DEDICATED INTERNET AND WAN SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

Applicant: **Rye Neck Union Free District**
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Form 470 #: **270000547**
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Procurement Timeline

Task	Due Date
Deadline to Submit Questions	November 11, 2026
Date Questions will be Posted by Form 470	By Friday, November 13, 2026
Proposal Submission Deadline	Saturday, December 12, 2026

Communications and Questions

All communication with the Applicant regarding this solicitation **must** be emailed and received by the "Deadline to Submit Questions" noted in the "Procurement Timeline." Questions should be directed to all "Form 470 Contacts" listed above, with the Form 470 Number included in the subject line. Failure to include all "Form 470 Contacts" could result in questions going unanswered. Verbal inquiries are not allowed. Clarifications, when applicable, will be posted as an attachment/addendum to the Form 470. Each Offeror is responsible for downloading the current version of the Form 470 and attachments, including any addenda. Applicant reserves the right to ask vendors clarifying questions during the proposal review process.

Contact initiated by an Offeror concerning this solicitation with any other Applicant representative other than those listed as Form 470 contacts is prohibited. Unauthorized contact may result in the Offeror's disqualification from this solicitation.

Proposal Instructions

Proposals **must** be submitted via email by the Proposal Submission Deadline in the Procurement Timeline.

Proposals should be emailed to ALL Form 470 Contacts listed above and include the following:

- Applicant name
- Form 470 number
- SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number)
- Service provider's terms and conditions
- Vendor pricing

Proposals **must** include **all** costs associated with providing service, including but not limited to:

- Monthly recurring charges (MRC) include any recurring charge related to delivering the services, such as monthly charges for Internet access, transport service, IP addresses, basic terminating equipment, etc.
- Non-Recurring Charges (NRC) include any one-time fee other than special construction charges. This includes but is not limited to installation charges, connection charges, and/or basic terminating equipment charges.
- Special Construction Charges (SPC) include one-time costs for deploying new fiber or upgrading network facilities for eligible entities. These charges are non-recurring and include the following components: construction of network facilities, design and engineering, and project management. Offerors should provide special construction details sufficient to support E-Rate review, including route feet, cost per foot, and plant mix where applicable.
- Failure to identify the monthly recurring, non-recurring, and special construction charges will result in the disqualification of the proposal. Respondents are encouraged to provide the estimated taxes and surcharges associated with the service. Submissions indicating that there may be additional MRC, NRC, or SPC related to delivering the services **WILL** be disqualified.

Proposals **must** be in response to the specific requirements of this solicitation. Offers including a generic listing of services beyond the scope of this solicitation and/or encyclopedic price lists will be disqualified. SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

Applicant reserves the right to consider its existing service as a standing proposal and evaluate it against the other submitted proposals.

Service Requirements

Applicant is seeking proposals for Dedicated Internet Access (DIA), Wide Area Network (WAN) Data Transport service, DDoS and VOIP services. Offerors **must** submit proposals for all services.

Dedicated Internet Access (DIA): Applicant **requires** a minimum of 1 Gbps download x 1 Gbps upload fully managed Dedicated Internet Access with Transport service to the hub location specified below. Applicant also **requires** options for DDoS.

Location Name	Street Address
Rye Neck HS/MS	300 Hornidge Rd., Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Service providers are requested to submit offers for incremental bandwidths from 1 Gbps up to 10 Gbps.

Offerors **must** provide pricing for a Static IP Block- Quantity 13 (/28) for the district, at minimum.

Offerors should provide router lease options and pricing.

As optional service, Offerors are also requested to provide costs for advanced firewall services, if available.

Wide Area Network (WAN) Data Transport: Applicant **requires** a minimum of 10 Gbps download x 10 Gbps upload fully managed Transport connections between the Applicant's Internet hub site and to each of the Wide Area Network Transport locations listed below:

Location Name	Street Address
F.E. Bellows Elementary School	200 Carroll Ave., Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Daniel Warren Elementary School	1310 Harrison Ave., Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Service providers are requested to submit offers for incremental bandwidths from 10 Gbps up to 20 Gbps, in reasonable increments.

All proposed solutions **must** be within the specified bandwidth range to be eligible for consideration. In addition to the specified minimum and maximum bandwidths, Service Providers are encouraged to offer a variety of bandwidth options within this range.

VOIP:
Bidding vendors must also include costs for VOIP services. VOIP supports one SIP Trunk and would need to carry 600 DID lines.

To be considered, offers for Internet, WAN connections, DDoS options and VoIP services must be included in the bid response. Partial bids will not be considered.

Submissions meeting any of the five (5) numbered criteria **WILL** be disqualified.

1. Solution does not include pricing for Internet, WAN connections, DDoS **AND** Voice as indicated
2. Solution does **NOT** offer at least the minimum bandwidth.
3. Solution does **NOT** offer bandwidth dedicated to the applicant but instead, the bandwidth is dependent on the number of other customers on the network or some other factor that does not, generally, guarantee the minimum bandwidth as a committed information rate (CIR).
4. Solution includes caps on data usage or slows speeds based on data usage or other factors.
5. Vendor cannot provide pricing from a valid purchasing vehicle

All solutions must terminate service or infrastructure at the demarcation point within the building, generally, the MDF. Solutions that only bring service to the property line but not to the demarcation point will be disqualified. The agreement must terminate service at an MDF designated by the Applicant. The Offeror should specify the exact demarcation setup included in the base fees, such as wall-mounted CPE and CAT6a handoff, rack mount patch panel, etc.

