



Technology

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**Jackson County Intermediate School District
On Behalf of Northwest Community Schools**

REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFP)

Northwest Community Schools Structured Cabling and Cabinet Upgrade

PART I - Introduction

Jackson County Intermediate School District, on behalf of Northwest Community Schools (hereinafter referred to as “Customer” or the “District”) is soliciting bids to upgrade the internal connections between the District’s network wiring closets, as well as upgrade a quantity of network cabinets.

The Customer requests proposals for the installation, testing, and acceptance of the Telecommunications Distribution System described in the attached specifications and drawings by interested persons (hereinafter known as “Vendor”). Prices quoted shall be all-inclusive and represent complete installation at the sites shown on the attached drawings and in the attached specifications. Any addendums that are issued will be on the Customer’s web page. The Vendor shall be responsible for all parts, labor, and all other associated apparatus necessary to completely install, test, and turnover for acceptance to the Customer the Telecommunications Distribution System detailed herein.

PART II - Locations

The Jackson County Intermediate School District (JCISD) on behalf of Northwest Community Schools, hereafter referred to as customer, is accepting proposals for cabling and network cabinets associated with the buildings below.

All Buildings

The buildings that the district is looking for cabling in are as follows:

- **Northwest Elementary School** - 3757 Lansing Avenue Jackson MI 49202
- **Northwest Middle School** - 6700 Rives Junction Road Jackson MI 49201
- **Northwest High School** - 4200 Van Horn Road Jackson MI 49201

PART III - Instructions to Bidders

Overview

Jackson County ISD, will be accepting bids for **“Northwest Community Schools Structured Cabling and Cabinet Upgrade”** in accordance with the attached specifications.

Important Dates and Deadlines

1. Intent To Bid Form Deadline - October 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
2. Required Vendor Site Visit - October 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
3. RFP Technical Questions Deadline – November 6, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
4. Proposal Due Date and bid opening – November 20, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
5. Project Completion – TBD

Bid opening will take place in the Technology Department conference room at 6700 Browns Lake Rd Jackson MI 49201 immediately following the time that the proposal is due. Those wishing to attend shall arrive at least 10 minutes prior so that there is adequate time to facilitate entry into the building.

Required Site Visit

A required site visit will be held at the date and time indicated above. Vendors wishing to attend the site visit must fill out the intent to bid form attached. Vendors who have submitted the intent to bid form before the deadline will receive an invitation to the event. The sites will NOT be available at any other time during this bid window

RFP Due Date and Location

This RFP packet will be available on our website at the following link, <http://www.jcisd.org>, under the “About Us/Proposals/Bids” tab. Vendors are responsible for obtaining any updates or amendments to the RFP from the website.

The sole point of contact concerning this solicitation is:

Brad Hess
Jackson County Intermediate School District
6700 Browns Lake Road
Jackson, MI 49201
Subject: Northwest Community Schools Structured Cabling and Cabinet Upgrade
Email: jcisdrfp@jcisd.org

**For non-technical questions about the RFP or purchasing processes, please contact:
Rick Vess, Purchasing & Logistics Manager
Jackson County Intermediate School District
6700 Browns Lake Road Jackson, MI 49201
Subject: Northwest Community Schools Structured Cabling and Cabinet Upgrade
Email: rick.vess@jcisd.org**

Proposals must be delivered and received prior to proposal due date to the address noted above. E-mails will be accepted. Submit email responses to JCISDRFP@jcisd.org.

Submittals

Please include in your proposal the following items:

- Manufacturing specification sheet on all proposed hardware to be installed on the project.
- Schematics and/or drawings of the proposed solution. This drawing shall include the model of each component and show the interconnections between the devices.
- Quotes used when ordering.
 - o (1) for first shift install and (1) for second shift if rates are different
- An itemized list of all hardware items including quantity, description, part numbers, and cost.
- Timeline of project. This should be in terms of days and not exact dates.
- Certification of Compliance – Iran Economic Sanctions Act Form
- Contractor Agreement Form
- Conflict of Interest Affidavit
- Election to Bid Form
- Vendor SPIN number.
- Contact information for three references, including email addresses and phone numbers.

Failure to submit all required submittals could be considered as a non-responsive proposal.

PART IV - General Terms and Conditions

Consideration of Proposals

The Customer reserves the right to reject any and all quotes; to accept portions of bids and alternates in any order or combination; is not obligated to accept the lowest or any RFP; and may waive any informality or irregularity in submittal procedures.

The Customer intends to award a contract to a qualified bidder, provided the RFP has been submitted in accordance with the RFP Document requirements, and does not exceed the Customer's available funds.

Verbal Orders

Verbal orders for additions to or deletions from this bid must be stated in writing and agreed upon by the Customer.

Technical Questions

Technical questions with regard to this bid document must be submitted in writing no later than the deadline listed above.

