

# MCCOMB SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

*Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) / Battery Backup Replacement*

E-Rate (Schools & Libraries Program) Category Two Eligible Project

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| <b>RFP Number</b>                         | MSD-UPS-ERATE                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Issuing Entity</b>                     | McComb School District, 695 Minnesota Ave., McComb, MS 39648                                                                                                      |
| <b>RFP Issue Date</b>                     | October 1, 2026                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Procurement Contact</b>                | Robert Biggs, Technology Director<br>695 Minnesota Ave., McComb, MS 39648<br>601-684-4661<br><a href="mailto:biggsr@mccomb.k12.ms.us">biggsr@mccomb.k12.ms.us</a> |
| <b>Proposal Due Date</b>                  | November 17, 2026, by 2:00 p.m. Central Time                                                                                                                      |
| <b>FCC Form 470 / EPC Application No.</b> | TBA                                                                                                                                                               |

## 1. Issuing Entity

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### McComb School District

695 Minnesota Ave., McComb, MS 39648

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### Procurement Contact

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601-684-4661

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All bidder questions, clarifications, and communications must be directed exclusively to this person. Naming a single point of contact is required for a fair-and-open E-Rate bidding process — informal contact with other district staff or board members about this RFP should be avoided by bidders and discouraged by the District.

## 2. Purpose and Background

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The McComb School District (“District”) seeks proposals from qualified vendors to furnish, deliver, and install rack-mounted Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) / battery backup systems to replace existing UPS units that are no longer functional.

This project is intended to be funded, in part, through the FCC's E-Rate (Schools and Libraries) program as Category Two Internal Connections equipment. All work must comply with applicable Mississippi public purchasing law and FCC/USAC E-Rate program rules.

## 3. E-Rate Program Requirements

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This project is contingent upon FCC E-Rate (Schools and Libraries Universal Service) funding approval for Funding Year, FY2027 (i.e., services beginning July 1, 2027). The following E-Rate-specific rules govern this solicitation and the resulting contract:

- E-Rate eligibility is limited to UPS equipment that directly supports E-Rate-eligible Category Two Internal Connections equipment (network switches, routers, wireless access points/controllers). UPS units that also support ineligible equipment (servers, storage, workstations, non-network devices) must have costs cost-allocated between eligible and ineligible portions per the FCC Eligible Services List (ESL) for the applicable funding year. Vendors must clearly identify, in their pricing, which line items are E-Rate eligible and which are not (see Attachment B, Item 21 Pricing Template).
- Fair and Open Competitive Bidding: The District (through this RFP and its related FCC Form 470) must run a bidding process in which all bidders are treated the same, no bidder has advance knowledge of project information not available to others, and price is the most heavily weighted evaluation factor. District staff and any consultant assisting with this project may not have a financial or personal interest in any bidding vendor.
- FCC Form 470 / EPC Filing: The District must file (or has filed) an FCC Form 470 in USAC's E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) and upload this RFP as part of that filing. Competitive bidding cannot close, a vendor cannot be selected, and a contract cannot be signed until at least 28 calendar days after the Form 470 is certified in EPC (the “Allowable Contract Date”).

