



ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS FOR INTERNET ACCESS AND WIDE AREA NETWORK CONNECTIONS

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I. Request for Proposal Instructions

St. Charles Parish Public Schools ("SCPPS") is seeking proposals from qualified Vendors to provide high-speed **Internet Access (IA)** and a **Wide Area Network (WAN)** to meet the district's needs today and in the future. Proposals are to be submitted electronically. Herein, the words "respondent(s)", "Vendor(s)", "firm(s)", or "proposer(s)" are used interchangeably and refer to the entity who is submitting such a proposal. By submitting a proposal, Vendor agrees to comply with all provisions of Louisiana law.

Interested firms are invited to submit proposals to SCPPS electronically via the Central Auction House website located at the "Online Bids & RFPs" link under the Resources tab at the SCPPS website (<https://www.wearescpps.org/>). Questions must be submitted electronically via the online site no later than **Friday, November 13, 2026 at 4:00 PM CST**. Firms are responsible for checking the website above periodically for any updates or revisions to the RFP.

All proposals will be accepted until **4:00 pm local time (CST) on Friday, December 11, 2026**. All requirements must be addressed in your proposal. Non-responsive proposals will not be considered. Failure to follow these instructions could result in disqualification of the proposal. SCPPS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

All proposals, whether selected or rejected, shall become the property of SCPPS. All information submitted with the proposal must be typed or legibly written. The proposal must be signed and dated by a representative of the firm who is authorized to negotiate contracts.

A mandatory site visit for all bidders is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2026.

The site visit at Central Office (13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070) starts at 2:30 PM. Upon completion, the site visit will relocate to Destrehan High School (1 Wildcat Lane, Destrehan, LA 70047).

A mandatory Vendor presentation will be scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2026. This can be done either on premises or virtually.

This RFP does not commit SCPPS to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal responsive to this request. SCPPS reserves the right to accept all or part of any proposal or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP. SCPPS further reserves the right to accept the proposal that it considers to be in the best interest of SCPPS. Firms are not allowed to contact other SCPPS departments, schools, or centers about the RFP.

II. General Information

SCPPS is home to more than 8,700 students and 1,900 employees. 15 schools, 5 centers, and 7 sites serve the community of St. Charles Parish with classes ranging from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade, and Head Start. While the majority of employees are teachers, SCPPS employs administrators, professional employees, paraeducators, bus drivers, and other ancillary staff to ensure seamless operation for the primary goal of public education. The student-to-device ratio is 1:1. Students utilize Chromebooks and laptops wirelessly in school and at home.

III. Scope of Proposal

The intent of SCPPS is to enter into a contract with a Vendor for an E-rate-eligible, cost-effective, high-speed Internet Access and Wide Area Network, as specified by the district. The service provider must provide high-quality

services and support in a timely manner. To ensure resilience of service, the internet access services must support routing to physically and logically diverse Points of Presence (PoPs) as detailed in the technical specifications.

For specific criteria or technical specifications as to the needs or functions of the requested services and/or equipment, please see *Appendix A: "Service / Product Technical Specifications."*

- St. Charles Parish Public Schools Central Office located at 13855 River Road, Luling, Louisiana 70070
 - To service:
 - School Board Office - 13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070
 - Maintenance Facility - 215 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling, LA 70070
 - Lafon Performing Arts Center - 275 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling, LA 70070
 - R. K. Smith Middle School - 281 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling, LA 70070
 - Satellite Center - 285 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling, LA 70070
 - Carver Early Learning Center - 337 Gum St, Hahnville, LA 70057
 - Landry Educational Programs Center - 108 Tiger Circle, Hahnville, LA 70057
 - Luling Elementary School - 904 Sugarhouse Rd, Luling, LA 70070
 - Lakewood Elementary School - 501 E Heather Dr, Luling, LA 70070
 - Mimosa Park Elementary School - 222 Birch St, Luling, LA 70070
 - Professional Learning Center - 12727 Highway 90, Luling, LA 70070
 - R. J. Vial Elementary School - 510 Louisiana Street, Paradis, LA 70080
 - J. B. Martin Middle School - 434 South Street, Paradis, LA 70080
 - Allemands Elementary School - 1471 WPA Road, Des Allemands, LA 70030
 - Hahnville High School - 200 Tiger Drive, Boutte, LA 70039
 - Media Center - 208 First St, Luling, LA 70070
 - West Bank Pupil Appraisal Center - 14137 Highway 90, Boutte, LA 70039