No other interpretations of the meaning of this bid document will be made to any bidder verbally. Every request for such interpretation shall be emailed to:

Jackson County Intermediate School District
Attn: Brad Hess
Subject: Question - Structured Cabling and Network Cabinet Upgrade
Email: JCISDRFP@jcisd.org

It is the responsibility of the Vendors to determine whether all addenda have been received for the project.

Proposal Binding Period

All unit prices, material costs, and labor rates quoted in the Vendor's response must remain firm and fully guaranteed from the date of bid submission through the entire duration of the E-Rate funding cycle, including any approved service delivery extensions. Under no circumstances shall labor rates or material costs increase for the duration of this specific project, regardless of funding delays, calendar year transitions, or project extension periods granted by USAC.

Warranty

Materials hereinafter specified and furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the Manufacturer for one year from transfer of title against any defects. Defects which may

occur as the result of faulty materials within one year after installation and acceptance by the Customer shall be corrected by the Vendor at no additional cost to the Customer.

The Vendor shall promptly, at no cost to the Customer, correct or re-perform (including modifications or additions as necessary) any nonconforming or defective workmanship or labor within one year after completion of the project of which the work is a part.

The period of the Vendor's warranties for any items herein are not exclusive remedies, and the Customer has recourse to any warranties of additional scope given by the Vendor to the Customer and all other remedies available at law or in equity. The Vendor's warranties shall commence with acceptance of/or payment for the work in full.

If the Vendor procures equipment or materials under the Contract, the Vendor shall obtain for the benefit of the Customer equipment and materials warranties against defects in materials and workmanship to the extent such warranties are reasonably obtainable.

The Vendor shall pass along to the Customer any additional warranties offered by the manufacturers, at no additional costs to the Customer, should said warranties extend beyond the one-year period specified herein.

This warranty shall in no manner cover equipment that has been damaged or rendered un-serviceable due to negligence, misuse, acts of vandalism, or tampering by the Customer or anyone other than employees or agents of the Vendor. The Vendor's obligation under its warranty is limited to the cost of repair of the warranted item or replacement thereof, at the Vendor's option. Insurance covering said equipment from damage or loss is to be borne by the Vendor until full acceptance of equipment and services.

Price Stability

Contract prices and discounts shall be fixed at the time the contract is signed and deemed "approved" by the Customer and the Vendor. In the event of price changes, replacement equipment shall be purchased at the lower of contract or then current market price. In no case shall a price higher than contract price be paid for equipment or services proposed.

In the event that the Customer desires to purchase equipment or services not contained in the contract, future purchases will be determined using the Vendor-specified discount rate in the proposal from the manufacturer's suggested retail price as of the date of the order.

In the case of discrepancy in computed proposal prices, the lowest combined value of individual unit costs shall prevail.

In no case shall the price exceed the favored Vendor prices.

Variation in Quantities and Configurations

Equipment and quantity requirements are the best estimates currently available. The Customer reserves the right to modify quantity and configuration requirements. The Vendor agrees to sell the Customer the revised quantity of items at the unit price as stated in the RFP regardless of quantity changes.

E-Rate Compliance

The district will be applying for category 2 E-rate funding for this project. When preparing the bid please take these things into consideration.

- E-rate eligible components in the response must meet the criteria specified by USF Category 2.
- All Vendors must have an E-rate SPIN designation, bidders are required to include their SPIN# in their response.
- All Vendors must have a current Service Provider Annual Certification Form 473 on file with USAC.
- It is the Vendor's responsibility to understand and comply with the rules and procedures required by the Schools and Libraries Corporation and the Universal Services Fund. If requested the successful Vendor will complete the SPI (Form 474) application.
- All USF form processing and Vendor response preparation are solely the Vendor's responsibility and the District is not responsible for ANY costs associated.
- Portions of this project may be contingent on approval of E-rate funding.
- Cost allocation will be determined where necessary by Client for purposes of devices with partial eligibility.
- Any considerations regarding SPI or BEAR form invoicing options required by the Vendor must be communicated with the response.
- The applicant reserves the right to choose either the SPI (Form 474) or BEAR (Form 472) invoicing method.

Project Manager/Forman

The Vendor shall designate a primary Project Manager or Lead Foreman to serve as the single point of contact for all aspects of this project. They must be fully accessible via phone and email during all active working hours and possess the explicit authority to make immediate, binding decisions regarding changes or field adjustments. The Project Manager (or a designated competent lead installer) must be physically present on-site during all critical execution phases and must be capable of arriving on-site within a reasonable timeframe should a field issue arise.

Meetings/Project Updates

On at least a weekly basis during summer time, and on daily basis during school time, the vendor is to email or text with updates on the project. This update should include where work was done, type of work, as well as any questions or issues that have come up that need answers. This will help isolate issues if they arise the following day.

On-site project coordination/progress meetings will be held, as appropriate, throughout the life of this Project. Failure to comply may result in immediate dismissal of the Vendor from the Project and cancellation of the contract.

Vendor should be prepared to discuss work accomplished and project work to be done within the next two weeks from the date of the meeting. Vendor will adhere to any directives from the Customer and will coordinate activities with other trades appropriately.