- **28-Day Restart Rule:** Any material change to the scope of this RFP (e.g., changes to quantities, sites, or required specifications) issued after the Form 470 is certified requires the District to post a revised Form 470/RFP and restart the 28-day waiting period. Minor clarifications do not require a restart but should be documented and provided to all bidders equally.
- **Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP):** The awarded price may not exceed the lowest price the vendor charges to similarly situated non-E-Rate customers for similar services. Attachment D requires vendors to certify compliance with LCP.
- **Gift Restrictions:** District employees, officials, and any consultant involved in this procurement may not solicit or accept gifts, meals, or gratuities of any value from prospective or actual bidders during the competitive bidding process or at any other time during the funding year.
- **Category Two Budget:** The District must confirm it has sufficient remaining Category Two budget (a five-year, per-student allowance) to cover the eligible portion of this project before proceeding.
- **Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Method:** The District will use the SPI billing method, under which USAC pays the discount directly to the winning vendor, and the District pays only its non-discounted share. The awarded vendor must be an active, USAC-registered Service Provider with a current SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number) and CORES ID.
- **Record Retention:** Both parties must retain all records related to this procurement and the resulting contract for a minimum of 10 years following the last date of service delivery, per USAC document-retention rules — longer than the general Mississippi public-records retention period.
- **Manufacturer Neutrality:** Per FCC rules, this solicitation may not focus exclusively on a single manufacturer's equipment. Any brand reference (e.g., “Tripp Lite”) must be accompanied by “or approved equal” language and objective, brand-neutral technical specifications (Attachment A) so other qualified manufacturers can submit a responsive bid.
- Each vendor that submits a Bid must have an active SPAC (Service Provider Annual Certification).

## 4. Procurement Compliance — Mississippi Law

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This procurement is intended to comply with the Mississippi Public Purchasing Law (Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-1 et seq.), which governs purchases by “governing authorities,” including school districts, and with the District's Board-adopted purchasing policy.

### 4.1 Bid/RFP Threshold

Under Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-13, as currently codified, purchases exceeding \$75,000 (exclusive of freight/shipping) generally must be advertised for competitive bids once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, with bid opening no less than seven working days after the last publication. Purchases between \$5,000 and \$75,000 require at least two competitive written bids but not published advertisement. This project's stated \$70,000 cap places it just under the \$75,000 published-advertisement threshold — meaning formal newspaper advertisement may not be strictly required by state law, but running a fully advertised, sealed competitive process (as this RFP does) exceeds the minimum legal requirement, which is a defensible, low-risk approach.

McComb School District will advertise in the newspaper for this RFP and will post notification to the Mississippi Public Procurement Transparency and Accountability Portal (MPTAP / Mississippi Bid Bank) as required by DFA.

Because this project's total cost is capped at \$70,000, which is below the \$75,000 threshold for DFA-mandated reverse auctions on E-Rate-eligible Category 2 equipment, a formal reverse auction is not required for this procurement. However, if during the procurement process the project scope or cost estimate increases to exceed \$75,000, the District will comply with DFA reverse auction requirements or obtain an applicable exemption before proceeding.

Note: Under Mississippi Senate Bill 2024 (signed into law), if a district uses a termed contract of 60 months or less, the DFA reverse auction requirement does not apply regardless of the cost. Similarly, if the District has received a DFA exemption, the reverse auction process need not be followed.

#### **4.2 RFP (Weighted Scoring) vs. Sealed Bid (Lowest and Best Value)**

This McComb School District will use a Lowest and Best Value procurement method with award criteria weighted as follows: Price is the primary evaluation factor (highest weight), followed by [other factors]. Consistent with E-Rate rules, price of E-Rate eligible goods and services is weighted as the most significant evaluation criterion (see Section 9). If award is made to a vendor other than the lowest-priced responsive bidder, the District will document its justification and report the same to DFA as required.

#### **4.3 Bonding and Insurance (Public Construction)**

Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-51 (Mississippi's "Little Miller Act") requires performance and payment bonds, and proof of at least \$1,000,000 in general liability insurance, for contracts with a governing authority exceeding \$25,000 for "the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work."

