

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) CONNECTIONS
Managed Lit Fiber Ethernet Transport and Leased Dark Fiber Services

For
BONNEVILLE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #93

3387 E. Iona Road, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

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Issue Date	October 5, 2026
Question Deadline	October 28, 2026
Proposal Due Date	November 5 th , 2026, at 4pm MST
Anticipated Service Start	July 1, 2027

1. Introduction and Purpose

In conformity with the FCC Schools and Libraries Universal Service Fund program, commonly known as E-Rate, Bonneville Joint School District #93, hereafter referred to as the District or Owner, is seeking proposals from qualified service providers for Wide Area Network (WAN) connectivity services.

The purpose of this RFP is to obtain responsive, comparable, and cost-effective proposals for fiber-based WAN connections between the District Technology Center and District locations identified in Attachment A - Site Schedule. The District is requesting proposals for both managed lit fiber Ethernet transport and leased dark fiber transport options. Each schedule shall be priced separately.

This RFP is intended to support the District in selecting the most cost-effective solution while complying with applicable E-Rate program rules and applicable state and local procurement requirements.

2. Procurement Schedule

Milestone	Date / Time
RFP issued	October 5, 2026
FCC Form 470 posted	October 5, 2026
Deadline for written questions	October 28, 2026
District responses to questions posted in EPC	by October 30, 2026
Proposal due date	November 5 th , 2026, at 4pm MST
Earliest contract award date	December 15, 2026
Anticipated service start date	July 1, 2027

The District reserves the right to modify this schedule by addendum. All addenda and responses to bidder questions shall be made available through the appropriate procurement and/or E-Rate posting location so that all prospective bidders have access to the same information. If an addendum materially changes the services, quantities, locations, evaluation criteria, minimum requirements, or other elements affecting competition, the District may extend or restart the competitive bidding period as required by E-Rate rules.

3. Scope of Work

The District is seeking proposals for WAN connectivity services. The successful service provider shall include all costs necessary to provide, construct, install, program, test, maintain, monitor, and support the requested services. All maintenance costs associated with provider-furnished equipment or facilities required to deliver the service shall be the responsibility of the service provider unless specifically identified otherwise in the proposal.

Per E-Rate program requirements for eligible services, the requested leased services shall not become the property of the District during or after the contract term unless otherwise clearly identified as an eligible or ineligible component and approved by the District.

1. The requested services shall provide fiber-based WAN connectivity between the User Network Interface (UNI) at the District Technology Center, located at 3387 E. Iona Road, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, and the UNI located at each site listed in Attachment A - Site Schedule.
2. Each District site listed in Attachment A - Site Schedule requires a minimum committed connection speed of 1 Gbps. Vendors shall provide pricing that meets or exceeds this minimum requirement for every listed

site. The District may request higher-capacity service tiers where available and where operationally or financially advantageous.

3. The District currently maintains a 10 Gbps fiber connection to the District Technology Center and 1Gbps fiber connections to the sites designated in this RFP. The District requires pricing for the continuation of a 10 Gbps circuit to the Technology Center. For the remaining sites listed, the District requires pricing for 1 Gbps service and requests optional pricing for 2 Gbps service, where available.
4. The District is requesting separate proposals for Schedule A - Managed Lit Fiber Ethernet Transport Service and Schedule B - Leased Dark Fiber Transport Service. Each schedule shall be bid separately. Vendors may bid one or both schedules.
5. If a service provider does not provide direct point-to-point fiber transport to each site, the provider shall identify the proposed aggregation or collector circuit architecture, including all aggregation points, handoff locations, and single points of failure.
6. All one-time special construction and build-out costs, including but not limited to conduit, trenching, interior pathways, cabling, terminations, fiber laterals, splicing, permits, and make-ready work, shall be itemized separately.
7. The solution shall be restricted to land-based fiber optics. Copper, microwave, satellite, cellular, fixed wireless, or other wireless transport media are not acceptable substitutes for the requested service.
8. The service provider shall provide all labor, materials, configuration, testing, documentation, coordination, and project management required for a complete and functional service delivery.

