

Plainwell Community Schools

Request for Proposal

Allowable Contract Date: November 6, 2026

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Important Notes:

- Please **email** all quotations to the above email addresses clearly marked "E-rate bid."
- All quotes must be submitted with the understanding that implementation may be dependent upon:
 - E-rate funding approval by the SLD
 - Enrollments
 - Existing budgetary requirements
- The following specifications are to be used as *guidelines* in quoting a solution. Although specification changes are permitted, *the quality of the product/service requested must be based upon industry standards at time of delivery.*
- The items requested within this RFP may or may not be USF eligible. All non-eligible products and services must be itemized. Please use the 2027 USF Eligible Services List located on the USAC website (<https://www.usac.org/e-rate/eligible-services-list/>) for guidance. (Note: It is the vendor's responsibility to check for updates and corrections prior to submitting bids/quotations.)
- All bidders must adhere to the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) guidelines (as dictated by the SLD).
- All bidders will understand that if the entity closes, contract termination fees will not be incurred by the entity.
- Offerors submitting proposals for anything other than a firm fixed price for the goods and services listed, will not be accepted. Price adjustments after an award will not be accepted by applicant.
- All bidders will understand that the entity may choose more than one provider for one type of service.
- Multi-year contracts may be considered.
- All bidders must have an E-rate SPIN.
- All bidders must have the 2027 Service Provider Annual Certification Form 473 on file with USAC by September 1, 2027 **AND their SAM.gov must be active.**
- The district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations.
- All respondents of this RFP confirm they are not an Iran-linked business.
- Implementation and completion of the services are contingent upon the district receiving approved funding from the Universal Services Fund. The services may be revised or terminated if the funds from the USF discount program are not approved or do not meet the expectations of the entity. If requested, the vendor will complete the SPI (Form 474) application. It is the vendor's responsibility to understand and comply with all rules and procedures required by the Schools and Libraries Corporation and the Universal Services Fund.
- The Board reserves the right to:
 - Reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereto
 - Be the sole judge of equivalency
 - Waive any bid requirement in accepting or rejecting bids.

Bid Evaluation:

Although the cost of the product/service is of primary concern, the ability to accommodate growth and change and the total cost of operation (TCO) within the district are, in many ways, more important. **Do not assume the lowest bid will be awarded the project.**

To achieve this goal, bids will be evaluated on several factors.

- Prices/charges
 - Prior experience
 - Understanding of needs
 - Personnel qualifications
 - Completeness of response and adherence to bid specifications
 - Capability of the bidder to successfully complete the installation/service within the required timeframe
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Category 2 Services:

NOTE: Any additional services not covered by USF eligibility must be itemized and quoted separately.

- **Cabling, Racks, and Associated Parts**
 - For the High School
 - Install one 12-strand single-mode fiber optic cable or equivalent from the designated main communications room to each of four communications closets, which include IDF-A, B, C and D. IDF-E is an existing 50 micron and will not be replaced unless requested.
 - Fusion splice all fiber strands in appropriate rack-mounted or wall-mounted fiber termination enclosures at each end.
 - Provide LC-style or equivalent fiber adapter panels unless otherwise directed by the owner or existing site standard.
 - Route cabling through available pathways, conduit, cable tray, sleeves, or approved low-voltage pathways where accessible.
 - Label each fiber cable, enclosure, adapter panel, and strand designation according to the owner's labeling requirements.
 - For Starr Elementary
 - Install one 12-strand single-mode fiber optic cable or equivalent from the designated main communications room to each of four communications closets which include IDF-Gym, IDF-North, IDF-South and Administration, which is currently piggy backed of the South closet.
 - Fusion splice all fiber strands in appropriate rack-mounted or wall-mounted fiber termination enclosures at each end.
 - Provide LC-style or equivalent fiber adapter panels unless otherwise directed by the owner or existing site standard.
 - Route cabling through available pathways, conduit, cable tray, sleeves, or approved low-voltage pathways where accessible.
 - Label each fiber cable, enclosure, adapter panel, and strand designation according to the owner's labeling requirements.

- **Switches and Associated Parts**

- Approximately 65
 - HPE Aruba R8Q71A or equivalent
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 - HPE Aruba JL087A power supplies or equivalent
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 - HPE Aruba JL087A ABA power cords or equivalent
- Approximately 28
 - HPE Aruba S2P31A transceivers or equivalent
- Approximately 6
 - HPE Aruba S2P30A transceivers or equivalent
- Approximately 68
 - HPE Aruba J9281D copper cables or equivalent
- Installation, configuration, and maintenance