- Destrehan High School located at 1 Wildcat Lane, Destrehan, Louisiana 70047
 - To service:
 - Destrehan High School - 1 Wildcat Lane, Destrehan, LA 70047
 - St. Rose Elementary School - 230 Pirate Drive, St. Rose, LA 70087
 - Albert Cammon Middle School - 234 Pirate Drive, St. Rose, LA 70087
 - Harry Hurst Middle School - 170 Road Runner Lane, Destrehan, LA 70047
 - Bethune Early Learning Center - 13292 River Road, Destrehan, LA 70047
 - Ethel Schoeffner Elementary School - 140 Plantation Road, Destrehan, LA 70047
 - New Sarpy Elementary School - 130 Plantation Road, Destrehan, LA 70047
 - Norco Elementary School - 102 5th St, Norco, LA 70079
 - Student Health Services - 149 Apple Street, Norco LA 70079
 - St. Rose Pupil Appraisal Center - 11082 River Road, St. Rose, LA 70087

IV. Terms for Proposals

In order for proposals to be considered, the said proposal must be clear, concise, complete, well-organized, and demonstrate both the respondent's qualifications and its ability to follow instructions. The quality of answers, not

length of responses or visual exhibits, is important in the proposal. Firms shall promptly notify the designated individual of SCPPS of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error that they discover upon examination of the RFP.

If, in the opinion of SCPPS, a proposal contains false or misleading statements or references that do not support a function, attribute, capability, or condition as contended by the Vendor, the entire proposal shall be rejected.

SCPPS reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in a Vendor's proposal or to obtain additional information necessary to properly evaluate a particular proposal. Failure of a Vendor to respond to such a request for additional information or clarification may result in rejection of the Vendor's proposal. Proposals should respond to all requirements of this RFP to the maximum extent possible. Firms are asked to clearly identify any limitations or exceptions to the requirements inherent in the proposed system. Alternative approaches will be given consideration if the approach clearly offers SCPPS increased benefits.

Proposals that are not prepared in accordance with these instructions to Vendors may be rejected and/or disqualified. If not rejected, SCPPS may demand correction of any deficiency and accept the corrected proposal upon compliance with these instructions to proposing Vendors. Any one or more of the following causes, among others, may be considered sufficient for the disqualification of and the rejection of any or all proposals:

- Evidence of collusion among Proposers.
- Lack of competency as revealed by financial statements, experience, or other factors.
- Lack of responsibility as shown by past work, judged from the standpoint of workmanship as submitted.
- Default on a previous Contract for failure to perform.
- Incomplete responses that do not fulfill the requirements of the RFP.

SCPPS reserves the right to reject a proposal and to waive any informality whenever such action is in their best interest. SCPPS reserves the right to negotiate with any and all proposers. SCPPS may cancel this solicitation at any time.

All proposals shall comply with current federal, state, and other laws relative thereto.

By submission of a response to this solicitation, the respondent certifies that neither it nor any of its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible from participation in any transaction by any Federal department or agency.

V. Contents of Proposals

The proposal shall be organized in the format listed below. Contents of the proposal must address all technical specifications outlined in Appendix A. Respondents shall read each item carefully and answer each of the following items accurately to ensure compliance with SCPPS requirements.

a. Submittal Letter

Include the RFP's title and submittal due date, the name, address, and telephone number of the responding firm. Include a contact person and corresponding email address. In addition, this letter shall state that the proposal shall be valid until completion of the proposal as described in the Timeline (below) and that the staff proposed is available immediately to work on the project.

b. Authorized Signatures

Every proposal must be signed by the person or persons legally authorized to bind the firm to a contract for the execution of the work. Upon request of SCPPS, any agent submitting a proposal on behalf of a firm shall provide a current power of attorney certifying the agent's authority to bind the firm. If an individual makes the proposal, his or her name, signature, and post office address must be shown. If a firm or partnership makes the proposal, the name and post office address of the firm or partnership and the signature of at least one of the general partners must be shown. If a corporation makes the proposal, the proposal shall show the name of the state under the laws of which the corporation is chartered, the name and postal address of the corporation, and the title of the person signing on behalf of the corporation. Upon request of SCPPS, the corporation shall provide a certified copy of the bylaws or resolution of the board of directors showing the authority of the officer signing the proposal to execute contracts on behalf of the corporation.

c. Background/Description of Firm

This section should provide information regarding the company background, size, location, contact information, nature of work performed/equipment provided, years in business, and the approach that will be used in meeting the needs of SCPPS. Provide an organizational chart where necessary. Although not mandatory, preference may be given to firms or persons with offices within St. Charles Parish. Please also include the names and contact information for any subcontractors that will be utilized in this proposal.

d. Support & SLA Requirements

Service providers must commit to carrier-grade reliability and availability, also known as five-nines (**99.999%**). During school hours (7:00 am - 3:30 pm), there must be an absolute minimum disruption of service, and absolutely no degradation in transport speed or capacity. Proposers must commit to fixed network maintenance windows occurring on weekends or early morning weekday hours only, with no network disruptions allowed during weekday daylight and evening hours except for network emergencies.

