REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

E-Rate Funding Year 2027-28

Form 470 # 270001900

Category 2 – Internal Connections - Data Cabling

ISSUED BY:

Desert Sands Public Charter (BEN 17002198)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

5:00pm PDT on Friday, October 23, 2026

DUE DATE:

Bids are due no later than 5:00pm PDT on Friday, November 13, 2026

Proposal Requirements:

Proposals must be submitted by the deadline for guaranteed consideration by the School. Late proposals will be rejected.

There will be no bidders' conference or job walks.

Questions and proposals must be submitted via email to erate@dschs.org no later than the deadlines specified on the cover page of this request for proposals.

Bid submissions must include the following:

- Form 470 number
- Bidder's Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)
- Sample contracts for requested services

Bids must include details on products offered and E-Rate eligibility:

- Manufacturer, model name and number, and SKU of each item
- Manufacturer's warranty information for each product
- Percentage of eligibility for each item listed, e.g. 50%, 100%, etc. Ineligible products/services should be listed as 0% eligible.

Additional Information:

- Pricing must clearly identify any ineligible services and the corresponding monthly recurring or one-time charges.
- Bidders must agree to comply with the rules and regulations of USAC and the E-Rate program. Bidders must be familiar with the billing methods and timelines specified by USAC.

Contract Term and Modifications

The School is seeking a one-year contract for the purchase of requested products and services and will place orders as needed for projects, on its own timeline.

Contracts will be completed after bid award and final negotiations are completed.

Disqualification of Bids

Failure to meet any of the specifications in this document may result in disqualification of bid. The School reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or regularities. The Service Provider's quotation submission is recognition of this right.

To assure all vendors receive identical information, the School will **not** discuss the Form 470 by phone. All communication will be via email at the email address listed herein for bid submissions.

SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration. Such unauthorized contact with the School may result in disqualification of the Service Provider's bid.

Bid Evaluation:

The winning bid will be the most cost-effective bid based on a number of weighted factors. Price will be the primary factor, but other factors such as compatibility of products with the applicant's existing systems, applicant's previous experience with vendor, vendor's E-Rate experience, and completeness of bid (e.g. bid includes all items requested and complete pricing information) will be evaluated. Other factors contributing to the overall costs, both direct and indirect, related to the proposed equipment and services will be considered. Please address these factors in your bid proposal. The applicant reserves the right to award the services requested herein to the best-qualified bidder(s).

Bid Specifications:

The applicant is requesting bids for cabling materials and installation. The school reserves the right to purchase some, all, or none of the products and services awarded through this bidding process for E-Rate FY2027.

Proposals must include **per item** pricing for all necessary installation and configuration, cabling, connectors, components, shipping and handling, applicable sales tax and any other applicable charges for the items being requested. All bids must include manufacturer and model numbers for all items.

The applicant is requesting bids for the following products and services:

Network Cabling

Service providers must complete the Pricing column of the **Data Cabling** table below and return it with any other proposal documents. Provide a per item cost for each item identified and add any additional items necessary to complete the requested cabling drops in the space provided.

Pricing for requested equipment/materials must include estimated sales tax based on tax rate of 11.75%.

The School is requesting bids for materials and labor for installing up to 300 data drops. Length of individual drops will vary according to individual site plans; bidders should use an average drop length of 200' for bid calculations. Two eligible data drops are typically run together per location, to one 3-port faceplate.

The School is not seeking bids for bulk cabling or materials. Selected vendor must complete cabling run and termination of each requested drop.

Service Providers must use the table below to submit pricing for each of the following materials components, as well as any additional items needed to complete the requested work.

Data Cabling

Item	Quantity	Price (each)	Extended Price
Data cabling run of 200 Feet of Commercial Grade Plenum CAT6 Cable, such as ICC CMP4P24L6BL (equivalent or better)	300		
Installation, testing, and labelling - Labor cost per data cabling run	300		
3-Port Faceplate, such as ICC 107FP-3-WH (equivalent or better)	150		
Blue CAT6 Insert, such as ICC IC1078F6BL (equivalent or better)	300		
CAT6 1Ft. Patch Cable	300		
Add additional items necessary in the lines below			

Patch Panels

- Up to 1 24-Port CAT6 Patch Panels, such as ICC ICMPP02460 (equivalent or better)
- Up to 6 48-Port CAT6 Patch Panels, such as ICC ICMPP04860 (equivalent or better)