#### **4.4 Additional Mississippi Requirements**

- **Public bid opening: proposals should be opened at a scheduled, publicly announced time and place, with attendance permitted (see Section 9).**
- E-Verify / immigration status certification: Mississippi law (Miss. Code Ann. § 71-11-1 et seq., the Mississippi Employment Protection Act) requires public contractors to certify E-Verify use and enrollment status. Attachment F.
- Non-collusion affidavit: standard practice on Mississippi public bids/RFPs to guard against bid-rigging. Attachment D.
- Resident contractor certificate (optional but common): a Mississippi-resident contractor's certificate, filed under § 31-3-21, can affect tie-breaking or reciprocal non-resident bidder treatment. Attachment G.
- Public Records Act: proposals submitted become public records after contract award, subject to the Mississippi Public Records Act (§ 25-61-1 et seq.); trade-secret/confidential portions must be clearly marked by the bidder and are not guaranteed protection.
- Licensing: electrical work must be performed by a Mississippi-licensed electrical contractor; general contracting work above the state threshold requires a Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility from the State Board of Contractors. [DISTRICT/COUNSEL TO CONFIRM whether this threshold applies to a \$70,000 project.]

## **5. Scope of Work**

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The awarded vendor shall furnish, deliver, and install rack-mounted UPS systems as specified in Attachment A, including:

- Removal of old UPS batteries/units from the rack for District disposal (District will handle final disposal of removed units; vendor should stage removed units as directed by District staff).
- Supply of new rack-mounted UPS units meeting the specifications in Attachment A (or approved equal), sized appropriately for the network equipment at each site.
- Delivery, rack mounting/integration, cabling, and electrical connection by appropriately licensed personnel.
- Configuration of network management/monitoring cards (SNMP or equivalent) where specified, integrated with the District's network monitoring tools.

- Load testing, runtime verification, and functional testing/commissioning at each site, with written test results provided to the District.
- Basic training for District IT staff on operation, monitoring, alerts, and battery replacement procedures.
- Manufacturer warranty as specified in Attachment A (minimum term to be defined by the District) and, if offered, extended warranty/maintenance pricing as a separately priced option.

Total project cost, inclusive of all E-Rate eligible and ineligible components, shall not exceed \$70,000. [DISTRICT TO CONFIRM this figure reflects current vendor budgetary estimates and the District's non-discounted local match after applying its E-Rate discount rate.]

## 6. Site Walkthrough

Date: October 15, 2026

Location: 695 Minnesota Ave., McComb, MS 39648, and other sites listed in Attachment A.

Attendance at the walkthrough (or an approved alternate walkthrough scheduled within 10 calendar days of the original date) is recommended. Vendors must contact the Procurement Contact in advance to schedule an alternate walkthrough; the District will make the same site access and information available to all vendors requesting an alternate date, to preserve a fair and open process.

## 7. Proposed Procurement Timeline

| Milestone                                                   | Date                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| FCC Form 470 certified in EPC / RFP uploaded                | October 1, 2026 [confirm same-day as RFP issue] |
| RFP Issued                                                  | October 1, 2026                                 |
| Site Walkthrough                                            | October 15, 2026                                |
| Deadline for Written Questions                              | October 22, 2026                                |
| Answers to Questions Posted                                 | October 29, 2026                                |
| 28-Day E-Rate Waiting Period Ends (Allowable Contract Date) | 28 days after Form 470 certification            |
| Proposal Deadline                                           | November 17, 2026, 2:00 p.m. CT                 |
| Public Bid Opening                                          | November 17, 2026                               |
| Evaluation Period                                           | November 2026                                   |
| Anticipated Board Award/Approval                            | December 11, 2026 Board meeting                 |
| FCC Form 471 Filing (Funding Request)                       | Jan–Mar 2027                                    |
| Anticipated Notice to Proceed / Installation Window         | TBA                                             |
| Project Completion Deadline                                 | TBA                                             |

## 8. Proposal Submission Requirements

Sealed proposals must be delivered to: McComb School District, ATTN: Robert Biggs, Technology Director, 695 Minnesota Ave., McComb, MS 39648, no later than the Proposal Deadline in Section 7. Proposals may be delivered by mail, courier, or hand delivery. Late proposals, however delivered, will not be accepted or considered, regardless of the cause for the delay.

The outside of the sealed envelope/package must be clearly marked: “RFP No. MSD-UPS-ERATE-FY2027 — UPS Replacement — DO NOT OPEN UNTIL BID OPENING.”

