All bid deadlines are 11:59pm Pacific Time the date of the bid deadline listed unless otherwise noted.

Pottsville School District

IFCB Posted : Oct 12, 2026

Bid Deadline : Thursday, Dec 3, 2026

Questions Due By : Thursday, Oct 29, 2026

Applicant Address : Pottsville, AR 72858

IFCB ID : 270001905

IFCB Requirements :

- Before the listed deadlines, all Questions and Bids must be submitted using the on-line IFCB system. Bids submitted before the bid deadline outside of this system will be disqualified. If the system is down before the deadline, please email your bid to info@crwconsulting.com or fax it to 918.445.0049. Bids or questions submitted in this fashion will be disqualified if the on-line system is active at the time of submission. The applicant reserves the right to request and obtain bids outside of the website system if the bid deadline has passed and zero or one bid is received (the intent for this is to follow USAC guidance on obtaining cost-effective bids).

- For all requested services and/or products listed on this IFCB: proposals that include generic/encyclopedic price lists will be considered non-responsive and will be disqualified. SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

- Bidder must agree to participate in USF Program (AKA “E-rate”) for the corresponding funding year.

- Please include the correct Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) on your bid.

- By submitting a bid, bidder certifies that the bidder does have a valid (non-red light status) SPIN for the E-rate program at the time of submission. Should the Applicant discover that the bidder is on red light status, or if the FCC classifies the bidder as on red-light status before work is performed and invoices are paid, the contract will be null and void and the applicant will have no payment obligations to the bidder.

- Bidder is expected to provide the lowest corresponding price per E-rate rules. See https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/ for details.

- Contracts must not prohibit SPIN changes.

- Bidder must agree to provide the Applicant the choice of discount methods (SPI or BEAR).

- Bidder will be automatically disqualified if the District determines that the bidding company has offered any employee of the District any individual gift of more than $20 or gifts totaling more than $50 within a 12 month period.

- All contracts awarded will be contingent upon E-rate funding and final board approval. The applicant may choose to do all or part of the project upon funding notification.

- All applicable fees, surcharges, and taxes must be identified on the bid. E-rate rules require the applicants to evaluate the price of eligible goods and services that will be listed on the 471 application during the competitive bidding process. Fees and surcharges that apply but are not listed on the bid will be the responsibility of the bidding company, should their bid be awarded.

- If there is a request to purchase or lease new equipment, either Category Two or Category One, listed on this IFCB the applicant will accept bids for functionally equivalent equipment.

- LEASED WIDE AREA NETWORK CIRCUITS DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR: Bids submitted for services to an incorrect address will be disqualified.

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- LEASED WIDE AREA NETWORK CIRCUITS DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR: Vendors must bid all connections. If vendors submit a bid missing any connection, we will consider your bid incomplete and disqualify your bid.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: The applicant will not accept bids from manufacturers of equipment deemed a national security threat by the Federal Communications Commission. The list of prohibited equipment is available here: https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist . Vendors that submit bids that includes these manufacturers will have their bid disqualified.

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- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS – PROJECT A ONLY: Vendors who wish to bid must attend one of two mandatory site visits. Vendors who submit a bid but have not attended a meeting will be disqualified.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: Applicant will not accept bids for refurbished equipment. Any bids containing refurbished equipment will be disqualified.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: Service providers are required to bid an entire Project A or Project B. Bids for individual components, or bids that do not include all of the requested items for the project will be disqualified.

Services and Equipment Requested :

Category One:

Leased Wide Area Network Circuits – Two connections, any delivery/technology type. Leased dark fiber bidders should bid 2 fiber strands. Lit leased fiber bidders should bid 2 GB bandwidth.
This connection will be from 500 Apache Drive, Pottsville AR 72858 to the following sites:
1. 250 Apache Drive, Pottsville AR 72858
2. 87 South B., Pottsville AR 72858

After the initial term, or after any voluntary renewal terms are executed, the Vendor must offer up to 12 months of a month-to-month service if the Applicant decides to transition to a new service provider. Vendor must list that monthly cost as part of their proposal.

