Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270001791
CaruthersUSD470FY2027C1&C2

Billed Entity
CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2200 W. TAHOE AVENUE CARUTHERS, CA 93609
Fresno County
559-495-6402

Billed Entity Number: 199850
FCC Registration Number: 0012008512

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Number of Eligible Entities: 5

Application Type
Applicant Type: School District
Recipients of Services: Head Start; Public School; Public School District

Consulting Firms

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RFPS

ID	Name
237066	CaruthersUSD_FY2027_CAT1_RFB
237067	CaruthersUSD_FY2027_RFQ C2 Equipment
237068	CaruthersUSD_FY2027_CAT2_Bid_Pricing_Response

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	Standalone Data Transmission Service		1 Gbps	2 Gbps	1	1	Each	Yes	237066
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Internet Access and Data Transmission Service		1 Gbps	2 Gbps	1	1	Each	Yes	237066

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name

Narrative

The District is seeking proposals for: Data Transmission Service
Please refer to the RFP document(s) attached to this 470 for complete details, specifications, and bidding instructions.
Due to the way EPC has been created with the service category questions, please consider information drafted into quantities, fields, and units as an educated guess at a minimum for the issuance of this Form 470 and RFP. All quantities and bandwidths are estimates as solutions proposed by vendors to meet the minimum specifications required and outlined in the RFP Attachment may necessitate differing totals/quantities.
All questions, requests for information, and proposals must be submitted by e mail to: dhaney@caruthers.k12.ca.us and jolsen@csmcentral.com.
The District will not respond to phone calls/requests.
Vendor Questions/Request for Information are due: 11.23.2026, 2 pm pst
Questions and Answers will be posted on the EPC Portal through an addendum.
Deadline for Submission of Proposals/Bids: 12.9.2026, 3 pm pst
To ensure that all Service Providers receive the same 470 information, it is required that you download the RFP Attachments directly from USAC's EPC website.
Please Follow this Form 470 to receive updates.
SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

Range of Years: 1 - 4 Years

Payment Type: Monthly

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	Cisco Systems or equivalent			19	Each	Yes	237067, 237068
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	Cisco Systems		4	19	Each		237067, 237068
Internal Connections	Cabling	Cisco Systems or equivalent		4	31	Feet	Yes	237067, 237068
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Cisco Systems or equivalent		4	50	Each	Yes	237067, 237068
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Cisco Systems		4	50	Each		237067, 237068

Description of Other Manufacturers

ID	Name

Narrative

The District is seeking proposals for: Switches, Licenses, cables, and modules
Please refer to the RFP document(s) attached to this 470 for complete details, specifications, and bidding instructions.
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The District will not respond to phone calls/requests.
Vendor Questions/Request for Information are due: 11.24.2026, 2 pm pst
Questions and Answers will be posted on the EPC Portal through an addendum.
Deadline for Submission of Proposals/Bids: 12.15.2026, 3 pm pst
Please note that while the District is seeking a one-time capital investment in infrastructure, if a service provider's solution contains some elements of the service types "Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections" (BMIC) and/or "Managed Internal Broadband Services" (MIBS) as defined by the manufacturer and the 2026 Eligible Services list, the District will evaluate these proposals as long as they meet the RFP requirements. The District is not soliciting separate bids for BMIC or MIBS as stand-alone solutions.
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Technical Contact

State and Local Procurement Restrictions

See Narrative and please refer to the RFP Attachment(s). Applicant may consider multi-year and/or contracts with voluntary extensions. Any voluntary contract extensions must be identified within the awarded contract and must be of a specified number and duration. Contracts with automatic or evergreen contract extension terms will not be considered. Applicant may consider contracts

with flexible terms to allow for growth/reduction in services to accommodate an increase/decrease in the number of sites, users, and/or bandwidth. Service Providers submitting proposals in response to this FCC Form 470 must be in compliance with the rules and orders governed by the Federal Communications Commission. Failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance may result in the denial of discount funding, and/or cancellation of funding commitments and/or contracts, and/or could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities. Service Providers submitting proposals must do so in good faith of compliance with the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) Rule (see 47 CFR Part 54 Section 54.500(f)). Service Providers submitting proposals must be in full compliance with USACs Free Services Advisory https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/competitive-bidding/free-services-advisory/ Any offering of free services must be clearly identified in service providers bids. 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 timely, Applicant will only be responsible for paying its non-discounted share. The Service Provider acknowledges that all pricing and technology infrastructure information in its contract shall be considered as public and non-confidential pursuant to CFR Part 54 Section 504 (2)(i)(ii)

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
199850	CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL 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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