Each proposal must include one (1) original, (1) copy, and one (1) electronic copy (USB drive or similar) containing, at minimum:

- Cover letter identifying the responding company, authorized signatory, and confirmation of proposal validity for at least 90 days from the Proposal Deadline.
- Company information: legal name, address, business structure, years in business, and current W-9.
- SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number) and CORES ID, and confirmation of active USAC service provider status.
- Detailed technical specifications/data sheets for all proposed equipment, keyed to Attachment A, with any deviations clearly identified.
- Itemized pricing using the Item 21 Attachment format in Attachment B, separately identifying E-Rate eligible and ineligible costs, and certifying compliance with the Lowest Corresponding Price rule.
- Installation plan and project timeline, including staffing, sequencing across sites, testing/commissioning procedures, and a plan to minimize disruption to District operations and instructional time.
- Warranty and post-installation support/maintenance terms, priced separately if optional.
- A minimum of three (3) references from comparable K-12 or E-Rate-funded installations completed within the last three years, using the form in Attachment C.
- Proof of insurance (or a written commitment to obtain insurance meeting Attachment E's requirements upon award) and, if applicable per Section 4.3, performance and payment bond commitment.
- Completed and signed certifications: Non-Collusion Affidavit (Attachment D), E-Verify Certification (Attachment F), Debarment/Suspension Certification (Attachment H), and, if applicable, Resident Contractor Certificate (Attachment G).
- Acknowledgment of attendance at the mandatory site walkthrough (or approved alternate) and of any issued addenda.

## 9. Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Rubric

Proposals will first be reviewed for responsiveness (9.1) and then scored by an evaluation committee of at least three District staff members, none of whom may have a financial or personal relationship with any bidder, using the point scale below. Consistent with E-Rate rules, price is the most heavily weighted single factor.

### 9.1 Responsiveness Review (Pass/Fail)

Before scoring, each proposal will be reviewed for the following threshold requirements. A proposal that fails any item below may be deemed non-responsive and excluded from scoring, at the District's discretion:

- Received by the Proposal Deadline at the correct location, sealed and labeled as required.
- Signed by an authorized company representative.
- Includes all required certifications (Attachments D, F, H, and G if applicable).
- Confirms an active SPIN/CORES ID.
- Attendance at the mandatory walkthrough (or approved alternate) confirmed.
- Pricing submitted in the required Item 21 format with eligible/ineligible costs separated.

### 9.2 Scored Criteria (100 Points Total)

| Criterion                                         | Points    | What Evaluators Score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1. Price of E-Rate Eligible Goods/Services</b> | <b>40</b> | Lowest responsive total eligible price = full 40 points. Other proposals scored proportionally: $(\text{Lowest Price} \div \text{Proposal's Price}) \times 40$ . Ineligible costs are evaluated separately and are not part of this calculation, consistent with E-Rate's requirement that eligible-service price be the primary factor. |

| Criterion                                                     | Points     | What Evaluators Score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2. Technical Compliance &amp; Specifications</b>           | <b>20</b>  | Rack compatibility; power capacity and runtime vs. Attachment A requirements; build quality and manufacturer reputation; monitoring/SNMP capability; energy efficiency; compliance with brand-neutral specifications (deviations clearly justified). |
| <b>3. Vendor Experience &amp; References</b>                  | <b>15</b>  | Demonstrated experience with comparable UPS installations, particularly in K-12 and E-Rate-funded projects; quality, relevance, and results of the three references submitted; length of time as an active, compliant E-Rate service provider.       |
| <b>4. Installation Plan &amp; Implementation Timeline</b>     | <b>15</b>  | Completeness and realism of the project schedule; staffing and licensing plan; testing/commissioning procedures; risk mitigation; plan to minimize disruption to District operations and the instructional calendar.                                 |
| <b>5. Compliance &amp; Responsiveness to RFP Requirements</b> | <b>10</b>  | Completeness of the proposal; strict adherence to RFP instructions and format; inclusion of all required documentation and certifications; clarity and organization; walkthrough attendance acknowledged.                                            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                  | <b>100</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

