

E-RATE Funding Year (2027-2028)

RFP 17031

470 # 270000588

Spring Branch Independent School District

955 Campbell Rd

Houston, TX 77024

Proposal for Wired, Wireless and Internet Services

Questions and Answers – Addendum #3

Q. Please provide the required BOM/quantities and confirm the scope of work for the following items:

•Cabinets: quantity/BOM, assembly, installation, and grounding •Ladder racks: quantity/BOM and installation requirements •Fiber patch panels: quantity/BOM, installation, and fiber termination requirements •Cat6A copper patch panels: quantity/BOM, installation, and termination requirements •Vertical cable managers: quantity/BOM and installation requirements •Ethernet cabling: quantity/BOM and installation from patch panel to outlet/drop. Also, could the district provide the Bill of Materials (BOM) in Excel (.xlsx) or CSV format to improve readability and facilitate proposal preparation?

A. Provide equivalent number of patch cables per access point.

Q. Does the district intend to reuse the existing UPS, PDU, and battery infrastructure? If not, please provide the required specifications and sizing requirements.

A. Yes

Q. Please provide the required quantity and specifications for horizontal cable managers.

A. Up to 4 per campus

Q. Please confirm the required quantity and cable lengths for any new Ethernet cabling. Additionally, the BOM appears unclear regarding the DAC cable requirements for VSX and VSF connectivity. Please provide clarification.

A. No DAC requirements or needs. New cabling lengths and quantity not determined.

Q. The RFP specifies a 5-year manufacturer warranty and 4-hour RMA service for Internet equipment. Please confirm the required: •Manufacturer warranty period for access, distribution, and core switches. •Support level and RMA service requirements for access, distribution, and core switches.

A. These are minimum requirements

Q. Please provide the licensing requirements for the access, distribution, core, and Internet devices.

A. Vendor should provide based on proposal or equivalent

Q. Is the existing network infrastructure managed through Aruba Central or via CLI? Should the vendor configure and deploy the new equipment using Aruba Central or CLI? If Aruba Central management is required, should the associated licensing be included in the proposal?

A. Aruba Central, vendor should provide similar services based on proposal or equivalent

Q. Is it acceptable to submit a bid for the network solution only, or is it mandatory to include the associated structured cabling and infrastructure components, such as fiber patch panels, copper patch panels, cable installation, cabinets, and cable managers?

A. Yes it is.

Q. Please share the proposed BOM for the Juniper MX304, similar to the BOM that was provided for the Aruba access, distribution, and core infrastructure

A. Submit router recommendations based on RFP

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Q. Aruba Support, Maintenance, and Licensing: The RFP package includes a budgetary BOM for the Aruba access, distribution, and core switching infrastructure; however, the BOM does not appear to identify all applicable support, maintenance, and licensing part numbers. Please confirm the required support, maintenance, and licensing SKUs/terms, or clarify whether bidders should develop and include these items based on the proposed solution and the RFP requirements.

A. Provide the required/recommended licenses and support needed for proposed solution or equivalent

Q. The RFP documents do not specify the method for signing the documents. However, the Attributes section of the IonWave portal states that "All required signatures shall be original and in ink." Please confirm whether electronic signatures are acceptable for response documents submitted electronically through the IonWave portal.

A. Submit signatures as stated in RFP

Q. What is the specific quantity of 100G SR,FR,LR and ER optics being requested?

A. 4 FR per location, answered previously

Q. For clarity, would you like us to upload five references, with each reference accompanied by a completed Reference Questionnaire signed/completed by the reference contact, under the References tab in the IonWave portal?

A. Yes