Proposers must guarantee text and/or email notifications of school board technology personnel for any emergency network maintenance outages that are not pre-scheduled, even if these occur on nights and weekends.

WAN and Internet Access require real-time monitoring and management. Providers must list and supply examples of real-time statistical and graphical network management and monitoring tools and reports that can provide network visibility. At a minimum, the following must be available for monitoring: bandwidth utilization, network uptime and downtime, network percent availability, and network response time. Service providers must list and supply examples of weekly and monthly network statistic reports, with a specific focus on bandwidth usage tracking at each demarc.

Provide information regarding your company's service assurance and Service Level Agreements (SLAs). In the event of a network outage at any site, state the maximum length of time before assessment or repairs will begin. Any outage greater than 24 hours will be subject to monetary penalty. Furthermore, the winning service provider must agree that SCPPS can terminate the contract without penalty, regardless of the contract term, if the provider fails to deliver the service as outlined in their proposal with a **99.0% or better overall reliability threshold calculated over any 30-day window**.

Describe your repair process, which includes the steps taken for submitting, escalating, and tracking troubles toward resolution. Indicate the local resources available to provide support to the district, including but not limited to the number of local technicians available (within a 100-mile radius) for network and equipment installation, troubleshooting, and repair. Describe the various resources within your company that will assist in executing this network.

e. Qualifications and References

This section should identify services and projects that the firm has completed as outlined in the RFP, including relevant personnel and qualifications where necessary. Use this section to indicate the areas of expertise of your firm and how the firm's expertise will benefit SCPPS. Include at least three (3) school districts or government agencies where similar services and/or equipment were provided, along with the names and contact information of individuals from those districts who are familiar with your work that can be contacted by SCPPS staff.

State your experience in providing services which were E-rate funded in the telecommunications category in Louisiana. Provide the E-rate SPIN number(s) that your company uses in Louisiana.

f. Implementation Process/Timeline

Internet and WAN circuits must be in place and operational on **July 1, 2027**. This section should clearly convey the firm's understanding of the nature of the work regarding services necessary, including the equipment necessary, and the general approach the firm will use to complete the project.

This section should include, but not be limited to, a discussion of the organization of the project and a summary of the proposed approach, including what SCPPS will receive as an end product. This must also include any planned time frames for training services, phases of installation, and implementation, including any and all follow-up, training, and on-going support. Describe the method and frequency in which status updates will be provided to SCPPS during the implementation process.

Penalties will be assessed if the July 1, 2027 deadline is not met. Outline the service provider's contingency plan if services are not operational by this date.

g. Cost Proposal

This section must provide a full description of the expected expenditures for the work described in this RFP. The cost proposal must include all training, implementation, delivery, installation, set-up, etc. Pricing must be completely transparent and all-inclusive; no "hidden charges" will be allowed, and any cost required by the Vendor to commence service must be declared in this section.

Complete the IA Cost Sheet(s) and the WAN Cost Sheet. On the forms, include the monthly recurring, installation, and other costs for the bandwidths as indicated. The monthly recurring costs must be E-rate eligible in the telecommunications category. Eligible and ineligible costs must be identified on the cost sheets provided. The cost sheets also required the inclusion and explanation of any related special construction costs.

The location of each site can be found on the WAN Cost Sheet. The installation costs should include all expenses required to bring the network to the location of the district's existing demarcs. The demarcs are located within the school buildings and the central office site is located in the Technology Department's system room.

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During the term of an agreed-upon contract, the service provider must make available to St. Charles Parish Public Schools all similar contracts utilizing like services and volumes, like access costs, and terms and conditions that are made available to other customers in the state of Louisiana. Service providers must confirm in the proposal their acknowledgement of this requirement. Please denote whether circuits can be turned up or down during high/low traffic times (ex: summer).