### 9.3 Individual Evaluator Scoresheet (for committee use — one per evaluator, per proposal)

| Criterion                                   | Max Points | Score Awarded | Evaluator Notes / Justification |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Price of E-Rate Eligible Goods/Services     | 40         |               |                                 |
| Technical Compliance & Specifications       | 20         |               |                                 |
| Vendor Experience & References              | 15         |               |                                 |
| Installation Plan & Implementation Timeline | 15         |               |                                 |
| Compliance & Responsiveness                 | 10         |               |                                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>100</b> |               |                                 |

Evaluator Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor Evaluated: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9.4 Evaluation Process Notes

- Each evaluator scores independently before the committee meets to discuss; individual scoresheets are retained in the procurement file for at least 10 years (Section 3).
- Final scores are averaged across evaluators. Any evaluator whose score deviates significantly from the panel average should document the reason in writing.
- In the event of a tie total score, price (Criterion 1) breaks the tie; if still tied, the District may apply a documented, non-arbitrary secondary factor (e.g., Mississippi resident-contractor status, Attachment G) or request Best and Final Offers from the tied vendors.
- The District reserves the right to request oral presentations, clarifications, or a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) from one or more vendors before final award, provided the same opportunity is offered to all vendors within a competitive range.

## 10. Award Conditions

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- Award is contingent upon (a) FCC/USAC E-Rate funding approval (Funding Request Number issuance) and (b) McComb School District Board of Trustees approval.
- The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive minor informalities, and to award in whole or in part if doing so is in the District's best interest.
- Total project cost, all-inclusive, shall not exceed \$70,000.
- Non-Appropriation: This contract is subject to the availability of appropriated/approved funds, including E-Rate funding; if such funds are not received, the District may terminate or modify the project without penalty, as described in the resulting contract.
- Notice of Intent to Award: The District will post a Notice of Intent to Award identifying the apparent successful vendor prior to Board approval, and will allow a reasonable protest period (e.g., five business days) for unsuccessful vendors to submit a written protest to the Procurement Contact before the contract is finalized.

Post-Award DFA Reporting: Following contract award, the District will compile and submit to DFA the following documentation as required for Category 2 equipment procurement: (a) proof of newspaper advertisement; (b) MPTAP notification; (c) bid specifications; (d) the winning bid; (e) a bid tabulation of all responsive bids received; and (f) if award is made to other than the lowest-priced bidder, a written justification for the selection.

## 11. Questions and Addenda

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All questions must be submitted in writing to the Procurement Contact by October 22, 2026. Questions submitted by any other means (phone calls, verbal questions at the walkthrough, direct contact with District staff other than the Procurement Contact) will not be answered and should not be relied upon by any bidder.

Written answers, along with any resulting addenda, will be posted publicly on the District website. If an addendum materially changes the scope of this RFP, the District will restart the 28-day E-Rate waiting period as described in Section 3.

## 12. Insurance and Bonding Requirements

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Unless the District's attorney determines a lower requirement applies (see Section 4.3), the awarded vendor must furnish, prior to Notice to Proceed:

- Commercial General Liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, naming McComb School District as additional insured.
- Workers' Compensation insurance meeting Mississippi statutory requirements.
- Automobile liability insurance covering vehicles used in connection with the work.
- If required under Section 4.3: a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in an amount not less than 100% of the contract price, issued by a surety on the U.S. Treasury Department's list of acceptable sureties and authorized to do business in Mississippi.
- Certificates of insurance (and bonds, if applicable) must be provided before work begins and kept current for the duration of the contract and any warranty period.

