Universal Service Administrative Co.

# FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270001322
2027DesertSands_C1ISPForm470

**Billed Entity**
DESERT SANDS UNIF SCH DISTRICT
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**Billed Entity Number:** 143676
**FCC Registration Number:** 0011617099

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**Number of Eligible Entities:** 37

**Application Type**
**Applicant Type:** School District
**Recipients of Services:** Charter School; Public School; Public School District

**Consulting Firms**

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## RFPS

| ID | Name |
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| 238075 | 2027_DesertSands_C1_ISP_RFP_26_27_01_FINAL |

## 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 | Internet Access and Data Transmission Service | | 10 Gbps | 10 Gbps | 37 | 2 | Each | Yes | 238075 |
| Data Transmission and/or Internet Access | Internet Access and Data Transmission Service | | 10 Gbps | 10 Gbps | 37 | 1 | Each | Yes | 238075 |
| Data Transmission and/or Internet Access | Internet Access and Data Transmission Service | | 10 Gbps | 25 Gbps | 37 | 1 | Each | Yes | 238075 |
| Data Transmission and/or Internet Access | Internet Access and Data Transmission Service | | 10 Gbps | 25 Gbps | 37 | 1 | Each | Yes | 238075 |
| Data Transmission and/or Internet Access | Internet Access and Data Transmission Service | | 10 Gbps | 50 Gbps | 37 | 1 | Each | Yes | 238075 |

## Description of Other Functions

| ID | Name |
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| Narrative |
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| Desert Sands Unified School District is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide E-RATE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER (ISP), CATEGORY ONE. It is the intent of the District to enter into a five year agreement commencing July 1, 2027 and continuing until June 30, 2032.<br><br>The scope of this project is to provide dedicated Internet access to the Desert Sands Unified School District at two (2) data centers as follows:<br><br>- Data Center No.1: 47-950 Dune Palms Road, La Quinta, CA 92253 Two (2) separate 10 Gbps Internet circuits, providing a combined capacity of 20 Gbps.<br>- Jefferson Data Center No.2: 83-089 Hwy 111, Indio CA 92201 One (1) 20 Gbps Internet circuit. |

Proposals shall include pricing and available bandwidth upgrade options for each location throughout the five (5) year contract term.
SCOPE OF SERVICES/SPECIFICATIONS

The Desert Sands Unified School District (hereafter District) is soliciting proposals from responders for fiber internet services for a five (5) year contract. The District is soliciting qualified contractors to submit an installation and ongoing service bid for internet service at two locations.
1. Internet Access Data Center No.1: Dedicated fiber internet access with pricing for 2 x 10 Gbps circuits and the option to add 1 x 10 Gbps circuit as needed. Internet service bandwidth pricing for 10 Gbps and up to 40 Gbps, in 10 Gbps increments, as needed. Required to provide 5 dedicated routable IP addresses per circuit. Provision all routing including BGP, turn up circuit, provide connectivity monitoring and troubleshooting. Data Center No.1 is to serve as the aggregate point for the network and is located at 47-950 Dune Palms Road, La Quinta, CA 92253.

2. Internet Access Jefferson Data Center No.2: Dedicated fiber internet access with pricing for 1x 20 Gbps circuit with the option to add up to 40 Gbps, in 20 Gbps increments, as needed. Required to provide 5 dedicated routable IP addresses per circuit. Provision all routing including BGP, turn up circuit, provide connectivity monitoring and troubleshooting. Jefferson Data Center No. 2 is located in a dedicated data room at Jefferson Middle School 83-089 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201 and is to serve as the aggregate for the network.

The Service Provider will include in their proposal, all costs necessary to provide the services requested (Attachment A). All costs associated with any on-site premise equipment, provided as an integral part of the service, shall be the sole responsibility of the Service Provider. Per the requirement of the E-rate program, the onsite premise equipment shall at no point, nor in the future, become the property of the District.

