RFP 270002555 - Florence ISD

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Bid Criteria

Purchasing decisions will be based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Points
Price of Eligible service/product	25
Reputation of vendor and of vendor's service/product	15
Quality of vendor's service/product	20
Service/product meets school needs	10
Past relationship with vendor	20
Total long term cost to the school	10

RFP Requirements

Addendum #1: (11/11/2026) The Q&A for this RFP has closed and the final Q&A transcript has been uploaded into EPC as of **11/11/2026**.

All proposals need to be submitted through this system to be accepted. No phone calls concerning this application will be accepted. All communication about this RFP will only be provided via the Q&A section of this RFP in which questions and answers will be posted publicly. Responses received after the stated deadline may be deemed non-responsive. All vendors must comply with Texas Education Agency Financial Accountability Guidelines found in Module 5: Purchasing.

Specific Requirements:

- All proposals should be received by the Bid Close Date. Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received after this Close Date may not be considered unless it is determined that an untimely submission was due to circumstances beyond the vendors control, a consideration of the offer would be in the best interest of the applicant, or the offer is the only proposal received.
- For all of the items/services listed in this Request for Proposal, please consider services that are equivalent, more/less in quantity, better and/or more cost effective when submitting proposals.
- If installation is requested, then installation must be included with the equipment and/or service requested. Otherwise, the bid may be considered non-responsive.
- All equipment on this request is for owned equipment. Unless otherwise stated, any leased equipment responses may be deemed non-responsive.
- In the event that no bids are received in a certain service category, we may solicit cost-effective bids after the Bid Close Date.
- If special construction charges apply, please include the option for installment payments of up to 4 years for the applicants non-discounted share.

- All contracts are contingent upon funding by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) unless otherwise agreed upon by district.
- All pricing provided in the proposal should be in accordance with the Lowest Corresponding Price rule.
- Service providers may include contingency fees in their bid responses if they deem it a necessary item and the fees are reasonable and a regular business practice. These fees should be included based on the situation/circumstances to provide the service/products. These charges should be separate from any other charges and clearly listed in the proposal. The fees will only be paid if the service/products are completed.
- Proposers should separate the cost of eligible services/products from non-eligible services/products and clearly indicate this separation on the proposal.
- When Software and Licenses are requested, Proposer should identify if it is a Managed License or Internal Connections.
- Proposer must be in good standing with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and does not have a red-light status. If there is a red-light status, the contract will become null and void without penalty to the applicant.
- Proposers will be held responsible for complying with all E-Rate program rules. No gifts shall be offered or accepted by the applicant at any time.
- All submitted bids should include contracts and the contracts should also include the option for voluntary extensions unless they are month to month services.
- Submitted bids should include scalability of bandwidth during the terms of the contract.
- A manufacturer's multi-year warranty for a period up to three years that is provided as an integral part of an eligible component, without a separately identifiable cost, may be included in the cost of the component.

We are seeking multiple bid options for the WAN project including Self-provisioned Network and Services Provided Over Third-Party Networks. The district will select the most cost effective WAN solution based on a cost comparison of these bid options. All bids should include special construction, maintenance and operation charges and equipment to light dark fiber. Please submit your most competitive and accurate bid. When submitting bids for maintenance and operations, pricing should include an overview of fiber maintenance practices including:

- Routine maintenance and inspection,
- Scheduled maintenance windows and scheduling practices for planned outages,
- Marker and handhole inspection and repair,
- Handling of unscheduled outages and customer problem reports
- What service level agreement is included, and what alternative service levels may be available at additional cost,
- What agreements are in place with applicable utilities and utility contractors for emergency restoration,
- Repair of fiber breaks,
- Post repair testing,
- Mean time to repair,
- Replacement of damaged fiber,
- Replacement of fiber which no longer meets specifications,
- Policies for customer notification regarding maintenance,
- Process for changing procedures, including customer notification practices,
- Process for moves adds and changes,
- Process for responding to locate requests.

Requested Services and/or Equipment

Data Transmission Services

Function	Type of Connection	Type of Transport	Min Capacity	Max Capacity	Quantity	Install & Activation & Initial Config	Maint & Tech Support
Self Provisioned Network	Ethernet	Fiber	6 strands	6 strands	1	Yes	Yes
Seeking quotes for a self-provisioned network solution to include 6 strands with the scalable option to accommodate growth at the following locations: From Florence Administration to Florence ISD Maintenance Department Totaling 1,000 feet. All bids must separate the one-time special construction charges from the proposed monthly recurring cost (including maintenance/operations fees). The district will not need bids on network equipment to light dark fiber. ***Please see "Admin to Maintenance Path" for more information.**							
Services Provided Over Third-Party Networks	No Preference	No Preference	1 GB	10 GB	1	Yes	Yes
Seeking any service delivered over a service provider or other third party owned network that delivers bandwidth speeds capable of handling self-provisioned requirements. All bids must separate the one-time special construction charges from the proposed monthly recurring cost (including maintenance/operations fees).							
Maintenance and Operations	Other	Other	1 GB	10 GB	1	Yes	Yes
Seeking quotes for maintenance & operations of self-provisioned network from Florence Administration to Florence ISD Maintenance Department. This fiber is new. Also, include any applicable fees for "811 Line Location" registration if buried. Please separate M&O bids from any other service bids.***Please see "Admin to Maintenance Path" for more information.**							

Locations

DMARC?	Name	Address
No	Florence Administration Office	306 College Ave Florence, TX 76527
Yes	Florence High School - DEMARC	401 FM 970 Florence, TX 76527
No	Maintenance Department/Grounds	203 Adams Street Florence , TX 76527

Additional Information

This RFP has an attachment.

RFP Q&A

Can you clarify if the requested service in the RFP is for Self Provisioned/Dark Fiber only or if leased lit fiber solutions will also be accepted to connect 306 College Ave Florence, TX 76527 and 203 Adams Street Florence , TX 76527 to the head end location of 401 FM 970 Florence, TX 76527. asked on 11/9/2026 11:26:59 AM by Brightspeed of Texas, Inc.	Yes, Leased Lit Fiber proposals will be accepted as that falls under the "Services Provided Over Third-Party Networks" category.

Attachments

- Admin to Maintenance Path.png