Special Conditions

This facility is an educational facility that provides services to the students of the Customer. As such, activities in all buildings are critical to the provisioning of services to the students and staff and shall not be interrupted by the Vendor's work activities. Service interruptions during normal business hours must be coordinated by the Vendor to minimize impact to the end users.

The Vendor will be required to work around all of the conditions listed above, as well as working with the Customer's staff and students to minimize disruptions to normal Customer activities.

Recognizing the environment in which work is to be done, smoking, consumption of alcoholic beverages and inappropriate language are not acceptable. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on school property. Contingent on awarding of the contract, anyone assigned to work on the project must pass and provide a background check to have on file at the District. Any cost associated with this is the responsibility of the Vendor.

Payment Conditions

Payment shall be made upon final acceptance of the job by the Customer. The project will be deemed acceptable when the Vendor delivers to the Customer (as applicable):

- ***Cables which are 100% free of defective pairs of fiber strands.***
- ***Passing Network Certification test results by an approved Level III tester on the horizontal cabling.***
- ***OTDR / TDR test results on the fiber optic cables.***
- ***Inspection of Vendors work by the District has been conducted.***
- ***Documentation and other deliverables have been delivered to customer.***

Acceptance shall be further defined as beneficial use by the Customer. Acceptance will be deemed "in full" upon receipt by the Vendor of a Notice of Acceptance issued by the Customer upon beneficial use and full implementation of the Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications of the Contract. Upon receipt of the Notice of Acceptance, the

Vendor shall notify the Customer in writing of a release of all liens for all materials and services associated with this project.

Inspection, Acceptance and Title

Title to/or risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the successful Vendor until acceptance by the Customer, unless loss or damage results from negligence by the Customer. If the materials or services supplied to the Customer are found to be defective or do not conform to the specifications, the Customer reserves the right to cancel the contract upon written notice to the Vendor and return products at the Vendor's expense, based upon the terms of the Contract.

The Customer shall at all times have access to the work wherever it is in preparation or progress, and the Vendor shall provide proper facilities for such access and for inspection.

The Vendor shall not close up any work until the Customer has inspected the work. Should the Vendor close up the work prior to inspection by the Customer, the Vendor shall uncover the work for inspection by the Customer at no cost to the Customer, and then recover the work according to the specification contained herein.

The Vendor shall notify the Customer in writing when the work is ready for inspection. The Customer will inspect the work as expeditiously as possible after receipt of notification from the Vendor.

Price quotations are to include the furnishing of all materials, permits, make readies, equipment, maintenance and training manuals, tools, and the provision of all labor and services necessary or proper for the completion of the work, except as may be otherwise expressly provided in the Contract Documents. The Customer will not be liable for any costs beyond those proposed herein and awarded. Time and materials quotes will be unacceptable. The Customer is a non-taxable entity and as such sales, consumer, use, and other taxes are not applicable.

Subcontractors

Each subcontractor shall agree to be bound to the Vendor by the terms and conditions of this RFP.

Equal Employment Opportunity

In connection with the execution of this Contract, the Vendors and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin. The Vendors shall take affirmative action to ensure that minority and disadvantaged applicants are employed and employees are treated during their employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin.

Regulations, Codes, Standards, and Ordinances Compliance

All work specified within this document shall default to the latest approved edition/revision of the following requirements, unless otherwise specified:

- National Electrical Code® (NEC / NFPA 70)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes
- All applicable state and local Building Codes and Ordinances
- ANSI/TIA-568
- ANSI/TIA-569
- ANSI/TIA-606
- ANSI/TIA-607
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations
- BICSI Telecommunications Distribution Methods Manual (TDMM)
- OSHA Standards (29 CFR Part 1910.268)
- Terminated to the T568B pinout standard

Safety

The Vendor shall take the necessary precautions and bear the sole responsibility for the safety of the methods employed in performing the work. The Vendor shall at all times comply with the regulations set forth by federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations concerning “OSHA” and all applicable state labor laws, regulations, and standards. The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless The Customer from and against all liabilities, suits, damages, costs, and expenses (including attorney’s fees and court costs), which may be imposed on the Customer because of the Vendor, subcontractor, or supplier’s failure to comply with the regulations stated herein.

Ownership and Use of Drawings, Specifications and Other Documents

The Drawings, Specification and other Documents prepared by the Architect are instruments of the Architect’s services through which the Work to be executed by the Vendor is described. The Architect grants the Customer a license to use and permit the use of copies, including reproducible copies of the Drawings, Specifications, and other documents prepared by the Architect in connection with the Customer’s construction of the Project, its use, and occupancy.

The Drawings, Specifications, and other documents shall not be used on other Projects by the Vendor without the prior written consent of the Architect, and the Vendor shall take such action as may be necessary to prevent their use on other projects. The Vendor and Sub-contractors are granted a limited license to use (but not reproduce) applicable portions of the Drawings, Specifications, and other documents appropriate to and for use in execution of their Work under this RFP.