4. General Technical Requirements

- Services shall be designed for carrier-grade reliability and shall support production instructional, administrative, voice, video, security, and cloud application traffic.
- Services shall be full duplex and shall provide committed bandwidth as proposed by the vendor.
- The provider shall identify the service architecture, including whether the service is point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, hub-and-spoke, ring, or aggregated through one or more collector circuits.
- The provider shall disclose all provider-owned or provider-managed customer-premises equipment required to deliver the proposed service.
- The provider shall identify any District-owned equipment, rack space, power, grounding, environmental, or pathway requirements needed for service delivery.
- The provider shall identify all proposed demarcation points and all construction or interior pathway work required at each site.

5. Demarcation and Handoff Requirements

The District prefers a single-mode fiber Ethernet handoff utilizing LC connectors. The service provider shall provide and maintain all provider-side equipment necessary to deliver the requested service, unless exceptions are clearly identified in the proposal.

- Demarcation location at each site.
- Fiber type and connector type.
- Optical interface specifications and distance limitations.
- Required District-owned optics, transceivers, patch cables, or equipment, if any.
- Provider responsibilities and District responsibilities.
- Power, rack space, grounding, cooling, and environmental requirements.
- Any required permits, pathways, conduit, entrance facilities, or building modifications.

6. Service Level Agreement Requirements

The proposal shall include an industry-standard Service Level Agreement (SLA). At a minimum, the SLA shall address the following objectives:

Metric	Minimum Requirement	Vendor Response Required
Network availability	99.99% monthly	Describe calculation method and exclusions.
Packet delivery rate	99.99%	Describe measurement method.
Packet loss	0.10% or less	Describe measurement method.
Average one-way latency	10 ms or less across provider network	Describe measurement points.
Jitter	5 ms or less	Describe measurement method.
Mean time to repair	4 hours or less end-to-end, including local loop facilities	Describe escalation and service credit process.

The service provider shall identify all service credits, remedies, escalation procedures, maintenance windows, notification practices, and exclusions applicable to the proposed SLA.

7. Schedule B - Leased Dark Fiber Transport Service

The District seeks proposals for leased dark fiber transport services between the District Technology Center and the locations identified in Attachment A. The District is seeking an outcome-based proposal that supports the technical requirements below without unnecessarily limiting vendor engineering approaches.

9. Vendor shall provide dedicated single-mode fiber facilities suitable for District WAN transport.
10. A minimum of two usable strands per route is preferred. Alternative strand architectures may be proposed if the vendor clearly explains the design, required equipment, limitations, and risks.
11. The dark fiber solution shall support 1 Gbps operation at service commencement.
12. The underlying fiber infrastructure shall be capable of supporting future upgrade paths to 2 Gbps, without replacement of outside plant facilities, where technically feasible.
13. Vendor shall disclose fiber strand count, fiber type, estimated route distance, splice count, route description, lateral construction requirements, and demarcation details for each site.
14. Vendor shall identify maintenance responsibilities, restoration procedures, locate responsibilities, outage notification process, and repair intervals.

For any optical or electronic component proposed as part of Schedule B, the vendor shall identify whether each component is included as part of the leased Category One service; provider-owned; District-owned; separately priced; E-Rate eligible, partially eligible, or ineligible. The District will not assume that every dark-fiber electronic component is an eligible Category One cost.

15. If wavelength multiplexing, BiDi optics, CWDM, DWDM, or other optical technologies are proposed, the vendor shall provide a detailed description of the architecture, required equipment, compatibility requirements, and ownership/maintenance responsibilities.
16. Vendor shall identify any shared conduit, shared splice points, shared routes, or single points of failure.

8. Schedule A - Managed Lit Fiber Ethernet Transport Service

The District seeks proposals for managed lit fiber Ethernet transport services between the District Technology Center and the locations identified in Attachment A.