Pricing provided by the service provider must be the maximum cost for each proposed bandwidth level if the district elects to upgrade within a contract term. If the district wishes to upgrade and/or add another location during the life of the contract, the service provider must provide the upgrade at a cost not to exceed the pricing provided in any contract resulting from this RFP.

Service provider costs should be based on a 36-month contract (with the option to renew at the same cost for up to 2 years, not to exceed a 5-year total term). Service providers must also state the availability of voluntary extensions. Proposers must certify that they are submitting the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) as per E-rate rules.

h. Financial Disclosure

Respondents must provide disclosures regarding the following areas:

- Have any licenses/certifications ever been denied, revoked, suspended, or provisionally issued within the past five years? If yes, please provide explanation.
- List all judgments, arbitration awards and settlements against your company within the last three (3) years arising from a lawsuit or claim of any nature.
- Describe all unresolved claims, arbitration claims, lawsuits or bond claims brought by or against your firm. Include the name of all parties and a brief description of the nature of the dispute.
- Has your firm made any filing under the United States Bankruptcy Code, assignment for the benefit of creditors or other measures taken for the protection against creditors during the last three (3) years?
- If the firm is a division or subsidiary of another firm, indicate the firm name and address of the parent firm, and describe the working impact this relationship would have on the firm's ability to perform.
- Has your company ever had a name change in the past? If yes, provide all prior name(s) and year(s) of operation.

VI. Selection Criteria

Firms submitting proposals are advised that all proposals will be evaluated to determine the firm deemed most qualified to meet the needs of SCPPS. While cost is a significant factor in considering the placement of the awards, it is not the only factor. The award will not be based on price alone, nor will it be based solely upon the lowest fees submitted. The selection criteria will include, but not be limited to, the items listed below:

1. Demonstrated understanding and responsiveness to the RFP.
2. Completeness and quality of the proposal.
3. Proposals and experience of firm and personnel named in the proposal.
4. Project understanding and approach including an understanding of SCPPS needs and timelines.
5. Satisfaction of previous clients/references.
6. Ownership of firm by local, small, minority, women, or veterans, or a disadvantaged business enterprise.
7. Cost proposal (E-rate eligible services and ineligible services will be evaluated separately according to E-rate rules).

VII. Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated and scored by the SCPPS Technology Evaluation Team based upon the content of the proposals. The order of the criteria listed is of no consequence. The weight to which each criterion is considered is subject to the discretion of SCPPS. Each area will be weighted as follows:

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
Cost of E-rate Eligible Services	25%
Technical Specifications & PoP Resiliency	20%
Vendor Presentations	15%
Support and SLA Assurances	15%
Project Understanding and Implementation Timeline	10%
Prior References and Experience	5%
Total Cost	5%
Small, Minority, or Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE)	5%

** To the extent practical and compatible with the above stated requirements, St. Charles Parish Public Schools is committed to making a positive effort to hire small-business, minority-owned, and women-owned enterprises in accordance with 2 CFR 200.321.*

VIII. Award

The contents of the proposal of the successful proposer will become, at our option, a contractual obligation if a contract ensues. Failure of the successful proposer to accept this obligation may result in cancellation of the award. If a proposer/contractor receives a proposal award and is unable to meet the delivery requirements, service requirements, or product needs as outlined in this RFP, honor the proposed price, or provide products complying with specifications, SCPPS reserves the right to cancel the award and contract with the next highest scored proposer.

If the proposal item installed/delivered does not meet specifications or if performance of services is unsatisfactory, the proposer/contractor must resolve immediately or replace to the satisfaction of SCPPS at no additional charge, or the proposer must issue a full credit.

IX. Length and Form of Contract

This contract is for a **three (3) year period** with **two (2) optional one-year extensions** at the sole discretion of SCPPS. The total term of the contract, including all extensions, shall not exceed five (5) years. The contract is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2027. Under E-rate regulations, the contract should provide flexible conditions allowing for adjustments in pricing or structure to reflect significant market changes, and the service provider shall not raise costs during the contract term or renewals.

X. Timeline

The schedule of activities for this RFP is as follows. SCPPS reserves the right to amend this schedule as necessary.