## 13. Contract Terms

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The resulting contract will incorporate, at minimum:

- E-Rate compliance provisions, including SPI invoicing procedures, cost-allocation of eligible/ineligible items, Lowest Corresponding Price compliance, and a 10-year record-retention requirement.
- Compliance with all applicable Mississippi public purchasing, bonding, insurance, E-Verify, and non-discrimination requirements.
- A defined contract term and, if applicable, renewal/maintenance option periods, expressly not to exceed what is appropriate for a one-time equipment purchase and installation (multi-year maintenance/service pricing, if any, must be separately identified and separately E-Rate-eligible-assessed each funding year).
- Manufacturer and vendor warranty terms as proposed and accepted.
- Indemnification, insurance, and bonding obligations as described in Section 12.
- Payment terms consistent with the SPI method (District pays only its non-discounted share; USAC pays the discount directly to the vendor upon invoicing).
- Termination for convenience and termination for cause provisions, including remedies if E-Rate funding is denied, reduced, or delayed.
- Governing law (State of Mississippi) and venue.
- Mississippi sales/use tax exemption information for the District, where applicable.
- Public records acknowledgment (Section 4.4).

## 14. List of Attachments

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The following attachments are referenced throughout this RFP. Templates/checklists are provided; the District must complete the bracketed items before release.

- Attachment A — Site & Technical Specification Table
- Attachment B — Pricing Proposal / Item 21 Attachment Template
- Attachment C — Reference Form
- Attachment D — Non-Collusion Affidavit & Lowest Corresponding Price Certification
- Attachment E — Insurance & Bonding Requirements Summary
- Attachment F — E-Verify / Immigration Status Certification
- Attachment G — Mississippi Resident Contractor Certificate (optional, if applicable)
- Attachment H — Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters
- Attachment I — Draft/Sample Contract [TO BE PREPARED BY DISTRICT COUNSEL]

## Attachment A — Site & Technical Specification Table

| Equipment Supported                    | Required Capacity (VA/W) | Min. Runtime                | Rack Units (U) | Monitoring Card Required? | Existing Unit to Remove           |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| [Core switch, router, WAPs controller] | [e.g., 3000 VA]          | [e.g., 15 min at full load] | [e.g., 2U]     | [Yes/No]                  | [Make/model/age of existing unit] |
|                                        |                          |                             |                |                           |                                   |
|                                        |                          |                             |                |                           |                                   |

**Provided is a guide for equipment needs. Proposals can include this suggested equipment/software or an equivalent.**

- 1 9PXM12GGGGB / Eaton 9PXM 12 Slot Chassis, 20kVA, Receptacles Output 9PXM Alternative or Equivalent
- 5 9PXMSPPM / EATON 9PXM SP PM 4KVA or Equivalent
- 14 9PXMBAAT / Battery Pack 9PXM Bulk Shipping 30/Pa or Equivalent
- 1 NETWORK-M3 / Eaton Cybersecure Gigabit NETWORK-M3 Card for UPS and PDU - Remote management adapter - Gigabit Ethernet x 1 - for P/N: 5PX3000IRTNG2, 9PX1500RT-L, 9PX2000RT-L, 9PX2200GRT-L, 9PX3000GRT-L, 9PX3000RT-L or Equivalent
- 1 EMPDT1H1C2 / Eaton Environmental Monitoring Probe Environmental Monitoring Probe (EMP) Gen 2 for Temperature and Humidity Conditions - Gen 2 - environment monitoring device - 1GbE - for 5P 1500 RACKMOUNT or Equivalent
- 1 9PXMRRK2 / Eaton 9PXM four-post rail kit for UPS and EBM or Equivalent
- 1 SR05NXXX-18000UC / Onsite 9PXM Rack Installation and Startup or Equivalent
- 5 EMA108-10 Eaton Managed PDU, 1PH, 0U, NEMA L5-30P input, 10 ft cord, 2.88kW, 24A, 120V, 24 Outlets (24) 5-20R, TAA or equivalent
- 1 BL-DIT-PERP Brightlayer Distributed IT Perpetual or Equivalent
- 10 BL-DIT-MNT1Y Brightlayer Distributed IT Maint 1Yr or Equivalent
- 10 BL-EXT-DISAV-PERP Brightlayer Disaster Avoidance Perpetual or Equivalent
- 10 BL-EXT-DISAV-MNT1Y Brightlayer Disaster Avoidance Maint 1Yr or Equivalent
- 6 BL-SVC-DEPLOY-1HR Brightlayer Software Implementation Service - 1 Hour or Equivalent
- 1 BL-SVC-TRN-FUNSEAT Eaton Brightlayer Training Service - Fundamental Configuration Seat or Equivalent