17. The proposed service shall provide dedicated Layer 2 Carrier Ethernet transport between District locations and the District Technology Center.
18. The service shall provide logical separation of District traffic from all other customer traffic.
19. The service shall transparently transport customer Ethernet frames and support standard customer network protocols without restriction, including IPv4, IPv6, routing protocols, multicast traffic, QoS markings, and encrypted traffic.
20. The service shall support full-duplex operation.
21. Vendor shall describe the access architecture, aggregation architecture, transport technology, oversubscription assumptions if any, service handoff specifications, and all provider-managed customer-premises equipment.
22. Vendor shall identify whether the proposed service uses Ethernet Virtual Connections (EVCs), VLANs, QinQ, provider backbone transport, or other logical separation methods.
23. Vendor shall identify all bandwidth tiers available over the proposed service and the process for increasing bandwidth during the contract term.

9. Route Diversity and Resiliency

Resiliency and disclosure of physical route risk are important to the District. Vendors shall provide route diversity information for the proposed solution.

- Shared conduit segments.
- Shared splice locations.
- Shared aerial or underground routes.
- Shared provider facilities or aggregation points.
- Single points of failure.
- Availability and cost of geographically diverse routes.
- Availability of redundant handoffs or alternate service paths.

If route diversity is not available for a site or route, the vendor shall clearly state that condition and describe the associated risk.

10. Implementation, Testing, and Transition

The vendor shall provide an implementation plan that demonstrates the ability to deliver services within the required schedule and with minimal disruption to District operations.

- Project manager and escalation contacts.
- Detailed implementation schedule.
- Construction schedule, if applicable.
- Permitting and make-ready dependencies.
- Testing and acceptance plan.
- Migration and cutover plan.
- Rollback procedure.
- Maintenance window requirements.
- Documentation to be provided at project completion.

11. Provider Qualifications

No bid will be accepted from, and no contract will be awarded to, a bidder:

- 24. Who is not licensed in accordance with applicable law.
- 25. Who does not hold the licenses or authorizations required to perform work under this contract in the State of Idaho.
- 26. Who does not hold a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN), has not completed required E-Rate forms, or is not in good standing with the FCC and USAC.
- 27. Who has not successfully performed projects of similar character and scope.
- 28. Who cannot provide references for comparable K-12, public sector, or enterprise fiber WAN projects.

12. Site Conditions and Site Visits

It shall be the responsibility of the service provider to become informed of conditions under which work is to be performed before submitting a proposal. No additional costs shall be incurred by the District, and no consideration shall be given to claims based on lack of knowledge of existing conditions.

Site survey requests shall be submitted in writing to the District representative. The District may coordinate site visits as appropriate. All questions arising from site visits must be submitted in writing by the question deadline, and all responses shall be shared through the appropriate public process so that all bidders have access to the same information.

Original contact reference: Wade Hawkins, HawkinsW@d93.k12.id.us, (208) 525-4493 x9336.

13. E-Rate Requirements

The services requested in this RFP are dependent on funding from the E-Rate program. The District expects each bidder to be familiar with all applicable E-Rate rules, FCC rules, USAC procedures, and state and local procurement requirements.

- 29. All proposals and resulting contracts shall be contingent upon E-Rate funding approval and District approval.
- 30. No billing and no service may begin before the authorized service start date and receipt of a written Notice to Proceed from the District.
- 31. The service provider shall maintain a valid SPIN and shall be responsible for all provider certifications required by USAC, including annual certification requirements.
- 32. The vendor shall separately identify E-Rate eligible recurring charges, E-Rate eligible non-recurring charges, ineligible costs, special construction costs, taxes, fees, surcharges, and any other charges.
- 33. The District prefers the Service Provider Invoicing (SPI) method, where the service provider invoices the District only for the non-discounted share and invoices USAC for the approved E-Rate discount share, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

The service provider shall comply with all applicable E-Rate service-provider requirements, including Lowest Corresponding Price requirements, FCC gift restrictions, Service Provider Annual Certification requirements, invoicing rules, document-retention obligations, and responses reasonably required for application review, audit, appeal, invoicing, or post-commitment review.

