

Q&A #3

1. Is any wireless redesign, relocation, or optimization of AP placement expected, or is this limited to one-to-one replacement and migration?

This project is primarily a like-for-like, one-to-one replacement of the access points identified in the Locations and Equipment Schedule. Replacement APs should be installed at the corresponding existing AP locations unless otherwise directed by the District. Wireless redesign, predictive surveys, heat mapping, or general AP relocation are not included in the base scope.

2. Will replacement APs inherit existing SSIDs, VLAN assignments, RF profiles, security policies, and network configurations?

Yes. The District intends to retain its existing Meraki Dashboard organization, SSIDs, VLAN configurations, RF profiles, policies, naming conventions, tags, and other applicable wireless configurations unless otherwise directed by the District.

3. Is contractor validation limited to installation, connectivity verification, Dashboard validation, and operational testing, or is post-installation wireless coverage validation/surveying expected?

Contractor validation includes installation verification, connectivity, Dashboard configuration/validation, and operational testing of the installed access points. Post-installation wireless coverage surveys, predictive surveys, or heat mapping are not included in the base scope.

4. If a failed switch/port, insufficient PoE, or switch hardware issue is discovered, will remediation be handled by District personnel and considered outside contractor scope?

Yes. Existing switching infrastructure is being reused. Issues with existing District switching infrastructure discovered during installation should be documented and reported to the District for remediation. The contractor will be expected to return and complete the affected AP installation/testing after the issue is corrected at no additional cost to the District.

5. Are all Dashboard networks, tags, RF profiles, floor plans, templates, SSIDs, VLANs, and policies already established and intended to remain unchanged?

Yes. The District's existing Meraki Dashboard organization and applicable networks, SSIDs, VLAN configurations, RF profiles, policies, floor plans/maps, naming conventions, and tags are intended to remain in use unless otherwise directed by the District.

6. Will the District provide Meraki Dashboard administrative access for AP claiming, staging, placement updates, tagging, and deployment activities?

Yes. The District will provide the successful contractor the appropriate level of Meraki Dashboard access necessary to perform authorized deployment activities. Access will be coordinated with District Technology Services.

7. Does Wireless Essentials satisfy all required functionality, or should respondents include additional licensing?

Respondents are responsible for providing all licensing necessary to meet the requirements of the solicitation for the full five-year term. For a Cisco Meraki solution, the District intends to use Cisco Networking Wireless Essentials licensing. If a respondent determines additional licensing is required to meet a stated requirement, it should be clearly identified in the proposal.

8. Were quantities/model selections derived from a wireless assessment/design, or should respondents independently validate quantities and placement?

The AP models and quantities in the Locations and Equipment Schedule represent the District's intended design and procurement quantities. Respondents are not required to perform an independent predictive design, survey, or validation of AP quantities or placement as part of the base proposal.

9. Should respondents consider on-premises controller-based solutions such as Catalyst 9800?

No. The District intends to continue operating a cloud-managed wireless solution utilizing its existing Cisco Meraki Dashboard environment. On-premises controller-based operation is not required or intended for this project.

10. The assumption is that the APs will be replaced during business hours.

No, AP installation will be after school hours.

11. Are we performing a wireless validation survey after the APs are refreshed?

No validation survey is needed.