Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270001362
NC Department of Public Instruction C2 RFP - 24-RQ220144-NM C2 - 2027

Billed Entity

NC Dept of Public Instruction
6336 Mail Service Center, School Connectivity
RALEIGH, NC 27699 Wake County
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Billed Entity Number: 231411
FCC Registration Number: 0007574916

Contact Information

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Number of Eligible Entities: 3000

Statewide Application Represents:

Application Type

Applicant Type: Consortium
Statewide State:
NC
Recipients of Services: Academic; Adult Education; BIE; Bookmobile; Charter School; Detention Center; Dormitory; General-Use School; Head Start; Juvenile Justice; Main Branch; New Construction Library; New Construction School; Pre-K; State Library Agency - Library; Swing Space

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
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Consultants

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RFPS

ID	Name
234449	24_RQ220144_NM NC DPI RFP Lite ERATE Category Two 10_2_26

ID	Name
234450	24_RQ220144_NM NC DPI RFP Lite ERATE Category Two Attachment A 10_2_26
235647	24_RQ220144_NM_Addendum 1_10_23_26 Final
235648	24_RQ220144_NM NC DPI RFP Lite ERATE Category Two Attachment A 10_23_26
236285	24_RQ220144_NM_Addendum 2_11_2_26 Final

Category One Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Function Other Description	Minimum Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name

Narrative

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	No Preference		3000	1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		3000	1	Feet	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		3000	1	Feet		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Caching and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Caching	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647,

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
								235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Firewall Service, Components, and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Firewall Service and Components	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Racks	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Racks	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Routers and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Routers	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Uninterruptable Power Supply/ Battery Backup and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Uninterruptable Power Supply/ Battery Backup	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			1	Each	Yes	234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Controllers	No Preference		3000	1	Each		234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Managed Internal Broadband Services	Leased Equipment			3000				234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285
Managed Internal Broadband Services	Existing Equipment			3000				234449, 234450, 235647, 235648, 236285

Description of Other Manufacturers

ID	Name

Narrative

SEE RFP

The current Form 470 format requires the unit quantity. This procurement is bid on the quantity of one (1) to establish a unit contract price. However, over the contract period and with up to 3000 potential entities, purchased quantities will vary greatly. Since 2015, over $534 million has been requested as the pre-discount cost for E-Rate eligible equipment and services using the NCDPI State Master Contracts.

Note: NCDPI is not the Billed Entity - participating Public School Units (PSUs) and libraries file their own 471.

* Wireless Network Equipment: See RFP - high-density, high-throughput, reliable, Wi-Fi access in all PSUs and libraries that have opted to participate.
* Ethernet Switching Equipment: See RFP - switching equipment to support high-density Wi-Fi access in all PSUs and libraries that have opted to participate.
* Caching Solutions: See RFP - caching solution to support all PSUs and libraries that have opted to participate.
* Cable, Cable Installation, Verification, Testing, Termination and related services: See RFP - cable (et al) to support all PSUs and libraries that have opted to participate.
* Installation, Activation, and Initial Configuration: See RFP - professional services to support all PSUs and libraries that have opted to participate.
* Other eligible products/services under Internal Connections (IC): See RFP - support for E-Rate eligible Category 2 products/ services to support all PSUs and libraries that have opted to participate.
* MIBS (Managed Internal Broadband Services): See RFP - Services provided by a third party for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections to support all PSUs and libraries that have opted to participate.
* BMIC (Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections): See RFP - repair and upkeep of eligible internal connections to support all PSUs and libraries that have opted to participate.

Technical Contact

State and Local Procurement Restrictions

Please see RFP for all procurement contact details.
Vendors should review all of the bid documents carefully before submitting questions and/or bid responses.
Questions must be submitted in accordance to the RFP document and NOT any contact person listed on this Form 470.
NC eVP Solicitation Number: Doc1732586773 located at URL: https://evp.nc.gov/solicitations/details/?id=16a56e70-a5be-f111-aaae-001dd803db57

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
231411	NC Dept of Public Instruction

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.

I certify that the applicant includes libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and, except for the limited case of Tribal colleges or universities, have budgets that are completely separate from any schools (including, but not limited to elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities).

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 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 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.

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.

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