- 34. Prior to invoicing USAC, the contractor shall provide the District documentation sufficient to verify that services or materials have been delivered and accepted.

35. The District reserves the right to terminate any contract or agreement if E-Rate funding is denied, reduced, delayed, or otherwise unavailable.

14. Bid Submission Requirements

Proposals must be received by the Bonneville Joint School District #93 Technology Department no later than the proposal due date and time stated in this RFP. A proposal received after the stated deadline may be rejected as non-responsive and will not be considered unless acceptance of a late proposal is expressly permitted by applicable District procurement rules.

- Hard copy submission address: Bonneville Joint School District #93 Technology Department, 3387 E. Iona Road, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, Attention: Karma McBride.
- Email submission address: aptech@d93.k12.id.us.
- All bids, whether hard copy or electronic, must be received by the proposal due date and time stated in this RFP.
- The bidder is solely responsible for timely delivery and receipt of the proposal.
- The bidder name and RFP number shall appear on the proposal cover, envelope, and/or email subject line.

A proposal may be rejected as non-responsive if it:

- Otherwise fails to meet a mandatory requirement of this RFP.
- Is one of multiple proposals submitted by the same bidder for the same schedule, unless the additional submission is clearly identified as a permitted alternate accompanying a complete base proposal; or
- Contains material exceptions not clearly disclosed;
- Is unsigned or lacks required certifications;
- Fails to acknowledge every issued addendum;
- Fails to identify eligible and ineligible costs;
- Fails to provide required pricing or separates pricing in a manner that prevents equivalent comparison;
- Does not include a complete base response for the requested schedule;
- Does not identify the bidder and RFP number;
- Is received after the stated proposal deadline;

All inquiries regarding this RFP shall be directed in writing to Karma McBride at aptech@d93.k12.id.us unless the District designates a different contact by addendum. Oral responses shall not be binding.

15. Required Proposal Content

To receive consideration, each bidder shall provide a complete proposal that includes, at minimum, the following items.

36. Proposal narrative not exceeding 10 pages, excluding required forms, pricing worksheets, diagrams, contracts, and service level agreements.

37. Brief description of the bidder, company history, E-Rate experience, and experience providing comparable fiber WAN services.
38. Logical and physical network topology diagrams showing District sites, aggregation points, collector circuits, central hub locations, demarcation points, and transport paths.
39. Description of proposed service architecture, including Schedule A and/or Schedule B response details.
40. Description of billing process, including E-Rate invoicing approach and SPI capability.
41. Description of District-supplied equipment, power, rack space, pathways, environmental controls, or facility upgrades required by the bidder.
42. Implementation plan, testing plan, cutover plan, rollback plan, and escalation contacts.
43. SLA document and service credit terms.
44. Complete pricing response, including all recurring, non-recurring, construction, eligible, and ineligible costs.
45. Statement of exceptions, conflicts, assumptions, dependencies, or inability to meet any requirement of the RFP.
46. References for comparable projects.
47. Proposed service agreement, contract terms, and any required order documents.

To preserve the integrity of the competitive bidding process, proposals, non-public pricing information, evaluator materials, and proposal comparisons will not be disclosed to competing bidders before contract award, except as required by applicable public-records or procurement law. Afterwards, records may be subject to disclosure under applicable law. Bidders shall clearly identify any information for which they claim lawful confidential treatment, but the District does not guarantee that such information is exempt from disclosure.

16. Pricing Requirements

The bidder shall provide pricing using the District-provided pricing forms, including Attachment B - WAN Pricing Matrix Sheet, if provided. Pricing must be sufficiently detailed to allow the District to compare proposals on an equivalent basis.