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Operations and Maintenance services – Two connections, from 500 Apache Drive, Pottsville AR 72858 to the following sites:
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Category Two:

MANDATORY SITE VISIT – IC PROJECT A ONLY

Vendors wishing to submit bids for IC PROJECT A must attend one of two mandatory site visits. The site visits will be held on October 21, 2026 and October 28, 2026. Both will begin at 9am. Vendors will meet at 250 Apache Drive, Pottsville AR 72858. Vendors will meet with Johnny Majors. **Bids from vendors who did not attend either of the site visits will be disqualified.**

INTERNAL CONNECTIONS
IC PROJECT A – Cabling Run & Equipment

IC Project A will require installation for the entire project.

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Type of Equipment	Quantity Vendor Should Bid	Preferred Make/Manufacturer
Cabling	4	Cable drops
Cabling	Approx. 440 ft	Cable run from FB field to HS – must be terminated at the press box.
Racks	1	No preference - wall mount switch rack for 6200F
Switches	1	Aruba 6200f 48G Class4 PoE 4sfp+370W Switch with 5 year licensing
UPS Battery/Backup	1	No preference
Wireless Access Points	3	Aruba AP-565 Outdoor AP's with 5 year licensing
Modules, GBIC, transceivers	1	Aruba 10GB SFP

COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENT:

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IC PROJECT B – Network Equipment

No site visit or installation required.

Type of Equipment	Quantity Vendor Should Bid	Preferred Make/Manufacturer
Switches	3	HPE Aruba CX 6200F 48G Class4 PoE 4SFP+ 370W Switch with 5 year licensing
Switches	1	HPE Aruba6300M 24SFP+ 4SFP56 Switch (JL658A) with 5 year licensing
Modules, GBIC, transceivers	4	Aruba 10G SFP+
UPS Battery Backup	3	No preference - UPS Battery Backups for Switch Racks
Wireless Access Points	3	Aruba AP 655 with 5 year licensing

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There is an additional document associated with this IFCB. Please click the buttons to download the document.

- 2026_C2_Bidding_Instructions46.pdf
- POTTSVILLE_C2_COVER_PAGE5.pdf

Questions Received with Applicant Answers (Ask Questions?)

Hello, We are preparing a proposal for Pottsville School District's FY2027 E-Rate Form 470 #270001905, specifically IC Project B – Network Equipment. We would appreciate clarification on the following two items to ensure our quotation meets the district's requirements: 1. UPS Battery Backup Units (Quantity: 3) The solicitation specifies three UPS battery backups for switch racks with no manufacturer preference. Could you please clarify: Required UPS capacity (VA/watts)? Minimum battery runtime? Preferred configuration (rack-mounted or tower)? Any specific outlet, network-management, or other technical requirements? 2. Aruba 10G SFP+ Transceivers (Quantity: 4) Could you please confirm whether the district requires single-mode fiber (SMF) or multimode fiber (MMF) transceivers? If available, could you also provide the preferred transceiver model or part number to ensure compatibility with the district's existing network? Thank you for your time and assistance. We appreciate your guidance and look forward to submitting our proposal. Best regards,

Answer:

1.
these battery backups will be used to supply reliable power to network switches
needed to distribute broadband internet within the district

2.Multimode Fiber Transceivers, and as long as they are compatible with Aruba Switches

For IC Project B only, following the published UPS answer, please clarify: (1) Are three 1500 VA/1000 W, 120 V, 2U rack UPS units with NEMA 5-15P inputs and at least six battery-backed NEMA 5-15R outlets acceptable, without optional network-management cards? If other capacity, input/outlet or minimum-runtime requirements apply, please specify them. (2) For the four switches and three AP-655 access points, which management platform and five-year license tier are required (for example, Aruba Central Foundation or Advanced, or existing controller-based management)? (3) Must the AP-655 units operate with full features using 802.3bt PoE++, and should compatible injectors be included where only Class 4 PoE is available? Thank you. Carroway Holdings, LLC.

Answer:

1. Yes those battery backups are acceptable, we do not need network management cards
2.Aruba Central Foundation
3.No they will not use PoE++, yes please include compatible injectors

Will the outdoor access points require the use of a lift for installation?

Answer:

I would think a ladder would work, I would not think a lift would be necessary

Q&As from the walkthrough are below.

Answer:

Where are the cables that are already run to the press box coming from?
As far as we know those are fed in from the field house next door.

Do you care where the switch, rack, and ups are put up at?
No as long as they are in the press box and easily accessible.

Would you like a lockable server rack?
Yes that would be preferable