REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Equipment Purchase
For Clay Middle School
470 # 270000974

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Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) seeks proposals to supply and install network switches for Clay Middle School. Carmel Clay Schools will require the installation of the requested equipment. Bidders are advised that this project will be contingent upon the successful obtaining of Category 2 E-Rate funding. The contract agreement between the district and the successful bidder must recognize that contingency.

CCS seeks an agreement with a vendor that allows the following:

- Adjustment of quantities
- Option to scale back or cancel project based on funding available
- Consideration of the best interest of the District

Project Scope

CCS seeks eligible equipment as outlined in Appendix A. Equipment shall be new, factory-sealed equipment currently available from the manufacturer; the District will not accept proposals of used, remanufactured, refurbished, "B stock," returns, open-box, discontinued, "gray market," or equipment in any other condition other than new and factory-sealed with all original manufacturer warranties.

CCS will consider products from other manufacturers provided they equal or exceed the material requirements and functional qualities of the specific products listed in the Technical Documents. Material supporting and showing the equality of the alternative products must be submitted with the bidding documents. Any product being proposed from another manufacturer must be clearly identified within the proposal. Failing to include this information may result in the bidder's proposal being disqualified.

Installation will be in place of existing equipment and the requested equipment will be integrated into the existing environment. Each bid should include all labor necessary for staging, installation, testing, and documentation of equipment. Equipment staging will consist of (but not be limited to) ensuring firmware version consistency, configuration loading, and hardware preparation for mounting. Software and firmware version for components will be agreed upon at time of deployment, and configurations will be coordinated with CCS staff. Installation by the selected vendor shall include the removal of the existing equipment and placement of the new equipment. Equipment testing should verify access to internal resources and the Internet. Documentation should include configuration and summary reports of installations.

Questions

Any questions related to the technical aspects of this document should be directed in writing to the Carmel Clay Schools Technology Department at ccserate@ccs.k12.in.us no later than 2 pm EST on December 2, 2026. Answers to any written questions or any additional information, revisions, or clarifications to the RFP will be provided in the form of an addendum to be posted to https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/technology-data-solutions/e-rate-470. It is the sole responsibility of the Service Provider to check for any addenda that may be issued.

Response Format

Responses should include the following, if applicable:

- Applicable items should include all related software and hardware components that enable the functionality of the equipment (including any necessary mounting brackets, software licenses, multi-year licenses, and basic maintenance).
- If applicable, the vendor is to specify all fees, shipping charges, taxes, surcharges, and contingency fees for eligible equipment.
- If applicable, the vendor is to specify the manufacturer's warranty provided as an integral part of an eligible component without separately identifiable cost.
- Any ongoing subscription pricing must be listed separately.

Your response **must** include the following information:

1. Line-item pricing for each item listed in Appendix A. Any discounting applied to your proposal must be reflected at the line-item level. **This information must be provided in electronic spreadsheet form.**
2. In the case of proposed equivalent products, a thorough technical description of how each product from the manufacturer being bid meets each of the required functionalities of the product is listed below.
3. Information outlining your company's certifications and connections regarding the manufacturer's equipment being bid, and the length of time your company has provided equipment from the manufacturer being bid.
4. Two (2) reference sites where your company has performed a similar installation of the equipment being bid, including business name, contact name and contact information. It is preferable that at least one reference should be for a school corporation or library system within 90 miles of the District.
5. Your E-Rate SPIN Number. (You must have a current SPAC form on file with USAC.)
6. A ready-to-execute contract which includes the proposal requirements and the E-Rate contingencies outlined herein.

CCS's review of information will be primarily focused on the substance of the details provided in response to the requirements herein, including but not limited to technical details, pricing, and terms, experience, references, and adherence to the response format provided. Line-item pricing must be provided for each item listed in the bid (any discounting in pricing on the bid must be reflected at the line-item level).

Proposal Delivery

The CCS reserves the right to reject each and every bid and to waive informalities, irregularities, and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids. In the event that a responsible bid is not received or if it is determined that the low bid received is too high, the bid received will be rejected and the project will be canceled or re-bid.

Bids should be e-mailed to the office of the Carmel Clay Schools Technology Department at ccserate@ccs.k12.in.us by 2 pm EST on January 8, 2027.

APPENDIX A

Below is a reference of the type of equipment and capacities (or their equivalent) to be supplied. Bidders should price separately and clearly indicate any ineligible costs for all services and equipment associated with this RFP. For any part numbers that have been updated or replaced by the manufacturer, bidders should offer the most similar current part.

Line#	Part Number	Description	Manufacturer	Quantity
Fan / Fan Tray				
1.0	JL669B	HPE Aruba Networking X751 Front to Back Fan Tray	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	14
		Fan / Fan Tray Subtotal		
Module				
2.0	R0X31A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6400 Management Module	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
3.0	R0X39C	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6400 48-port 1GbE Class4 PoE and 4-port SFP56 v2 Module	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
4.0	S1T83A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6400 24p Smart Rate 1G/2.5G/5G/10G Class8 PoE and 4p SFP56 v2 Module	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
		Module Subtotal		
Power Supply				
5.0	JL087A	HPE Aruba Networking X372 54VDC 1050W 110-240VAC Power Supply	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	34
5.1	JL087A ABA	INCLUDED: Power Cord - U.S. localization	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	34
6.0	R0X35A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6400 1800W Power Supply with C16 Inlet Accessory	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
6.1	R0X35A B2E	INCLUDED: NEMA 6-20 220V NA Power Cord	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
		Power Supply Subtotal		
Services				
7.0	HL6G9E	Aruba 5Y FC NBD Exch E/R 6300M 48SR PoE SVC [for JL659A]	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
8.0	HL6D0E	Aruba 5Y FC NBD Exch E/R 6300M 24SR PoE SVC [for JL660A]	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	7
9.0	HR5D8E	Aruba 5Y FC NBD Exch E/R 6300M 48 PoE SVC [for JL661A]	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	7
10.0	HR7Q6E	Aruba 5Y FC NBD Exch E/R 6405 SVC [for R0X26C]	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
		Services Subtotal		
Software				
11.0	Q9Y80AAE	HPE Aruba Networking Central Switch Class-3 Foundation 5-year Subscription E-STU	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	17
12.0	R8L82AAE	HPE Aruba Networking Central Switch Class-4 Foundation 5-year Subscription E-STU	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
		Software Subtotal		
Switch				

13.0	JL659A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300M 48-port HPE Smart Rate 1/2.5/5GbE Class6 PoE and 4-port SFP56 Switch	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
14.0	JL660A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300M 24-port HPE Smart Rate 1/2.5/5GbE Class6 PoE and 4-port SFP56 Switch	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	7
15.0	JL661A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300M 48-port 1GbE Class4 PoE and 4-port SFP56 Switch	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	7
16.0	R0X26C	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6405 v2 Switch	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
		Switch Subtotal		
Transceiver				
17.0	S2P31A	HPE Aruba Networking 10G SFP+ LC LR 10km SMF C-class Transceiver	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	30
18.0	S2P30A	HPE Aruba Networking 10G SFP+ LC SR 400m OM4 MMF C-class Transceiver	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	4

Device breakdown by closet.

