

## Buhler USD 313 313C1RFP27A

**Bid deadline: Monday, November 23, 2026 at 2 PM CST**

### Important Notes:

- ATTENTION: Direct bid correspondence to Laura Reed via email at [lreed@usd313.org](mailto:lreed@usd313.org). Please include the Form 470 number in the subject line. At the top of the message, please provide the services you are bidding on, your SPIN, company name, and contact information.
- Do not contact the consultant with questions concerning this Form 470. Direct all questions and bids to the Form 470 Contact.
- Applicable Kansas Bidding Law K.S.A. Supp. 72-1151 for \$20,000.00 or more. Bids exceeding \$19,999.99 must be sent as a sealed bid. Indicate on the outside of the envelope that it is a response to an E-Rate Form 470 and that it is not to be opened before the bid evaluation.
- Multi-year contracts and voluntary extensions are accepted. Please include the voluntary contract renewal deadline on the contract.
- SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bids and will be disqualified.
- The bidder must agree to participate in the USF Program (AKA "E-Rate") for the corresponding funding year.
- All bidders must ensure they follow all current E-Rate program guidelines established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Information regarding the eligibility of goods and services, invoicing requirements, documentation requirements, and other program rules is available from the SLD by calling the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administration Corporation (USAC) at 1-888-203-8100 or seeing their website at <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/>.
- All bidders must adhere to the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) guidelines (as the SLD dictates).
- All applicable fees, surcharges, taxes, and installation charges must be identified on the bid. E-Rate rules require applicants to evaluate the prices of eligible goods and services to 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.
- Provide detailed item pricing and descriptions; identify and break out associated costs on ineligible items. Note: The vendor is responsible for checking the USF Eligible Services List for updates and corrections before submitting bids/quotations.
- The bidder must be in good standing with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and not have a Red Light status. If the vendor has a Red Light status, the contract will become null and void without penalty to the applicant.
- The bidder must agree to provide the applicant with the choice of discount methods (SPI or BEAR).
- The winning vendor will be required to promptly provide the requested information regarding goods and services.
- All bids must be submitted with the understanding that implementation may be dependent upon the following: (i) Final approval of next year's fiscal budget; (ii) Contract confirmation by next year's board of education; (iii) Award of associated E-Rate funding; (iv) Terms and provisions of the Kansas Cash Basis Law K.S.A 10-1101.
- The bidder may provide bids for any or all portions of this proposal.
- The applicant reserves the right to purchase all, none, or a portion of the quoted equipment/services and may choose more than one provider.
- Bids received after the stated deadline may be deemed non-responsive.

| Function                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Minimum Capacity | Maximum Capacity  | Approximate Quantity | Installation, Activation, & Initial Configuration | Maintenance & Technical Support |
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| <b>Standalone Internet Access</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>2 Gbps</b>    | <b>5 Gbps</b>     | <b>1</b>             | <b>Yes</b>                                        | <b>Yes</b>                      |
| Seeking bids for approximately one Internet connection, ranging from 2 Gbps to 5 Gbps. For approximately 9 buildings. Possible inclusion of bundled basic firewall and other similar services without a separately identifiable cost. Multi-year contracts should include optional bandwidth increases within the term of the contract.                                                                                                                                 |                  |                   |                      |                                                   |                                 |
| <b>The district hub is the Buhler USD 313 Service Center. Address listed below.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |                   |                      |                                                   |                                 |
| <b>Internet Access and Data Transmission Service</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>2 Gbps</b>    | <b>5 Gbps</b>     | <b>1</b>             | <b>Yes</b>                                        | <b>Yes</b>                      |
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| <b>Standalone Data Transmission Services</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>10 Gbps</b>   | <b>100 Gbps</b>   | <b>1</b>             | <b>Yes</b>                                        | <b>Yes</b>                      |
| Seeking bids for district-wide network connection(s) ranging from 10 Gbps to 100 Gbps. Multi-year contracts should include optional bandwidth increases within the term of the contract.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  |                   |                      |                                                   |                                 |
| <b>Leased Lit Fiber Network</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>10 Gbps</b>   | <b>100 Gbps</b>   | <b>1</b>             | <b>Yes</b>                                        | <b>Yes</b>                      |
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| <b>NOTE: The applicant will accept bids for any delivery method that meets their connectivity goals. We intend to meet all Fair and Open Competitive Bidding requirements.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |                   |                      |                                                   |                                 |
| <b>Leased Dark Fiber Network</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1 strands</b> | <b>12 strands</b> | <b>1</b>             | <b>Yes</b>                                        | <b>Yes</b>                      |
| Seeking bids for a leased dark fiber solution to include between 1 and 12 strands, with the scalable option to accommodate growth. All bids must separate the one-time special construction charges from the proposed monthly recurring cost (including maintenance/operations fees). The district will need bids on network equipment to light dark fiber. Multi-year contracts should include the option to lease additional strands within the term of the contract. |                  |                   |                      |                                                   |                                 |
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| <b>Category 1 Maintenance &amp; Operations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>10 Gbps</b>   | <b>100 Gbps</b>   | <b>1</b>             | <b>Yes</b>                                        | <b>Yes</b>                      |
| Seeking bids for maintenance & operations of network connections. Please separate maintenance & operations bids from any other service bids.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                  |                   |                      |                                                   |                                 |
| <b>Category 1 Network Equipment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>10 Gbps</b>   | <b>100 Gbps</b>   | <b>1</b>             | <b>Yes</b>                                        | <b>Yes</b>                      |
| Seeking bids for the electronics necessary to make a Category One broadband service functional. May include Related software & Right-to-use licenses. Bandwidth could range from 10 Gbps to 100 Gbps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  |                   |                      |                                                   |                                 |

- Bids should provide turn-key solutions, including installation/configuration charges, surcharges, and special construction charges when applicable. If special construction charges apply, please include the option for installment payments of up to 4 years for the applicant's nondiscounted share.

### Buildings:

| Name                                           | Street Address        | City       | State | Zip Code |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Ad Astra Alternative Academy & Virtual Academy | 1800 East 23rd Street | Hutchinson | KS    | 67502    |
| Buhler Elementary School                       | 808 N Main St         | Buhler     | KS    | 67522    |
| Buhler High School                             | 611 N Main St         | Buhler     | KS    | 67522    |
| Buhler USD 313 Service Center                  | 10400 East 69th       | Buhler     | KS    | 67522    |
| Burkholder Admn Center                         | 406 W 7th St          | Buhler     | KS    | 67522    |
| Crusader Corner Daycare                        | 509 E. 56th Avenue    | Hutchinson | KS    | 67502    |
| Plum Creek Elementary School                   | 901 E 43rd Ave        | Hutchinson | KS    | 67502    |
| Prairie Hills Middle School                    | 3200 Lucille Dr       | Hutchinson | KS    | 67502    |
| Union Valley Elementary School                 | 2501 E 30th Ave       | Hutchinson | KS    | 67502    |