E-RATE Funding Year 2027 (7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
470 No.
OAK LAWN-HOMETOWN SCH DIST 123
4201 W 93RD ST
OAK LAWN, IL, 60453-1907
Internal Connections – Basic Maintenance

OAK LAWN-HOMETOWN SCH DIST 123 is seeking bids for the equipment cited below. **S**ervice Providers must provide separate itemized quotes for eligible versus ineligible items. Please provide the percentage of E-Rate eligibility for each item in your quote.

- **Function**: Firewall Service and Components
- **Manufacturer** / Model: Fortinet / FortiGate 201G or equivalent
- **Key Performance Minimums Required:**
  - Firewall Throughput: Minimum 39 Gbps
  - Threat Protection / NGFW Throughput: Minimum 6 Gbps: (Please quote both Three- and Five-year plans)
  - IPS Throughput: Minimum 9 Gbps
  - Capacity: 11 Million concurrent sessions, 400,000 new sessions/sec
  - Interfaces: 2 transceivers Minimum 4x 10GE SFP+ ports (w/ 10G-SR Optics), plus 6 x 1GbE/Multi-Gig RJ45 ports
  - Hardware: 1RU rack-mountable with dual power supplies
- **Support & Services Options (BMIC / Software):**
  - Please provide pricing options for 3-year and 5-year hardware support, TAC maintenance, and software updates/services (e.g., FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection, or equivalent).
- **Cost Allocation Requirement:**
  - Bidders must explicitly itemize and break out any non-E-rate eligible costs (such as advanced content filtering, standalone anti-spam, or unbundled threat intelligence feeds) as separate line items so we can easily allocate them out during Form 471.
- Provide a cost for the service to migrate from current firewall to new firewall
- Include two short range 10GE SFP+ modules

Please include the Installation and configuration costs separately.

If applicable, please specify that the manufacturer's warranty is provided as an integral part of an eligible component without separately identifiable cost.

We are citing specific manufacturers and models to provide the specifications we need the product to meet. We will consider equivalent products if the service provider provides proof of equivalency and compatibility as part of its proposal. We retain the right to be the sole judge as to whether equivalency and/or compatibility has been proven and whether alternatives will be accepted. We will consider updated models if and only if they are fully compatible

with the installed base. If other updated products are needed for proper functioning, please include those products separately with notation as to their need.

PROCEDURES and BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

All quotes must clearly delineate ELIGIBLE and INELIGIBLE products/services and their associated costs.

All questions must be submitted to , the Technical Contact, at , with copies to the consultants, Gerry Zeller, at gzeller@zellerandassociates.com and Brian Kelly at bkelly@zellerandassociates.com.

All quotes should be delivered via e-mail or e-mail with attachment with the Subject Line: "Response to E-Rate Request for Quotes" by Noon on the Allowable Contract Date to Dennis Stellern at dstellern@d123.org, with copies to the consultants Gerry Zeller at gzeller@zellerandassociates.com and Brian Kelly at bkelly@zellerandassociates.com.

All quotes must be submitted in a form and manner so as to comply with all applicable laws of the state of Illinois.

The awarded Service Provider will deliver all equipment to the Applicant's designated secured location.

All information requests must be emailed to the Technical Contact with a copy to the consultants, Gerry Zeller, at gzeller@zellerandassociates.com and Brian Kelly at bkelly@zellerandassociates.com.

The Service Provider acknowledges that all pricing and technology infrastructure information in its contract shall be considered as public and non-confidential pursuant to CFR Part 54 Section 504 (2)(i)(ii).

By submitting a bid on the requested products and services herein, the vendor certifies that its proposed prices are consistent with the FCC's Lowest Corresponding Price ("LCP") requirements (Rule (see 47 CFR Part 54 Section 54.500(f)).

By submitting a bid on the requested services herein, the vendor certifies that its equipment and services are compliant with the FCC's Orders. FCC 19-121, and the Code of Federal Regulations, 47 CFR 54.9 which prohibits the use of universal service support to obtain, maintain, improve, modify, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by any company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain. This includes equipment or services provided or manufactured by Huawei Technologies, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, Dahua Technology Company, AO Kaspersky Lab, China Mobile International USA Inc, China Telecom (Americas) Corp., Pacific Networks Corp., ComNet (USA)LLC, China Unicom (Americas) Operations Limited, and Digitalsystem Technology Inc. or any other "covered company" deemed a national security threat.

The preparation and submission of a quote will be by and at the expense of the bidder.

The applicant reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, to make an award other than to the lowest quote, to make an award to a quote for only a portion of goods described in its quote, to make award for all or some of the applicant's sites or reject a quote which is in any way incomplete or irregular.

The awarding of a submitted quote may be contingent upon the approval of funding from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Program.

Quotes must include a written statement that “the quote is firm and will not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days” after the Schools and Libraries Division issues its Funding Commitment Decision Letter to the applicant’s appropriate Form 471 for Funding Year S.

Consultant is not involved in the competitive bidding decision making process.

Bidders must provide their service provider’s 498 ID# and confirm that they have filed a current FCC Form 473 SPAC for FYS.

SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses. Proposals that do not specifically include site or project-specific details, and/or are not responsive to the goods and/or services requested herein, are generic in nature, or otherwise do not meet the requirements contained in this Form 470 will be considered non-responsive and will be disqualified from consideration.

EVALUTION

Category Two

Factor	Points
Cost of E-Rate eligible goods and services	35
Quality of Technical Solution / Proposed Equipment	20
Prior experience with the service provider	15
Installation and Configuration Expertise	15
Prices for ineligible services, products & Fees	10
Local or in-state Service Provider	5
Total:	**100**