Mountain Lakes School District
BEN 122709
Category 1 Specification

Form 470 # 270000586

All bids must be submitted to bids@erateconsulting.com by 11:59pm (EST) on December 5, 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. 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 incomplete for bid evaluation purposes.

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

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

(5) Spam, robotic bids, and generic proposals crafted using artificial intelligence shall be deemed non-responsive and disqualified.

(6) 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 New Jersey, please provide a specific reference to the contracting arrangement and, where applicable, the contract number.

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

(8) 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.

(9) All service providers should be able to provide a current NJ Business Registration Certificate and W-9 upon request. Failure to do so will result in your bid being deemed

incomplete for bid evaluation purposes.

(10) All proposals must conform to the applicable provisions of the New Jersey Public Schools Contracts Law (Title 18A:18A-1 et seq.) and Board policies and regulations.

(11) The Applicant requests a three-year term of service, with two possible one-year extension options, but will evaluate any other proposed term(s) that meet its requirements.

(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 incomplete for bid evaluation purposes relative to that service.** If you indicate a particular service start date in Attachment A 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 allow the Applicant to use the Service Provider Invoicing (SPI) method or the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) invoicing 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, the Applicant reserves the right to use the incumbent vendor's current pricing in its evaluation.

(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 incomplete for bid evaluation purposes.**

Internet Access (Attachment A):

- The district seeks pricing for one Internet circuit at bandwidth levels of 1Gbps, 2Gbps, and 3Gbps.
- The Applicant's Internet circuit site and the bandwidth sought are referenced in Attachment A.
- Please include separate monthly pricing for IP static address block(s), as needed.
- If part of your proposed solution, bids should include line-item pricing for an optional managed router capable of handling the requested bandwidth.

If other than July 1, 2027, you must specify your proposed service start date in Attachment A. Failure to do so will cause the district to reasonably conclude that service can begin on July 1, 2027. If that turns out to not be the case, then the school reserves the right to terminate the agreement with no penalty.

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 incomplete for bid evaluation purposes.

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Vendor Representative Name

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Vendor Representative Signature

Date: _____