Acceptable manufacturers include, but are not limited to, [list e.g., Tripp Lite, APC/Schneider Electric, Eaton, Vertiv/Liebert,] or approved equal meeting the specifications above. **Equivalency determinations will be made by the District based on submitted data sheets.**

## Attachment B — Pricing Proposal / Item 21 Attachment Template

| Line Item                                     | Site | Qty | Unit Price | Extended Price | E-Rate Eligible? (Y/N) | Eligible Amount | Ineligible Amount |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|-----|------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| UPS Unit — [model]                            |      |     |            |                |                        |                 |                   |
| Installation / Rack Integration               |      |     |            |                |                        |                 |                   |
| Cabling / Electrical Connection               |      |     |            |                |                        |                 |                   |
| Testing / Commissioning                       |      |     |            |                |                        |                 |                   |
| Training                                      |      |     |            |                |                        |                 |                   |
| Warranty / Maintenance (if separately priced) |      |     |            |                |                        |                 |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  |      |     |            |                |                        |                 |                   |

*Vendor Certification: The undersigned certifies that the prices quoted above do not exceed the Lowest Corresponding Price charged by [Vendor Name] to similarly situated non-E-Rate customers for reasonably comparable service, as required by FCC E-Rate rules.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment C — Reference Form**

Provide three (3) references for comparable K-12 or E-Rate-funded UPS installations completed within the last three years.

| Reference # | Organization Name | Contact Name / Title | Phone / Email | Project Description & Approx. Value | Completion Date |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1           |                   |                      |               |                                     |                 |
| 2           |                   |                      |               |                                     |                 |
| 3           |                   |                      |               |                                     |                 |

## Attachment D — Non-Collusion Affidavit & Lowest Corresponding Price Certification

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and states that: (1) the proposal submitted is not made in connection with any other bidder submitting a proposal for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (2) no officer or employee of McComb School District has a financial or other interest in the undersigned's company or in the outcome of this procurement; (3) the undersigned has not offered, given, or agreed to give any gift, gratuity, or thing of value to any District officer, employee, or agent in connection with this procurement, consistent with E-Rate gift rules; and (4) the pricing offered does not exceed the Lowest Corresponding Price charged to similarly situated non-E-Rate customers.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.    Notary Public:  
\_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attachment E — Insurance & Bonding Requirements Summary**

See Section 12. Bidders must submit either current certificates of insurance meeting these limits, or a signed statement committing to obtain such coverage prior to Notice to Proceed if awarded the contract.  
[DISTRICT/COUNSEL TO CONFIRM final bonding requirement per Section 4.3 before this attachment is finalized.]

## **Attachment F — E-Verify / Immigration Status Certification**

Pursuant to the Mississippi Employment Protection Act (Miss. Code Ann. § 71-11-1 et seq.), the undersigned certifies that [Company Name] is enrolled in and uses the federal E-Verify program to confirm the employment eligibility of all employees performing work under any contract resulting from this RFP, and shall require the same certification from any subcontractors.

E-Verify Company ID/Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attachment H – Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters**

The undersigned certifies that neither [Company Name] nor any of its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal, state, or local governmental department or agency, including USAC/FCC, and is otherwise a responsible bidder as defined by Mississippi law.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_