

Buhler USD 313 313C2RFP27B

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

ATTENTION:

- **Sealed bids are required and must be submitted to the attention of Laura Reed, Director of Technology, Buhler USD 313, 406 W. 7th, Buhler, KS, 67522. Clearly mark the outside of the envelope with the following statement: "DO NOT OPEN: SEALED E-RATE BID" along with bidders SPIN. Bids received after the stated deadline may be deemed non-responsive.**
- **Direct other bid correspondence to Laura Reed via email at 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.**

Important Notes:

- 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.

Project Notes:

- Category 6 cabling must be blue with a punch-down network jack on AP end.
- If using a blank keystone patch panel, these blue network jacks need to be included.
- Patch cables must be blue. 3' patch cables are for AP end. 10' patch cables are for Switch end.
- Any unused cabling or other supplies will be left with the district.
- All drops must be tested and certified.
- Any damage that the vendor causes they will be liable to pay for the repair.
- If a chase cable is present, the chase cable will be replaced.
- Include the manufacturer name and corresponding SKU/model number for each item of quoted equipment.
- Proposals should be submitted as turnkey solutions and include all costs required for complete implementation, including installation, configuration, applicable taxes, fees, and related charges, in accordance with industry best practices.

Function	Manufacturer	Model/SKU	Approximate Quantity	Installation, Activation, & Initial Configuration
Cabling and related components	No Preference	No Preference	68,555 feet	Yes
Seeking bids for approximately 226 total drops totaling approximately 68,555 feet. Proposed solutions may include any components required for the successful installation, activation, and initial configuration, including labeling and certified installation of eligible components, as well as on-site training on the use of eligible equipment.				
Please see the building maps attached to this Form 470. Building addresses and approximate quantities per location are listed below.				

Racks and related components	No Preference	No Preference	18	Yes
Seeking bids for approximately 18 or more patch panels. Proposed solutions may include any components required for the successful installation, activation, and initial configuration, including labeling and certified installation of eligible components, as well as on-site training on the use of eligible equipment.				
Please see the building maps attached to this Form 470. Building addresses and approximate quantities per location are listed below.				

Building	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Buhler High School	611 N Main	Buhler	KS	67522
Prairie Hills Middle School	3200 Lucille Dr.	Hutchinson	KS	67502
Buhler Grade School	808 N Main	Buhler	KS	67522
Plum Creek Elementary	901 E 43rd	Hutchinson	KS	67502
Union Valley Elementary	2501 E 30th	Hutchinson	KS	67502

Building	Approximate Number of Drops	Approximate Number of Patch Panels	Approximate Meters of Cat 6 Cabling	Approximate Feet of Cat 6 Cabling
Buhler High School	69	6	4830	15846.4572
Prairie Hills Middle School	51	3	4650	15255.906
Buhler Grade School	31	3	2790	9153.5436
Plum Creek Elementary	35	2	4130	13549.8692
Union Valley Elementary	40	4	3600	11811.024

Building	Approximate Number of 3' Patch Cables	Approximate Feet of 3' Patch Cables	Approximate Number of 10' Patch Cables	Approximate Feet of 10' Patch Cables
Buhler High School	69	207	69	690
Prairie Hills Middle School	51	153	51	510
Buhler Grade School	31	93	31	310
Plum Creek Elementary	35	105	35	350
Union Valley Elementary	40	120	40	400

Function	Manufacturer	Model/SKU	Approximate Quantity	Installation, Activation, & Initial Configuration
Licenses and/or software for existing Firewall service or equipment	Fortinet or equivalent	FC-10-F6H1E-950-02-12 or comparable	1	Yes
Bids may include applicable software and licenses, including updates, bug fixes, security patches, and remote technical support or configuration services.				

Licenses and/or software for existing Switches	Fortinet or equivalent	See below	60	Yes
Bids may include applicable software and licenses, including updates, bug fixes, security patches, and remote technical support or configuration services.				
Approximately 33, FC-10-S448F-247-02-12 or comparable Approximately 22, FC-10-S424F-247-02-12 or comparable Approximately 3, FC-10-W112D-247-02-12 or comparable Approximately 2, FC-10-S1E24-247-02-12 or comparable				

Licenses and/or software for existing Wireless Access Points	Fortinet or equivalent	See below	262	Yes
Bids may include applicable software and licenses, including updates, bug fixes, security patches, and remote technical support or configuration services.				
Approximately 100, FC-10-P231K-247-02-12 or comparable Approximately 160, FC-10-F431F-247-02-12 or comparable Approximately 2, FC-10-PF432-247-02-12 or comparable				

- Include the manufacturer name and corresponding SKU/model number for each item quoted.
- Responses offering equivalent products or services must clearly demonstrate that the proposed solution meets or exceeds the specifications of the requested equipment or service. The respondent is solely responsible for verifying the compatibility of all proposed hardware. Any incompatibility identified after award shall be corrected by the respondent at no additional cost to the district.