White Pine County School District
Data Transmission Circuit

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Form 470 #: **270001612**
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Procurement Timeline

Task	Due Date
Proposal Submission Deadline	December 1, 2026

Communications and Questions

All communication with the District regarding this solicitation must be emailed. There is no formal Question and Answer period with this procurement and, as such, no vendor questions will be entertained. Clarifications, when applicable, will be posted as an attachment/addendum to the Form 470. Each Offeror is responsible for downloading the current version of the Form 470 and attachments, including any addenda. District reserves the right to ask vendors clarifying questions during the proposal review process.

Contact initiated by an Offeror concerning this solicitation with any other District representative other than those listed as Form 470 contacts is prohibited. Unauthorized contact may result in the offeror's disqualification from this solicitation.

Proposal Instructions

Proposals **must** be submitted by the Proposal Submission Deadline in the Procurement Timeline.

Proposals should be emailed to ALL Form 470 Contacts listed above and include the following:

- District name
- Form 470 number
- SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number)
  Service provider's terms and conditions

Proposals **must** include **all** costs associated with providing service, including but not limited to:

- Monthly recurring charges (MRC) include any recurring charge related to delivering the services, such as monthly charges for Internet access, IP addresses, basic terminating equipment, etc.
- Non-Recurring Charges (NRC) include any one-time fee other than special construction charges. This includes but is not limited to installation charges, connection charges, and/or basic terminating equipment charges.
- The sites listed below are not yet eligible for State Matching funds for Special Construction due to receipt in previous Funding Years. [1]

- Failure to identify the monthly recurring and non-recurring charges will result in the disqualification of the proposal. Respondents are encouraged to provide the estimated taxes and surcharges associated with the service.

Proposals **must** be in response to the specific requirements of this solicitation. Offers including a generic listing of services beyond the scope of this solicitation and/or encyclopedic price lists will be disqualified. SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

The District is currently in a multi-year contract for data transmission service to David E. Norman Elementary School. This procurement is being released to correct a service address discrepancy with the FY2026 E-Rate procurement. As a result of this procurement, the District will take one of the following actions 1) remain with its incumbent provider, 2) award to a new provider, or 3) cancel this procurement.

Service Requirements

White Pine County School District is seeking proposals for synchronous data transmission services between the A Location and Z Location at the requested bandwidth as listed in the table below.

A Location/Address	Z Location/Address	Current Bandwidth	Requested Bandwidth
White Pine High School 1800 Bobcat Dr., Ely, NV 89301	David E. Norman Elementary School 1001 E 11th St., Ely, NV 89301	2 Gbps	10 Gbps

The following are disqualification factors:

1. A solution does **NOT** offer at least the current bandwidth as a minimum.
2. A solution does **NOT** offer a dedicated circuit to the District building that is independent from other customers on the network or some other factor that does not, generally, guarantee the minimum bandwidth as a committed information rate (CIR).
3. A solution includes caps on data usage or slows speeds based on data usage or other factors.
4. All solutions must terminate service or infrastructure at the demarcation point within the building, generally, the MDF. Solutions that only bring service to the property line but not to the demarcation point will be disqualified.
5. An Offeror will not honor the District System's desire to use SPI discount billing.

All solutions must terminate service or infrastructure at the demarcation point within the building, generally, the MDF, as determined by the District.

[1] FCC 14-189, SECOND REPORT AND ORDER AND ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION (12/19/2014), para 59: "…to prevent excessive or duplicative funding during a high-speed broadband connection's useful life, any school or District connection that is built with matching funds will be ineligible to receive additional matching funds for special construction to the same buildings from the E-Rate program for 15 years."

Contract Term and Modifications

Services are needed effective immediately. If the service cannot be provided without significant delay, this should be indicated in the proposal, along with an estimated timeline for when the service will be available.

Service providers submitting proposals must provide 24-month pricing. Unless otherwise stated, the customer can voluntarily extend the agreement for two (2) additional twelve (12) month terms.

All contracts should permit bandwidth increases during the term. Any such increases, including those during optional renewal periods, will be treated as modifications to the existing agreement rather than new agreements and, therefore, will **NOT** extend the contract's term.

All contracts should include a provision allowing for early termination of a circuit without penalty if a location is closed by the District.

No price increases will be permitted during the term of the agreement.

Service providers proposing equipment whose prices may increase depending upon new U.S. government tariffs imposed on imports are encouraged to (a) identify such products in their offers, and (b) propose an acceptable methodology for limiting price adjustments over the life of the contract.

Subject to contract restrictions, services may be reevaluated for cost-effectiveness at any time during the life of the agreement including renewal periods.

E-Rate Specific Considerations/Information

FCC rules require vendors to offer discounted SPI billing. The District **requires** SPI discount method for these services. Vendors that do not offer SPI billing will be disqualified.

Per USAC E-Rate rules, “cost of eligible services” will be the highest valued criterion in the evaluation process; however, other criteria with a lesser value may also be considered.

Service providers proposing to temporarily loan equipment for product demonstration and/or evaluation purposes are **required** to clearly state that such loans are of limited duration. Product demos extending beyond thirty (30) days must be explicitly authorized by both parties and provided at a fair market rate.

By submitting a proposal on the requested services herein, the vendor certifies its proposed services and/or products comply with Part 47 Section 54.9 and 54.10 of the FCC rules which prohibits the sale, provision, maintenance, modification, or other support of equipment or services provided or manufactured by Huawei, ZTE, or any other covered company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain. See https://www.usac.org/about/reports-orders/supply-chain/ for more details.

As required by Section 54.500(f) of Part 47 of the Code of Federal Regulation all bids in response to this RFP **must** offer the lowest corresponding price (LCP) which is defined as the lowest price that a service provider charges to nonresidential customers who are similarly situated to a particular E-Rate District (school, District, or consortium) for similar services. See https://www.usac.org/E-Rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/ for more details.

Additional Considerations/Information

The language in this solicitation has been standardized: "must," "shall," "mandatory," and "required" indicate mandatory specifications that the District expects in the proposed solution. Proposals failing to meet these will be disqualified. "Should" and "may" indicate desirable specifications. A mandatory requirement may be waived if all respondents fail to meet a mandatory requirement.

District reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposals received.

District reserves the right to award all, part or none of the services set forth in this procurement. This procurement does not obligate District until a valid agreement and/or valid Purchase Order is executed.

District may, at its sole discretion, extend the due date for the submission of proposals and any extensions shall be done via an addendum posted in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC.)

The vendor submission is subject to open records requests and, as such, the records will be released in accordance with those policies. Vendors are encouraged to mark pages as “Proprietary” or “Confidential” as appropriate, but the entire submission may not be marked as such. Identifying information as “Proprietary” or “Confidential” does not guarantee that the information will not be released but will be considered in determining whether the information is required to be released in accordance with the open records policies. Generally, pricing is not exempt from being publicly released.

By submitting a proposal, the Offeror certifies that no relationship exists between the Offeror and the District that would interfere with a fair and open competition or is a conflict of interest.