Indemnification

The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless Jackson County ISD, Northwest Community Schools and their employees from or on account of any injuries or damages,

received or sustained by any person or persons, during or on account of any operation connected with this Contract; or by consequence of any negligence (excluding negligence by the Customer, its agents, Consultant or employees) in connection with the same; or by use of any improper materials or by or on account of any act or omission of said Vendor or its subcontractors, agents, servants, or employees. The Vendor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Customer, its agents, Consultant or employees, against claims or liability arising from or based upon the violation of any federal, state, county, city, or other applicable laws, bylaws, ordinances, or regulations by the Vendor, its agents, associates, or employees.

The indemnification provided above shall obligate the Vendor to defend at its own expense or to provide for such defense, at the Customer's option, of any and all claims of liability and all suits and actions of every name and description that may be brought against the Customer which may result from the operations and activities under this Contract whether the installation operations be performed by the Vendor, subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either.

The award of this Contract to the Vendor shall obligate the Vendor to comply with the foregoing indemnity provision; however, the collateral obligation of insuring this indemnity must be complied with as set forth.

Liability and Insurance

The Vendor shall assume the full duty, obligation, and expense of obtaining and maintaining necessary insurance while providing services to the Customer under the requirements of this RFP and any addendum.

Insurance Coverage

The Vendor shall be fully liable to provide and maintain in force during the life of this Contract, such insurance, including Public Liability Insurance, Product Liability Insurance, Auto Liability Insurance, Worker's Compensation, and Employer's Liability Insurance as will assure to the Customer the protection contained in the foregoing indemnification provision undertaken by the Vendor. Such policies shall be issued by United States Treasury-approved companies authorized to do business in the State of Michigan and having agents upon whom service of process may be made in the Customer and shall contain as a minimum, the following provisions, coverage, and policy limits of liability.

General Liability

General Liability Insurance shall protect the Jackson County ISD, Northwest Community Schools, its subcontractors, agents, and employees from claims for damages. General Aggregate shall not be less than Two Million Dollars (U.S. \$2,000,000.00) and it shall apply in total to this project only. Products – Comp/GP Aggregate shall not be less than Two Million Dollars (U.S. \$2,000,000.00). Personal & ADV Injury shall not be less than One Million Dollars (U.S. \$1,000,000.00). Each Occurrence shall not be less than One Million Dollars (U.S. \$1,000,000.00). Fire Damage shall not be less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (U.S. \$50,000.00) on any one (1) fire. Medical Expense shall not be less than Five

Thousand Dollars (U.S. \$5,000.00) on any one (1) person. Broad Form Property Damage coverage shall include completed operations.

Product Liability

Product Liability or Completed Operations Insurance shall have bodily injury limits of liability of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (U.S. \$500,000.00) per person; Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (U.S. \$500,000.00) per occurrence, and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (U.S. \$500,000.00) aggregate.

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance shall meet minimum requirements set by the State of Michigan, but in no case less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (U.S. \$500,000.00). The Disease Policy Limit shall not be less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (U.S. \$500,000.00).

Proof of Insurance

The Vendor shall furnish to the Customer a Certificate of Insurance or duplicate policies of insurance described above which specifically protect the Customer. Jackson County ISD and Northwest Community Schools shall be identified as additional insured on the General Liability policy form. Jackson County ISD and Northwest Community Schools shall be named as the Certificate Holder.

Such certification must contain a provision for notification of the Customer thirty (30) days in advance of any material change in coverage or cancellation.

Notification shall be in writing and signed in ink by a duly authorized officer of the Insurer.

Insurance Companies are subject to approval and may be rejected by the Customer without stated cause.

Claims

In any and all claims against the Customer, or any of their agents or employees by any employee of the Vendor, any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of the contracting parties, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or types of damages, compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

Right to Reject

The Customer reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason.

This RFP as well as the Vendor's response will become contractual obligations of the successful Bidder. Additionally, by bidding on this RFP, Vendors accept and acknowledge that the Customer may accept any or all proposals, ultimately waive some bid specifications where in its sole discretion it is appropriate, and not necessarily award the contract to the lowest Bidder. Additionally, Bidders accept

and acknowledge that the decision of the Customer is final and that the Vendors waive any recourse against the Customer, Consultant or other Vendors which may otherwise exist for action occurring during the course of this bid solicitation process.

The Customer at its discretion may award different sections to different vendors, if in their opinion it is in their best interest.

In the event of a conflict between any terms or conditions in any of the documents comprising the entire present Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth in this Request for Proposal shall take precedence.

All documents constituting the entire present agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Michigan.

Cancellation

In the event any provisions of this RFP are violated by the Vendor, the Customer may give written notice to the Vendor stating the deficiencies. Unless deficiencies are corrected within five (5) working days, recommendations will be made to the Customer for immediate cancellation. The Customer reserves the right to terminate immediately any contract resulting from this RFP for failure to correct deficiencies.

