



FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270000842
2027 SDOC Leased Lit or Dark Fiber WAN RFP-985-537

Billed Entity

OCONEE CO SCHOOL DISTRICT
414 SOUTH PINE STREET WALHALLA, SC 29691
Oconee
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Billed Entity Number: 127229

FCC Registration Number: 0015267784

Number of Eligible Entities: 20

Application Type

Applicant Type: School District

Recipients of Services: Pre-K; Public School; Public
School District

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
Education Partners Solution, Inc.	16043584	281-494-0187	gifford@eps4.com

Consultants

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RFPS

ID	Name
233817	985 537 Leased Lit or Dark Fiber Services RFP

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	Leased Dark Fiber		Detailed in RFP	Detailed in RFP	20	74	Fiber Strands	Yes	233817
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Leased Lit Fiber		10 Gbps	100 Gbps	20	37	Each	Yes	233817
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Category One Maintenance and Operations		10 Gbps	100 Gbps	20	37	Each	Yes	233817

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name
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Narrative
School District of Oconee County seeks proposals for E-Rate eligible Category One leased lit fiber and leased dark fiber, including IRU proposals, connecting the locations identified in the accompanying RFP to the District NOC and SNOC. The base design requires two separately priced 10 Gbps paths per applicable location: one terminating at the NOC and one at the SNOC. Bidders must disclose shared routes, common infrastructure, single points of failure, and any exceptions to physical route diversity. Dark fiber proposals must include applicable lease or IRU charges, maintenance and operations, installation, testing, and special construction. Network equipment required to light dark fiber is requested separately on this Form 470. Leased lit fiber proposals must be comparable to the requested dark fiber solution. All pricing must be pre-discount, itemized by location, path, and cost category, with eligible and ineligible costs separately identified. Bidders proposing special construction must disclose detailed route and cost information and any option permitting payment of the Districts non-discount share in installments over up to four years. The RFP and all addenda control the procurement. No provider will be selected and no contract will be executed before the Form 470 Allowable Contract Date. Internet access is not requested under this procurement.

Range of Years: 1 - 4 Years

Payment Type: Annual

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
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Description of Other Manufacturers

ID	Name
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Narrative

Technical Contact

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State and Local Procurement Restrictions

Sealed proposal packages must be clearly marked with the solicitation number and proposal-opening date. Proposals may be mailed or hand-delivered during District business hours to: School District of Oconee County, 100 Vocational Drive, Seneca, South Carolina 29672, Attention: Shannon Gibson. Proposals must be received by the deadline stated in the RFP.

The District will consider equivalent or superior solutions that satisfy the complete functional, technical, capacity, diversity, service-level and pricing requirements of the RFP. Quantities are estimates for competitive-bidding purposes; however, each base proposal must address the complete required scope unless the RFP expressly permits an alternate or partial proposal.

Any contract award is contingent upon District approval, the availability of local funds and, when applicable, E-Rate funding administered by USAC. No work may begin without a written District Notice to Proceed. The District may cancel or reduce an award if funding is denied, reduced or unavailable, subject to payment for previously authorized and properly completed work.

All pricing must comply with the FCCs Lowest Corresponding Price requirements. Proposers must separately identify pre-discount E-Rate eligible and ineligible costs and provide reasonable cost allocations for partially eligible products or services.

Proposers must possess a current FCC Form 498 ID/SPIN and remain in good standing with the FCC and USAC. A proposer subject to an unresolved FCC Red Light status may be determined nonresponsive or ineligible for award. The successful provider must comply with all applicable E-Rate rules throughout the contract term.

Proposers and District personnel must comply with applicable FCC E-Rate gift rules. Any free, promotional or bundled product or service must be clearly disclosed and treated in accordance with FCC and USAC requirements.

Any voluntary contract-extension options must be expressly stated in the proposal and resulting contract, including the specific number and duration of available extensions. Automatic or evergreen extensions will not be accepted.

Generic, unsolicited, automated or mass-generated submissions that do not materially respond to the RFP requirements may be rejected as nonresponsive.

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
127229	OCONEE CO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing, and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the reporting burden to the Federal Communications Commission, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554. We also will accept your comments via the email if you send them to PRA@FCC.gov. DO NOT SEND COMPLETED WORKSHEETS TO THESE ADDRESSES.

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