- Schedule A - Managed Lit Fiber Ethernet Transport Service shall be priced separately from Schedule B - Leased Dark Fiber Transport Service.
- All pricing shall include, at minimum, 1 Gbps connectivity for each site listed in Attachment A - Site Schedule. Vendors may also provide alternate or optional pricing for higher bandwidth tiers by site.
- Recurring monthly charges shall be listed separately by site, service tier, and schedule.
- Non-recurring charges shall be listed separately by site and by cost category.
- Special construction and build-out costs shall be itemized separately.
- Ineligible costs shall be clearly identified and separated from eligible E-Rate costs.
- Optional bandwidth tiers, including 2 Gbps where available, shall be itemized separately.
- Alternate pricing may be submitted only in addition to a complete response for the requested service.

17. Contract Requirements

The District intends to use the service provider supplied service agreement to formalize the contractual relationship resulting from this RFP. However, the service provider agreement must include, or be modified to include, all requirements of this RFP for the proposal to be considered responsive.

48. The District requests pricing for an initial contract term beginning July 1, 2027 and ending June 30, 2029. The District may exercise up to two voluntary one-year extensions by written notice, subject to continued need, funding, satisfactory performance, and applicable procurement and E-Rate requirements. No extension beyond those expressly evaluated and included in the resulting contract is authorized.
49. The bidder may provide alternate term pricing if longer or shorter terms provide more favorable pricing, provided that alternate terms are clearly identified and priced separately.
50. No service may begin and no billing may occur until the District issues a written Notice to Proceed.
51. The contract shall be contingent upon E-Rate funding approval, District approval, and compliance with all applicable procurement requirements.
52. The District reserves the right to terminate the contract if funding is not approved or if the service provider fails to meet material service requirements.

18. Bid Evaluation Criteria

The District will evaluate responsive proposals according to the following criteria. Price of eligible E-Rate services shall be the highest weighted factor.

Evaluation Factor	Points	Description
Eligible E-Rate Cost	40	Eligible recurring and non-recurring costs, including special construction where applicable.
Technical Merit	25	Quality, clarity, scalability, route design, service architecture, and ability to meet stated technical requirements.
Implementation Plan	10	Implementation schedule, project management, testing plan, cutover plan, and risk mitigation.
Service Level Agreement	10	Availability, latency, jitter, packet loss, MTTR, service credits, and escalation commitments.
Qualifications and Experience	10	Experience with comparable WAN projects, E-Rate experience, certifications, and qualifications.
References	5	Quality and relevance of customer references for similar work.
Total	100	

19. Vendor Selection and Contract Award

The District reserves the right to make an award to the bidder whose proposal meets the requirements of this RFP and best meets the needs of the District after evaluation of all stated factors. The District reserves the right to award one or more schedules, select portions of a proposal, reject any or all proposals, waive informalities, and request clarifications as permitted by applicable procurement rules.

20. Right to Reject Any and All Proposals

The governing board of the District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, to waive irregularities, and to determine the competency and responsibility of bidders. Submission of a proposal is an acknowledgement of this right.

21. E-Rate Records Retention

The District and the successful service provider shall retain all records necessary to demonstrate compliance with E-Rate program rules for at least ten years after the later of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request, or for any longer period required by then-applicable law. Records shall include the Form 470, RFP, addenda, questions and responses, bids, bid-receipt records, evaluation materials, correspondence, contracts, amendments, invoices, proof of delivery, acceptance records, asset or service records, payment documentation, cost allocations, and records supporting eligible and ineligible charges. The service provider shall provide relevant records upon reasonable request for District, USAC, FCC, or audit review.

22. Attachments

- Attachment A - Site Schedule [To be inserted by District]. Each site listed in Attachment A requires a minimum 1 Gbps connection unless otherwise noted by the District.
- Attachment B - WAN Pricing Matrix Sheet [To be inserted by District].
- Attachment C - Bid Evaluation Worksheet [Optional].
- Attachment D - Vendor Questions and Answers [To be posted if applicable].

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