Advertising

The Vendor agrees not to use the results from this RFP as a part of any commercial advertising without prior written approval of the Customer.

Permits

The Vendor is responsible for determining the need for and pulling any permits that are required by law for the Jackson/Michigan area. Any violations that come out of this should be reported to the district in writing to determine an appropriate method of repair. Please include a T&M rate per hour that might be used to fix these types of issues in the event they arise.

PART V - Basic Construction Instructions

Working Environment

1. It is required that all Vendor employees wear an identification badge with a photograph. This badge should have the Vendor company name and employee name as a minimum. Shirts with a company logo will be accepted as an alternate means of identification.
2. All work will be performed in a neat and workmanlike manner in accordance with the latest edition of the National Electric Code, the ANSI/NECA/BICSI-568 Standard for Installing Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling, the BICSI Telecommunications Cabling Installation Manual, and all ANSI/TIA/EIA standards documents relevant to this installation. All methods of construction, details of workmanship that are not specifically described or indicated shall be subject to approval by the Customer.
3. All affected computer equipment and furniture shall be covered during the project to keep down the debris residue.
4. Daily cleanup is required of all site areas. Failure to comply may result in being billed for time spent to cleanup.
5. Equipment, cables, and personnel shall not be in hallways during classroom changes.
6. Any areas that may become a safety concern should be cordoned off to restrict access.
7. All equipment and supplies will be stored in Customer designated areas only.
8. Any disruption in service (data, phone, video, etc.) must be scheduled and coordinated with the Customer.
9. The work environment may demand the Vendor workers wear hardhats. Vendor is responsible for following all OSHA guidelines and those work stipulations put forth by the General Contractor.

Ceilings and Walls

1. The vendor must exercise due care to not damage ceiling tiles.
2. Vendor must carefully remove existing ceiling tiles as required. Store the removed tiles in a location specified by Customer.
3. The ceiling grid shall not be modified in any way.
4. Vendor can submit a waiver of responsibility for ceiling tiles that are already broken, brittle or discolored.
5. Any tiles that are damaged during the installation process must be replaced and installed by Vendor. New tiles must match the type and design of the adjacent area.
6. All wall surfaces shall be restored to their original finish matching the adjacent area.

Abandoned Cables

1. Vendor will remove all unused or abandoned cables as identified by the District from the ceiling, walls, and riser areas.
2. The Vendor will remove the debris and dispose of it in a receptacle stipulated by the Customer.
3. All open wall penetrations that result from the removal of abandoned cables shall be properly sealed.

Fire-Stopping

1. Vendor will supply the appropriate sleeves for any new penetration of building surfaces for this project. Where necessary, the Customer will provide the Vendor with information for locations requiring firestop.
2. New penetrations shall be fire-stopped where they penetrate new or existing building construction.
3. Firestopping shall be accomplished by using a combination of materials and devices, including penetrating raceway, sleeves, or cables, required to make up a complete fire-stop.
4. Vendor shall verify that cabling and other penetrating elements and supporting devices have been completely installed and temporary lines and cables have been removed.
5. Vendor shall select the appropriate type or types of through penetration fire-stop devices or systems appropriate for each type of communications penetration and base each selection on criteria specified herein.
6. Vendor shall perform all necessary coordination with other trades constructing floors, walls, or other partitions of building construction with respect to size and shape of each opening to be constructed and device or system approved for use in each instance.
7. Use materials that have no irritating or objectionable odors when firestopping is required in existing buildings and areas that are occupied.
8. Provide damming materials, plates, wires, restricting collars, and devices necessary for proper installation of firestopping. Remove combustible installation aids after fire-stopping material has cured.
9. Existing raceways, cable trays, and cabling that penetrate existing building construction shall be fire-stopped to the extent necessary to fill cavities that may exist between existing building construction and existing communications penetration or existing conduit sleeve, and between existing conduits and existing conduit sleeve.

Sleeves

1. Provide sleeves for new conduit and cable penetrations of building construction if necessary.
2. Use galvanized rigid conduit sleeves for penetrations through exterior masonry/concrete walls and foundations, concrete floor slabs on grade and above grade, and concrete-filled decks.

3. Use only fire-rated listed assemblies for the type of sleeve being installed through CMU walls or gypsum walls for communications penetrations. Sleeve type shall be galvanized rigid conduit.
4. Secure sleeves firmly in place using filling and patching materials (grout) that match with the adjacent areas.
5. In wall penetrations, cut sleeves flush with wall surface and use metal escutcheon plates in finished interior areas.
6. Seal voids between sleeves and building construction with joint sealants. Make allowances for and coordinate the work with installation of firestopping, conduit insulation, and waterproofing, as applicable.
7. Vendor shall be responsible for final and correct location of sleeves. Sleeves that are omitted or incorrectly located or installed in existing building construction shall be corrected and provided by the Vendor at no charge to the Customer.
8. Sleeves shall not be more than 60% full at the end of project without prior authorization.