RFP Activity	Target Date
RFP Available / Form 470 Released	October 1, 2026
Mandatory Site Visits for Bidders	November 12, 2026 at 9:00 AM
Vendor Question Submission Deadline	November 13, 2026 by 4:00 PM CST
SCPPS Question Response Deadline	November 20, 2026 by 4:00 PM CST
Proposal Submission Deadline	December 11, 2026 by 4:00 PM CST
Vendor Presentations (virtual or online)	December 16, 2026
Evaluation and Award Selection (Scoring)	December 17, 2026
SCPPS Board Committee Review	January 25, 2027
Board Meeting for Final Approval	January 29, 2027
Contract Negotiation and Execution	February 2027
Service Commencement Date	July 1, 2027

XI. Additional Information for Proposers

1. All proposers are required to sign the attached Non-Collusion Statement and any other attached certification forms.
2. Any and all equipment necessary to perform installation must be the responsibility of the contracted firm(s) unless explicitly included as a part of the overall project cost requested by SCPPS.
3. SCPPS is exempt from Louisiana sales and use taxes. The firms shall assume liability for all applicable taxes.
4. **Indemnity:** Proposer agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify, and hold the St. Charles Parish School Board, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, liabilities, losses, expenses, liens, costs, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character including those of the Proposer, its agents, and employees for death, bodily injury, personal injury, damage or destruction of real or personal property, arising out of or in any way connected with the negligent performance of the work performed under this contract. All parties agree that the provisions and limitations of LA. Rev. Stat. 9:2780.1 and 38.2195 apply and are guiding when construing this indemnity agreement. Proposer shall pay all reasonable legal fees and costs incurred by the St. Charles Parish School Board to enforce the indemnification articulated under this section.

XII. Required Contract Provisions

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FROM APPENDIX II OF 2 CFR PART 200 - All submitted proposals must include language that addresses and represents to SCPPS the following:

1. **Equal Employment Opportunity** - Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, as amended.
2. **Debarment and Suspension** - (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180.
3. **Termination of Contracts** - All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the district, including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.
4. **Annual Appropriation & Funding Contingency (E-rate)** - Any formal agreement entered into as a result of this proposal must contain an annual appropriation dependence clause (La. R.S. 38:2237(3)). If the E-rate funding program is discontinued or reduced, SCPPS reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately without penalty.

XIII. Additional Forms

The following appendix documents must be signed, notarized (where applicable), and returned as part of the proposer's submission package. Failure to include these completed documents may result in immediate disqualification of the proposal:

- Appendix B: Non-Collusion Statement

- Appendix C: Equal Employment Opportunity Statement
- Appendix D: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Lower-Tier Transactions
- Appendix E: Certificate of Independent Price Determination

XIV. Appendices

Appendix A: Service / Product Technical Specifications

Appendix B: Non-Collusion Statement

Appendix C: Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

Appendix D: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Lower-Tier Transactions

Appendix E: Certificate of Independent Price Determination

Appendix A: Service / Product Technical Specifications

A. Network Architecture & Scaling Specifications

The bandwidth for each circuit will be determined after reviewing proposals. The service provider must allow the school district to select bandwidth per circuit based upon the needs of the given location.

1. General WAN and Internet Access Requirements

For both Wide Area Network (WAN) and Internet Access (IA) services, the proposer must address and comply with each of the following:

- 1.1 OSPF Routing Compatibility:** The district currently utilizes Cisco and Brocade communications equipment throughout its infrastructure. Give specific details as to the compatibility of your services with this hardware. Outline if additional or alternative components must be purchased or if changes in network configuration are required to interface with the existing infrastructure. Document any physical space or electrical limitations at each site.
- 1.2 Symmetric Bandwidth Speeds:** Specified bandwidth transport speeds must be perfectly symmetrical, ensuring the same rate for incoming and outgoing transmissions.
- 1.3 Scalability and Bursting:** Address scalable bandwidth capabilities and specify maximum burstable bandwidth speeds. Proposals must outline the process to scale circuits up or down, the hardware needed, lead times to turn up/down, and billing adjustments.
- 1.4 Multi-PoP Routing and Path Diversity:** To guarantee carrier-grade resilience, internet services must route to different, physically separated Points of Presence (PoPs). Proposers must explicitly document the physical and logical differentiation of each PoP used to service the district. This should be indicated in four separate options.

Option 1: Managed MPLS

Option 2: Unmanaged MPLS

Option 3: Managed SD WAN

Option 4: Unmanaged SD WAN

This narrative must include details on distinct hardware, separate power backup systems, independent upstream transit providers, and logical routing isolation. Proposers must provide complete geographical fiber mappings outlining the physical route of the fiber from the district demarcs back to the respective PoPs, verifying that the physical routes utilize diverse pathways and do not share common trenches, poles, or single points of failure.