## 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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## Technical Contact

## State and Local Procurement Restrictions

E-RATE State and Local Text
1) E-RATE CONTINGENCY
The project herein may be contingent upon the approval of funding from the Universal Service Funds Schools and Libraries Program (E-Rate).
2) SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

a. Service Providers are required to be in full compliance with all current rules issued by the FCC and USAC throughout the agreement period of any Agreement entered.
b. Service Providers are responsible for providing a valid SPIN number.
c. Service Providers are responsible for providing a valid FCC Registration Number (FCC RN) at the time the Proposal is submitted.
d. Service Providers are responsible for providing evidence of FCC Green Light Status
e. Products and services must be delivered before billing and E-Rate discounting can commence. At no time may the Service Provider invoice before July 1, 2027.
f. Prices must be held firm for the duration of the associated E-Rate Funding Year(s) or until all work associated with the project is complete (including any Agreement and USAC-approved extensions).
g. Goods and services provided shall be clearly designated as E-Rate Eligible. Non-eligible goods and services shall be clearly called out as 100% non-eligible or shall be cost allocated to show the percentage of eligible costs per USAC guidelines.
i. the awarded Service Provider is expected to reply within 3 days to questions associated with its proposal.
j. The awarded Service Provider is required to send copies of all forms and invoices to the Applicant prior to invoicing USAC for pre-approval.
k. Service providers must comply with the FCC rules for Lowest Corresponding Price ("LCP").
l. Service providers must not propose any equipment or services found to pose a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain as required by FCC rules.
m. SPAM and/or robotic responses will be disqualified from consideration.
n. Contingency fees not pre-approved by the Applicant will not be allowed.
3) SERVICE PROVIDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
a. The Service Provider acknowledges that no change in the products and/or services specified in its proposal will be allowed without prior written approval from the Applicant and a USAC service substitution approval.
b. The Service Provider acknowledges that all pricing and technology infrastructure information in its proposal shall be considered as public and non-confidential.
c. The Service Provider acknowledges that its offer is considered to be the lowest corresponding price
d. (reserved).
e. This offer is in full compliance with USACs Free Services Advisory
4) INVOICING
a. The Service Provider agrees to bill and receive a portion of the payment for the provisions of goods and services described herein directly from USAC via the FCC Form 474 Service Provider Invoice (SPI). The Applicant will only be responsible for paying its nondiscounted share of costs and does not intend to use the BEAR process (FCC Form 472). Alternatively, should the Applicant decide that it is in the best interest of the Applicant to file an FCC Form 472, the Applicant will inform the Service Provider of its intent.
b. The Service Provider agrees that it will not invoice USAC for equipment or services that have not been delivered to and accepted by the Applicant and installed. If equipment is being drop-shipped to the Applicant and the Applicant is responsible for installing the equipment, the Service Provider may not invoice USAC until equipment is received and accepted by the Applicant.
c. All Service Provider invoicing to USAC must be completed within 120 days from the last day of service. Should the Service Provider fail to invoice USAC in a timely manner, the Applicant will only be responsible for paying its non-discounted share.
5) FCC/USAC AUDITS
The E-Rate program requires that all records be retained for at least ten (10) years from the last date of service provided on a particular funding request.
6) PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL GOODS AND/OR SERVICES AND AGREEMENT TERM
During the term of any Agreement resulting from this RFP/RFB/RFQ, the Applicant may elect to procure additional or like goods and/or services offered by the Service Provider. Such services shall be negotiated and obtained via an official amendment to this Agreement and approval by the Applicant's Governing Board. All terms, conditions, warranties, obligations, maintenance and support of said goods or services shall have a coterminous expiration date with the original date of this Agreement. The Applicant shall not enter into a separate Agreement for said goods or services. Service Providers must state in their proposal that they acknowledge, accept and agree with coterminous expiration conditions.
7) TARIFFS
Applicant expects that the Service Provider will familiarize themselves with the impact that any unknown tariff(s) on manufacturers products are appropriately accounted for in the respondent's fee proposal.

**Billed Entities**

| Billed Entity Number | Billed Entity Name |
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| 143676 | DESERT SANDS UNIF SCH 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.

**Authorized Person**

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**Certified Timestamp**

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