Grounding

6. Grounding shall conform to ANSI/TIA-607 – Commercial Building Grounding and Bonding Requirements for Telecommunications, National Electrical Code® and manufacturer's grounding requirements as minimum.
7. The Vendor shall ground equipment racks, housings, messenger cables and raceways.
8. Connect cabinets, racks, and frames to single-point ground that is connected to the building ground system via #6 AWG (minimum) copper grounding conductor.
9. Any connection to building steel must be annotated on the as-built drawings.
10. The Vendor shall ground all points of contact on building steel prior to fastening grounding lugs.

PART VI - Technical Specifications

Work Included

The Vendor shall provide equipment, materials, labor, and services to provide data distribution system including, but not limited to:

1. Raceway, boxes, cable tray and similar cable supporting devices. (J-hooks)
2. Data cabling terminations.
3. Optical fiber and terminations.
4. Telecommunications outlets.
5. Terminal blocks/cross-connect systems and fire-retardant mounting board. (Telephone vendor will provide “punch-down” services to terminate voice cross-connect cables).
6. Equipment racks and cabinets.
7. System testing.
8. Documentation and submissions.
9. Any necessary pathway

Vendor will provide all equipment, materials, labor and services, not specifically mentioned or shown, which may be necessary to complete or perfect all parts of the installation. Vendor will ensure that they are in compliance with the requirements stated or reasonably inferred by the RFP and other contract documents supplied by Customer.

Work Not Included

Vendor will not provide the following work:

1. Off-site services.
2. Providing 120V wiring and outlets.
3. Providing data switches, routers, servers, computers or other “active” devices.

Part VII - Project Specifications/Scope

This infrastructure upgrade will consist of the replacement of existing multi-mode fiber optic cable, and in some cases copper cabling, with armored single-mode fiber and/or the addition of new single-mode fiber runs. As part of this project, the Vendor will be responsible for removal of the existing multi-mode cable for the specified runs.

In addition, certain network racks/cabinets have been specified for upgrade to larger sizes. The vendor shall be responsible for procurement, mounting, and migration of existing cabling and/or equipment from the existing rack/cabinet to the new unit.

All buildings are to be considered plenum rated for this project.

Network Cabinet Upgrade Specifications

When replacing the network cabinets and migrating existing infrastructure, the selected vendor must adhere to the following technical and operational standards.

- The vendor must carefully unmount the existing patch panels from the old rack, support the weight of the attached cable bundles to prevent tension, and securely remount the panels in the designated spaces of the new cabinet. Every effort should be made to migrate the existing patch panels intact without disturbing the existing cable terminations.
- Following the physical relocation of the patch panels, the vendor must perform a wiremap and continuity test on all copper ports using a cable analyzer (e.g., Fluke) to verify pinout integrity and ensure no connections were broken during the move.
- Any port that fails the initial wiremap test must be cleanly re-terminated by the vendor on the existing patch panel using the T568B standard. Following re-termination, that specific link must undergo a certification test to prove it meets original performance specs.
- Only hook-and-loop fasteners are permitted for bundling and securing cables. **The use of plastic zip-ties is strictly prohibited** on all network data cabling.
- Cable bundles leading to the migrated patch panels must be neatly combed, dressed, and routed through cable managers. No cables should block access to active equipment, power outlets, or exhaust fans. Cable bundles shall be dressed to the sides in order to provide full cabinet depth for equipment.
- The vendor must preserve all existing port and cable labels during the migration. If any existing labels are damaged, torn, or lost during the physical move, the vendor must replace them with machine-printed, wrap-around self-laminating vinyl labels matching the original schema. **Hand-written labels are not permitted.**

Fiber Optic Cable Specifications (Exterior Environments)

All cable used for this project which will traverse to the exterior of the building or be placed underground must be explicitly engineered for extreme outdoor environmental conditions and continuous exposure to moisture.

The Vendor must supply and install fiber matching or exceeding these technical guidelines. Any deviation must be approved by the administration.

- **Cable Classification:** Outside Plant (OSP) Rated, Dielectric, Stranded Loose Tube fiber optic cable.
- **Fire Safety Rating:** The cable jacket must be fully plenum-rated and approved for deployment inside environmental air handling spaces, drop ceilings, and vertical shafts.
- **Fiber Type:** Single-Mode Fiber (SMF) complying with ITU-T G.652.D or G.657.A2 standards, OS2 performance tier.
- **Water/Moisture Protection:** Gel-free, dry-water-blocking technology utilizing water-swallowable tape and yarns to prevent water ingress or moisture tracking inside the jacket.
- **Outer Sheath:** High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) or Medium-Density Polyethylene (MDPE) outer jacket with complete UV-radiation resistance.
- **Temperature Thresholds:** Fully functional and chemically stable within an operating range of -40°F to +158°F (-40°C to +70°C).
- **Strand Count:** Minimum 12-strand continuous run.
- **Terminations:** Standard rack-mounted fiber patch panels to be provided by Vendor at both ends utilizing SC/UPC.
- **Splicing:** Any splicing shall be a fusion splice.

