FY 2027 Brimfield RFP for C2 Form 470 270002708 Vendor Question/Answer

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1. Switch locations: Where will each of the three switches be installed, and what models are they replacing? Will the existing racks and power connections be reused?

Will be installed in our high school in 3 separate data closets, replacing Cisco SG300/350 switches. Existing racks and power connections will be used

Uplinks: How will each switch connect to the existing network? Please identify the equipment at the other end, connection speed, and whether the connection uses copper, fiber or direct-attach cables. For fiber connections, please provide the fiber type and connector type. Should existing transceivers and cables be reused, or should we supply replacements?
cat6 patch cables used to connect, no cabling needed. 1bg connection to a meraki MS225 switch

Stacking and patch cables**:** Will any of the switches be stacked together? If so, which switches and what cable lengths are needed? Please also identify any new Ethernet patch cables needed, including quantities and lengths.
no, none

Switch configuration: Should the existing configurations be replicated, or are changes required to VLANs, routing, port assignments, PoE or other settings? Will existing configurations and Meraki Dashboard access be available for installation?
Yes, all 3 switches are for cameras and will need the same configuration, Dashboard access is available

Installation scope: Should our labor include removing the existing switches (Yes) moving and labeling connections (No), and testing connected devices? (Yes) Are there restrictions on working hours or allowable network downtime? (No)

AP accessories: We understand that AP installation/configuration is not required. Are standard included mounting kits sufficient, (Yes) or are additional brackets or adapters needed? (No) Will all five APs use existing cabling and switch-provided PoE? Does not pertain to 470

Co-termination licensing: Will the switches and APs join an existing Meraki organization? (Yes) Please confirm its current license tier and co-term expiration date, and whether the new equipment will replace existing licensed devices or increase the licensed device count.
Enterprise, co-termination. Expiration date is not relevant. New equipment will replace older devices.

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Entity Contact Name: Jamie Henson
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Questions will be answered via email only, and answers will be uploaded in EPC under this 470.
No phone calls.

Recipients of Services for C2
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BRIMFIELD, IL 61517

BRIMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
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Website for Vendor Reference to related Form 470 for this RFP:
USAC E-rate Portal Website: https://www.usac.org/
This RFP and related FCC Form 470 will be available for review by potential bidders for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider.
Awarded vendor(s) will be notified via email once a decision of award has been determined.
Awarded vendor(s) will be required to provide a legal contract for signing upon award if the signing of a bid is not acceptable as the contract award agreement.

The CATEGORY 2 Form 470/RFP consists of bid requests for the following eligible categories, as of the date of the certified Form 470/RFP:
1) Internal Connections for equipment, related components, licensing, initial configuration, installation and any freight costs where indicated.

ALL ITEMS LISTED ARE EQUAL OR EQUIVALENT TO.
All vendors submitting a bid for equipment in this RFP that vendor deems is equal or equivalent to equipment listed on this RFP, the vendor shall submit evidence of equivalency in the proposal. The applicant will make a final determination of equivalence and compatibility with existing equipment. A walk through will not be offered. All vendors encouraged to submit best bids based on the information provided in this RFP and related Form 470.

Category 2
Network Switching:
Qty of 3 of MS150-24MP-4X Cisco Meraki MS150 24-Port Switch - 8 5GigE, 16 Gigabit, 4 SFP+ Ports with PoE+ (370W PoE Budget)
Qty of 3 of LIC-MS150-24-5Y Cisco Meraki **5-Year** Enterprise License with Support for the MS150 Switches
Qty of 3 of MA-PWR-CORDUS-FR Cisco Meraki MS Power Cord for US for the MS150 switches
Switch Configuration Setup & installation for all 3 switches, provide a separate line item cost, part #, hourly rate and # of hours
Wireless Networking:
Qty of 5 CW9162I-MR Cisco 9162I Wireless Access Points - Meraki
Qty of 5 LIC-ENT-5YR Cisco Meraki **5-Year** Enterprise Licenses with Support
* All licensing should be co-termination
Any related components for the installation, and the function of above equipment should be included in bids.
No install/config is needed for the APs.