Offerors must accept responsibility for site delivery, construction, permitting, pathway, and right-of-way costs required to deliver service.

Contract Term and Modifications

Services are needed effective July 1, 2027. If the service cannot be guaranteed by this date, this should be indicated in the proposal, along with an estimated timeline for when the service will be available.

Offers of month-to-month or contracted services will be considered. Service providers submitting proposals for contracted service are requested to provide 60-month pricing.

All contracts should permit bandwidth increases during the term. Any such increases, including those during optional renewal periods, will be treated as modifications to the existing agreement rather than new agreements and, therefore, will **NOT** extend the contract's term.

All contracts should include a provision allowing for early termination of circuits without penalty if a location is closed by the Applicant.

All contracts should include a clause allowing additional sites to be added at the existing MRC for the duration of the agreement, with the Applicant covering any one-time charges related to adding the new site to the network. Any additional sites added will have the same end date as the main agreement.

No price increases will be permitted during the term of the agreement.

Service providers proposing equipment whose prices may increase depending upon new U.S. government tariffs imposed on imports are encouraged to (a) identify such products in their offers, and (b) propose an acceptable methodology for limiting price adjustments over the life of the contract.

Subject to contract restrictions, services may be reevaluated for cost-effectiveness at any time during the life of the agreement including renewal periods.

E-Rate Specific Considerations/Information

The Applicant intends to utilize the Service Provider Invoicing (SPI) method for this funding request. Vendors must be willing and able to provide discounted billing and submit FCC Form 474 invoices to USAC. Vendors unable to support SPI billing **will be** disqualified.

Per USAC E-Rate rules, “cost of eligible services” will be the highest valued criterion in the evaluation process; however, other criteria with a lesser value may also be considered.

Service providers proposing a temporary equipment loan for product demonstration and/or evaluation purposes are **required** to clearly state that such loans are of limited duration. Product demos extending beyond thirty (30) days must be explicitly authorized by both parties and provided at a fair market rate.

By submitting a proposal, the vendor certifies that the proposed products and services comply with 47

C.F.R. §§ 54.9 and 54.10, which prohibit the use of Universal Service Fund support to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, modify, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by a company on the FCC's Covered List (including Huawei and ZTE) as posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain. See https://www.usac.org/about/reports-orders/supply-chain/ for more details.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.500(f) and 54.511(b), service providers may not charge applicants a price above the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) for supported services. LCP is the lowest price a service provider charges to nonresidential customers similarly situated to a particular school, library, or consortium for similar services. See https://www.usac.org/E-Rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/ for more details.

Additional Considerations/Information

The language in this solicitation has been standardized: "must," "shall," "mandatory," and "required" indicate mandatory specifications that the Applicant expects in the proposed solution. Proposals failing to meet these will be disqualified. "Should" and "may" indicate desirable specifications. A mandatory requirement may be waived if all respondents fail to meet a mandatory requirement.

Applicant reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposals received.

Applicant reserves the right to award all, part, or none of the services set forth in this procurement. This procurement does not obligate Applicant until a valid agreement and/or valid Purchase Order is executed.

Offers will only be accepted from vendors that can provide pricing from a “valid purchasing vehicle.” For purposes of this solicitation, a “valid purchasing vehicle” is defined as any purchasing vehicle that will allow the Applicant to purchase services in a manner consistent with State and Local bidding rules without issuing a formal procurement. Examples of a “valid purchasing vehicle” include existing contracts that were bid in compliance with State and Local Law, State Master Contracts, and contracts awarded to other entities where the Applicant can “piggy-back” off that contract.

Vendors must clearly identify the “valid purchasing vehicle” that forms the basis of their pricing. Applicant will be the ultimate arbiter of whether the pricing is based off a “valid purchasing vehicle.” The Offeror must comply with the terms and conditions of the underlying “valid purchasing vehicle.”

The Applicant reserves the right to request Best and Final Offers (BAFOs) from one or more Offerors. BAFOs must be received by the date and time specified during discussions or negotiations. If an Offeror does not submit a BAFO by the stated deadline, the Applicant will evaluate that Offeror based on its originally submitted proposal. If BAFOs are requested, the Applicant reserves the right to conduct a subsequent evaluation and scoring of proposals, including any revised pricing and other information submitted in response to the BAFO request, in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this solicitation.

Applicant may, at its sole discretion, extend the due date for the submission of proposals and any extensions shall be done via an addendum posted in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC.)

The vendor submission is subject to open records requests and, as such, the records will be released in accordance with those policies. Vendors are encouraged to mark pages as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" as appropriate, but the entire submission may not be marked as such. Identifying information as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" does not guarantee that the information will not be released but will be considered in determining whether the information is required to be released in accordance with the open records policies. Generally, pricing is not exempt from being publicly released.

By submitting a proposal, the Offeror certifies that no relationship exists between the Offeror and Applicant that would interfere with a fair and open competition or is a conflict of interest.

Evaluation Criteria

The cost of E-Rate eligible services will carry the greatest weight in the evaluation. Other factors that may be considered include but are not limited to E-Rate ineligible costs, overall/long-term cost to the Applicant, technical merit/capability of the offer, the Applicant's prior experience with the vendor, local preference and/or completeness of the vendor's proposal response. The Applicant reserves the right to weigh these criteria as it deems appropriate, or not at all, and may consider additional factors not listed above.