Slack Service Loops: The vendor must provide and neatly coil a minimum of twenty (20) feet of slack service loop at both termination ends. These loops must be stored securely using manufacturer-approved storage brackets.

Fiber Optic Cable Specifications (Interior Environments)

All cable used for this project which will traverse interior building pathways, risers, and environmental air spaces must be explicitly engineered for indoor commercial distribution.

The Vendor must supply and install fiber matching or exceeding these precise technical guidelines. Any deviation must be approved by the administration.

- **Cable Classification:** Indoor Plenum-Rated, Armored fiber optic cable. If metallic armor is used, the vendor must properly bond/ground the armor casing both termination points.
- **Fire Safety Rating:** The cable jacket must be fully plenum-rated and approved for deployment inside environmental air handling spaces, drop ceilings, and vertical shafts.

- **Fiber Type:** Single-Mode Fiber (SMF) complying with ITU-T G.652.D or G.657.A2 standards, OS2 performance tier.
- **Strand Count:** Minimum 12-strand continuous run.
- **Terminations:** Standard rack-mounted fiber patch panels to be provided by Vendor at both ends utilizing SC/UPC connectors.
- **Splicing:** Any splicing shall be a fusion splice.

Slack Service Loops: The vendor must provide and neatly coil a minimum of twenty (20) feet of slack service loop at both termination ends. These loops must be stored securely using manufacturer-approved storage brackets.

Pathway

The vendor will be responsible for the engineering, pathway design, core drilling, firestop planning, pulling, dressing, termination, and testing of the interior cabling throughout the designated interior pathways of the facility.

- **Existing Infrastructure:** It is anticipated that existing, viable containment systems (e.g., cable trays, J-hooks, conduit runs) are present along the majority of the route. The vendor must utilize existing cable containment where available, ensuring cables are neatly integrated without overloading existing structures.
- **Cable Support & Placement:** Where existing containment is unavailable, the vendor shall install a code-compliant support system. Cables must never lay directly on ceiling tiles, support grid wires, electrical conduits, or mechanical piping.
- **Vendor Responsibility (Alternative Pathway):** If the existing interior pathway is found to be blocked, at maximum fill-capacity, structurally compromised, or otherwise completely unusable, the vendor shall be responsible for providing and installing a code-compliant alternative pathway solution.
- **No Exposed Cable:** Under no circumstances shall bare or exposed network cabling be visible in hallways, occupied areas, or offices. All visible runs must be fully enclosed within continuous, matching surface-mount raceway or conduit.
- **All-Inclusive Pricing:** Vendors must factor this interior physical pathway contingency entirely into their base bid pricing. Change orders regarding standard pathway barriers, blocked interior conduits, or the need to install additional support hooks/surface raceways will not be accepted or approved post-award.

Existing cabling

- As part of this project the vendor shall abate the existing multi mode fiber optic cable, and in some cases copper cabling, between the two buildings.
- The chosen Vendor will be expected to exercise great care during the installation and removal of cabling during this project to prevent damage or disruption to any other existing cable infrastructure.
- Any damage incurred must be reported to the District as soon as possible, and the District reserves the right to hold the Vendor responsible for repairs or replacement depending on circumstances involved.

Project Deliverables

- **Cable Labeling:** The vendor shall clearly label each fiber at both termination points with the origin/destination location that it goes to, as well as the exact length of the run in feet. Each cable shall contain a highly visible, permanent cable wrap identifying which location it feeds.
- **Copper Patch Panel Labeling:** Any existing copper patch panels migrated to the new cabinet must retain their labeling integrity. If any labels are damaged during the migration, the vendor must replace them with matching machine-printed, self-laminating vinyl labels.
- **As-Built Installation Photographs:** The vendor must provide high-resolution digital photographs documenting the finalized work within all pathways that are not easily accessible via standard drop-ceiling tiles. This explicitly includes all utility tunnels, attics, crawlspaces, and vertical pipe chases. Each photograph must be clearly labeled with its precise building location to illustrate that the final installation is clean, orderly, and completed in a correct fashion. All digital image files must be organized into folders matching your As-Built map reference points and delivered electronically upon project closeout.
- **Interior Pathway Maps:** Detailed floor plans and riser diagrams of the building illustrating the exact route the new fiber travels between closets.
- **Copper Post-Migration Test Logs:**
 - Wiremap Reports: Wiremap and continuity test reports for all migrated copper ports to prove no connections were damaged during the cabinet transfer.
 - Certification Reports: For any copper ports that required re-termination.
- **Warranty:** Final project closeout documentation must include an official warranty certificate covering the newly installed fiber optic link.

PART VII - Pricing

Total Price

The total price quoted must include shipping to the district location: Northwest Community Schools, 6900 Rives Junction Road Jackson MI 49201. Any additional costs outside of the stated guidelines must be provided with an explanation, as an attachment to the Bidder's proposal.

