E-RATE YEAR 2027-2028

Aggregation Switch and Wireless Access Points
For Richland Library
Columbia, SC

ADDENDUM #1
Questions and Answers for FRN 270002514

Q: We noticed that the switch model specified, Cisco Catalyst C9300X-24Y, is a 24-port switch, whereas the additional configuration requirements mention 32 × 10GbE/25GbE SFP28 ports. Could you please confirm whether 32 ports are mandatory or if a 24-port configuration would be acceptable?
A: 32 ports are required. The Cisco Catalyst 9300 series does not have a 32-port model. Therefore, we are seeking a Catalyst 9300X-24Y, which has 24 ports, and a Catalyst 9300X-NM-8Y, which adds 8 ports, or functional equivalent for a total of 32 ports. See the Product/Services Cost Form on page 7.

Q: For the 2 × 40GbE/100GbE QSFP uplink ports, do you require both ports to support 100GbE?
A: Yes, both ports need to support 100GbE.

Q: Will these ports be used for uplinks to core switches or for stacking?
A: These ports will be used for core switching.

Q: Do you require fiber transceivers to be included in our quotation? If so, please confirm whether you use single-mode or multimode fiber and the required connection distances.
A: Fiber transceivers are not requested.

Q: Do you have a preference for Network Essentials or Network Advantage licensing?
A: Cisco Network Essentials licensing or functional equivalent is required, as stated on the Product/Services Cost Form on page 7.

Q: Would you require dual redundant power supplies?
A: Redundant power supply is required. See the last bullet point on page 2.

Q: Additionally, we would appreciate the opportunity to schedule a brief meeting with you to review the requirements and go over the switch configuration together. This will help us ensure that we propose the right solution for your needs. Could you please share your availability for a short meeting next week?

A: All questions should be submitted via email, as stated on page 1.