means of this form, from the service provider, or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.

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 recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that I have considered what financial resources should be available to cover these costs. I certify that I am authorized to procure eligible services for the eligible entity(ies). I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this form, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

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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