Any Vendor substitutions for any reason after Vendor(s) bids have been evaluated and awarded will require an addendum to the original vendor bid that describes the following:
Reason for substitution
Original Make/model/sku/Qty and description of items being substituted
Substitute Make/model/sku/Qty and description of items being substituted
Original Cost, Substitute Cost

	Vendors fill in requested info below and include with proposals. By submitting a response to this RFP/related 470, vendor agrees to all terms below. This information must be provided by all Vendors submitting bids based on the Form 470/RFP. Applicant reserves the right to contact Vendors for any clarification needed after bids are received. Applicant reserves the right to cancel this RFP and related Form 470 at any time.
Vendor Name	
Vendor SPIN	
Vendor Rep Name	
Vendor Rep Phone	
Vendor Rep Email	
Does Vendor offer SPI option (Y/N), if yes, include Vendor SPI Instructions in proposals	
Name of Entity Proposal prepared for	
Date of Proposal	
Quote #	
Form 470 Number	
Proposed Pricing shall be honored for dates that align with E-rate FY for ALL bids submitted in response to this RFP/related 470	**For C2 April 1, 2027 – September 30, 2028 OR for term/dates specifically requested in RFP**
Vendor Confirms that all requests for pricing/terms stated in this RFP will be provided in proposal.	ALL ITEMS LISTED IN THIS RFP ARE EQUAL OR EQUIVALENT TO. All vendors submitting a bid for equipment in this RFP that vendor deems is equal or equivalent to equipment listed on this RFP, the vendor shall submit evidence of equivalency in the proposal. The applicant will make a final determination of equivalence and compatibility with existing equipment. PRICING MUST BE PROVIDED FOR THE SPECIFICS STATED IN THE RFP FOR DISTRICT TO COMPLETE A FAIR & OPEN BIDDING PROCESS AND TO EVALUATE ALL PRICES AND SERVICES BASED ON COMPLETE PROPOSALS RECEIVED WITH COST OF ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS BEING WEIGHTED THE MOST HEAVILY

Vendor Confirms	All proposed contracts must comply with all/any local and state procurement requirements and/or restrictions and all/any applicant policies and procedure requirements and/or restrictions. All vendors must comply with FCC/USAC rules and compliance requirements. It is the responsibility of the vendor to confirm supply chain rules that apply to any items being bid: https://www.usac.org/about/reports-orders/supply-chain/
Vendor Confirms	LCP
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Vendor Agrees	All proposals will include itemization of the description of service/equipment that includes Quantity, SKU's, Cost of equipment, Cost of installation including # of hours and cost per hour, one-time costs, shipping fees. Price bulking is unacceptable.
Vendor Agrees (If applicable)	If services/equipment aren't available for the stated E-rate FY dates in RFP that Vendor will accommodate substituting an equivalent solution for district
Vendor Agrees (If applicable)	Specification of all services E-rate Eligibility and if not 100% eligible vendor will indicate the % eligible on proposals
Vendor Agrees (If applicable)	All manufacturer warranty descriptions and term of warranty will be clearly indicated in proposals
Vendor Agrees (If applicable)	Any Licensing for Equipment/Appliances will include a SKU for Equipment/Appliances that INCLUDES licensing costs bundled into the cost and a SKU for Equipment/Appliances that DOES NOT INCLUDE licensing costs
Vendor Acknowledges	In the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted or sufficient funds are otherwise unavailable by any cause whatsoever in any fiscal period for the payments due under any Contract, Entity shall immediately notify vendor of that event and the Contract shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Entity on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations have been received or made.
Vendor Agrees	All responses are governmental records subject to public disclosure under the Right-to-Know Law. The Entity will not accept responses marked confidential in whole or in part.
Vendor Acknowledges	Any Vendor questions must be emailed to the contact person(s) email address stated in this RFP. Answers to questions from Vendors will be uploaded into EPC for all potential bidders to view--IT IS VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VIEW CURRENT INFO PERTAINING TO FORM 470/RFP IN EPC AND SUBMIT BEST SOLUTION BASED ON THE DETAILS PROVIDED BY APPLICANT.

	If a question is asked where the answer can be already be found in the details of the RFP the Vendor will be directed back to the RFP.
Vendor Acknowledges	All quantities are estimated and up to the quantity stated with possible adjustments upon filing of the FCC Form 471, based on the needs of entities stated. All equipment that requires related components for services to be functional should be included in proposal, related components portion of the Form 470 will indicate to include the required related components such as connectors, cables and all other related components under the Function of the Internal Connection that Entity is seeking pricing for.
Vendor Acknowledges	Entity reserves the right to accept some, all or none of the services/items in this RFP and reserves the right to select one or more vendors to perform services stated in this RFP.
Vendor Agrees	Any Vendor that is unfamiliar with the use of USAC's EPC will contact USAC CSB at 1-888-203-8100 to request assistance with responding to the Form 470/RFP. The applicant of this RFP will not provide any assistance with this process.