Note: Although PoP routes will be on different sides of the river, to ensure resiliency, all sites should be able to communicate with one another at all times.

- 1.5 Hand-off Specifications:** Detail the hand-off at each location. Specify the type of equipment and single-mode fiber connectors that will be provided at all points of demarcation, including the host site (e.g., LC, ST, SC connectors). This equipment must include battery backups. The Vendor is responsible for extending the connection to the customer-defined demarcation.

2. Dedicated Internet Access Specifications

2.1 Bandwidth and Pricing Menu: Proposals must include dedicated Internet Access starting at a minimum electronic transport bandwidth of 6500 Mbps (6.5 Gbps) listed on the IA Cost Sheet. Proposers are strongly encouraged to submit all available bandwidth options, including a detailed symmetrical lit fiber pricing menu scaling from 10 Gbps up to a maximum of 25 Gbps in E-rate standard increments.

Proposal must include dedicated internet to both Destrehan High School and Central Office.

2.2 Public IP Address Options: Since St. Charles Parish Public Schools currently does not own its Class C Public IP Address Range, the provider must outline and detail all available IPv4 public addressing options. This Class C must contain 256 IP Addresses that can be routed between both sites.

2.3 Managed vs. Unmanaged Services: Describe options for managed and unmanaged services, including separate cost profiles for both options (requiring separate IA cost sheet completion for each proposed path).

2.4 Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Protection: Describe optional integrated security features, specifically Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) mitigation capabilities, traffic scrubbing, and real-time monitoring. (Specify associated costs in the ineligible portion of the cost sheet).

2.5 DNS Hosting Support: Detail the capability and any associated costs to host the external DNS records of SCPPS.

2.6 Single Point of Contact & Subcontracting: Vendor must deliver all services using their own facilities, infrastructure, and staff. Subcontracting, sublicensing, or utilizing third-party circuit providers is strictly prohibited; the selected Vendor must maintain full single-point accountability for end-to-end service delivery.

3. Wide Area Network (WAN) Specifications

3.1 Minimum WAN Speeds: WAN circuits must be proposed at a minimum transport rate of 250 Mbps as listed on the WAN Cost Sheet. Proposers are strongly encouraged to provide all available higher bandwidth options.

3.2 Infrastructure Flexibility: Describe the specific procedures, timelines, and costs for adding new school sites, moving existing demarcs, or executing any infrastructure changes to the WAN network.

3.3 Single Point of Contact & Subcontracting: Vendor must deliver all services using their own facilities, infrastructure, and staff. Subcontracting, sublicensing, or utilizing third-party circuit providers is strictly prohibited; the selected Vendor must maintain full single-point accountability for end-to-end service delivery.

Appendix B: Non-Collusion Statement

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. CHARLES

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is an authorized representative (partner, officer, or individual) of the proposing firm making the foregoing proposal; that said proposal is genuine and not collusive or a sham; that said proposer has not colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any proposer or person to submit a sham proposal, or to refrain from proposing; and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, collusion, communication, or conference with any person, to fix the proposal price of the affiant or of any other proposer, or to secure any advantage against St. Charles Parish Public Schools or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements contained in the said proposal are true.

Name of Proposing Firm:

Complete Business Address:

Authorized Representative Name:

Title of Representative:

Signature of Representative:

Date Signed:

Appendix C: Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

By the signature of its authorized representative on this document, the proposer hereby certifies that it is in compliance with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60).

ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, DISABILITIES OR VETERAN STATUS. WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

Name of Proposing Firm:

Complete Business Address:

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Title of Representative:

Date Signed:

Appendix D: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Lower-Tier Transactions

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 200. The prospective lower-tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such participant shall attach a detailed written explanation to this proposal.

Business / Entity Name:

Name and Title of Representative:

Signature of Authorized Representative:

USAC SPIN (Required):

Date Signed:

Appendix E: Certificate of Independent Price Determination

St. Charles Parish School Board and the proposing Vendor shall execute this certificate of independent pricing. By submitting this offer, the proposer certifies that:

- (1)** The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other proposer or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (2)** The prices quoted in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the proposer, directly or indirectly, to any other proposer or competitor prior to the public opening or award selection.
- (3)** No attempt has been made or will be made by the proposer to induce any other person or firm to submit or not submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

To the best of my knowledge, this Vendor, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any government agency and have not in the past three years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows: (State 'None' or attach exceptions)

Vendor / Company Name:

Authorized Representative Name:

Authorized Representative Title:

Signature of Representative:

Date Signed:

Exceptions (if any):