PART VIII - Configuration Specifications & Pricing Summary

This project can be awarded in whole or in part.

Price Summary

Fill out the below chart to indicate your bid price for each of the listed projects. For each run the estimated feet of cable is provided. At project closure the Vendor shall bill the District for only the true footage of cable installed.

Pricing Summary

Site	Cable run	Quantity	Estimated Feet	Total Cost
Northwest Elementary	Single Mode fiber from MDF to IDF 1	1	305	
Northwest Elementary	Single Mode fiber from MDF to IDF 2	1	315	
Kidder Middle School	Single Mode fiber from MDF to IDF B	1	370	
Kidder Middle School	Single Mode fiber from MDF to IDF C	1	235	
Kidder Middle School	Single Mode fiber from MDF to IDF D	1	360	
Kidder Middle School	Single Mode fiber from MDF to IDF E	1	312	
High School	Single Mode fiber from MDF to IDF 1	1	330	
High School	Single Mode Fiber From MDF to IDF 3	1	412	
High School	Single Mode Fiber from MDF to IDF Multi Lab	1	430	
High School	Remove the current wall mounted cabinets (2) in IDF1 and replace with a floor mounted 2 post rack. Reterminate and dress all cabling as needed	1	N/A	
High School	Remove the current wall mounted rack in the Multilab and replace it with a wall-mount 2-post open frame rack, 28.4 inch depth and 12U. Reterminate and dress all cable as needed.	1	N/A	
High School	Remove current wall mounted cabinet in IDF3 and replace with a floor mounted 2 post rack. Reterminate and dress all cabling as needed.	1	N/A	

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT

This affidavit is required by state law and complies with the State of Michigan, Act No. 232 of Public Acts of 2004, Enrolled House Bill No. 5376, Sec. 1267, paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (d), as listed below:

- (3) The advertisement for bids (and proposals) shall do all of the following:
(d) State that the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, Jackson County Intermediate School District Board, or the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Northwest Community Schools. The District shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Furthermore, this affidavit also binds the Vendor to the Jackson County ISD and Northwest Community Schools's *Conflict of Interest* provision as listed below:

Conflict of Interest – The bidder shall disclose and describe any business, financial, pecuniary or familial relationship existing between the Bidder (or any officer, agent, or employee of the Bidder) and any officer, employee, agent or board member of the Jackson County ISD and/or Northwest Community Schools.

In the space provided below, list and describe all existing conflicts of interest; OR check the box, indicating that there are no known conflicts of interest.

☒ To the best of my knowledge, no conflict of interest exists.

Print name of bidder: _____ Signature: _____

Name of Company: _____ City: _____ State: _____

NOTARY - State of Michigan, County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a notary public in and for the above state, on this _____

Day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public _____

My commission expires: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE – IRAN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ACT

Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012

The undersigned, the owner, or authorized officer of the below-named Company, pursuant to the compliance certification requirement provided in Jackson Intermediate School District's Request For Proposal, the "RFP", hereby certifies, represents, and warrants that the Company and its officers, directors and employees, is not an "Iran Linked Business" within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act, Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012 (the "Act"), and that in the event the Company is awarded a purchase order by Jackson Intermediate School District as a result of the aforementioned RFP, the Company is not and will not become an "Iran Linked Business" at any time during the course of performing any services under the purchase order.

The Company further acknowledges that any person who is found to have submitted a false certification is responsible for a civil penalty of not more than \$250,000.00 or two (2) times the amount of the contract or proposed purchase order for which the false certification was made, whichever is greater, the cost of Jackson Intermediate School District's investigation, and reasonable attorney fees, in addition to the fine. Moreover, any person who submitted a false certification shall be ineligible to proposal on a request for proposal for three (3) years from the date that it is determined that the person has submitted the false certification.

NAME OF COMPANY

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE

DATE

Contractor Agreement Form

We, the undersigned, have prepared and submitted this Contractor Agreement Form as our proposal in response to the “**Northwest Community Schools Structured Cabling and Cabinet Upgrade**” issued by the Jackson County Intermediate School District located at 6700 Browns Lake Road, Jackson, Michigan 49201 on behalf of Northwest Community Schools.

We understand the submittal of this Contract Agreement constitutes our offer of Proposal for this equipment. And that this submittal shall not be construed as a bilateral Agreement until fully executed as a Contract countersigned by the Customers.

This price is guaranteed for one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of opening bids, and that labor rates are guaranteed for the length of the contract. If authorized to proceed within that period we agree to deliver the equipment covered by this bid at the said price.

Signature of Authorized Agent:

Printed Name and Title of Agent

Name of Firm

Address, City, State, ZIP

Telephone Number

Election to Bid Form

Northwest Community Schools Structured Cabling and Cabinet Upgrade

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

With the Election to Bid Form completed and submitted, the Vendor will be notified of the required site visit.

Please submit form to:

Brad Hess
jcisdrfp@jcisd.org





