All bid deadlines are 11:59pm Pacific Time the date of the bid deadline listed unless otherwise noted.

Alma School District 30

IFCB Posted : Oct 27, 2026

Bid Deadline : Thursday, Dec 17, 2026

Questions Due By : Thursday, Nov 12, 2026

Applicant Address : Alma, AR 72921

IFCB ID : 270002759

IFCB Requirements :

- Before the listed deadlines, all Questions and Bids must be submitted using the on-line IFCB system. Bids submitted before the bid deadline outside of this system will be disqualified. If the system is down before the deadline, please email your bid to info@crwconsulting.com or fax it to 918.445.0049. Bids or questions submitted in this fashion will be disqualified if the on-line system is active at the time of submission. The applicant reserves the right to request and obtain bids outside of the website system if the bid deadline has passed and zero or one bid is received (the intent for this is to follow USAC guidance on obtaining cost-effective bids).

- For all requested services and/or products listed on this IFCB: proposals that include generic/encyclopedic price lists will be considered non-responsive and will be disqualified. SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

- Bidder must agree to participate in USF Program (AKA “E-rate”) for the corresponding funding year.

- Please include the correct Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) on your bid.

- By submitting a bid, bidder certifies that the bidder does have a valid (non-red light status) SPIN for the E-rate program at the time of submission. Should the Applicant discover that the bidder is on red light status, or if the FCC classifies the bidder as on red-light status before work is performed and invoices are paid, the contract will be null and void and the applicant will have no payment obligations to the bidder.

- Bidder is expected to provide the lowest corresponding price per E-rate rules. See https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/ for details.

- Contracts must not prohibit SPIN changes.

- Bidder must agree to provide the Applicant the choice of discount methods (SPI or BEAR).

- Bidder will be automatically disqualified if the District determines that the bidding company has offered any employee of the District any individual gift of more than $20 or gifts totaling more than $50 within a 12 month period.

- All contracts awarded will be contingent upon E-rate funding and final board approval. The applicant may choose to do all or part of the project upon funding notification.

- All applicable fees, surcharges, and taxes must be identified on the bid. E-rate rules require the applicants to evaluate the price of eligible goods and services that will be listed on the 471 application during the competitive bidding process. Fees and surcharges that apply but are not listed on the bid will be the responsibility of the bidding company, should their bid be awarded.

- If there is a request to purchase or lease new equipment, either Category Two or Category One, listed on this IFCB the applicant will accept bids for functionally equivalent equipment.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: The applicant will not accept bids from manufacturers of equipment deemed a national security threat by the Federal Communications Commission. The list of prohibited equipment is available here: https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist . Vendors that submit bids that includes these manufacturers will have their bid disqualified.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: Vendors must complete and include the C2 Cover Page with their bid. Bids received without the cover page will be disqualified.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: Service providers are required to bid the entire hardware project. Bids for individual components, or bids that do not include all of the requested items for the project will be disqualified.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: It will be the bidder's responsibility to provide documentation about the compatibility requirements listed in this IFCB. Vendors that submit bids without documentation demonstrating the required compatibility listed in this IFCB will have their bids disqualified, unless that vendor has bid the preferred make/model number listed.

Services and Equipment Requested :

Category Two:

VOLUNTARY SITE VISIT

Vendors wishing to bid on internal connections can attend a voluntary site visit either November 2nd, 2026 or November 11th, 2026. Both will begin at 9:30am. Vendors should RSVP to Skip Thompson at sthompson@almasd.net. Vendors will meet at 1023 HWY 64 East, Alma AR 72921 and meet with Skip Thompson. **THIS EMAIL IS TO RSVP ONLY. ALL QUESTIONS AND BIDS MUST STILL BE SUBMITTED VIA THE IFCB. BIDS NOT SUBMITTED VIA THE IFCB WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

INTERNAL CONNECTIONS

All equipment must be unboxed, racked, stacked plugged into UPS and
tested. The switches will all need to be configured for 10GB traffic where possible. Switches will follow Aruba best practices and configuration. Bids should include 5 year licensing.

Type of Equipment	Quantity Vendor Should Bid	Preferred Make/Manufacturer
Cabling	26	HPE Aruba Networking 50G SFP56 to SFP56 Direct Attach Copper Cable, .65m – R0M46A
Cabling	7	HPE Aruba Networking 50G SFP56 to SFP56 Direct Attach Copper Cable, 3m - R0M47A
Switches	25	HPE Aruba Networking 6300L 48p Smart Rate 1G/2.5G/5G Class8 PoE 2p 50G and 2p 25G Layer2 Switch - S3L76A w/ 5 year licensing
Switches	20	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6000 8p 10M/100M/1G 2p SFP 1G Switch – S4R22A w/ 5 year licensing
Switches	20	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6000 8p 10M/100M/1G Class4 PoE 2p SFP 1G 67W Switch – S4R23A w/ 5 year licensing
Switches	3	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300F 48-port 1GbE Class4 PoE and 4-port SFP56 Switch – JL665A w/ 5 year licensing
Switches	2	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300M 48-port 1GbE Class4 PoE and 4-port SFP56 Switch – JL661A w/5 year licensing
Switches	1	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300M 24-port SFP+ and 4-port SFP56 Switch – JL658A w/5 year licensing
Switches	1	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6000 12p 10M/100M/1G Class4 PoE 2p SFP 1G 139W Switch – R8N89B w/5 year licensing
UPS/Battery Backup	29	No preference - 1-4U 120V UPS with remote monitoring, 1500 Watts
Switch Licensing	1	Switch licensing for existing HPE Aruba switches. Foundation Class 1 – 5 year
Switch Licensing	12	Switch licensing for existing HPE Aruba switches. Foundation Class 3 – 5 year
Switch Licensing	1	Switch licensing for existing HPE Aruba switches. Foundation Class 5 – 5 year
WAP Licensing	247	WAP licensing for existing HPE Aruba WAPs. 246 x Foundation AP – 5 year. 1 x Foundation WLAN Gateway – 5 year

COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENT:

Equipment must be compatible with existing Aruba Network.

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There is an additional document associated with this IFCB. Please click the buttons to download the document.

2026_C2_Bidding_Instructions65.pdf

ALMA_C2_COVER_PAGE2.pdf

Questions Received with Applicant Answers (Ask Questions?)

Will the client accept proposals on certain hardware versus all hardware? For example, a proposal on just the UPS's?

Answer:

Vendors are required to bid all items listed in the project. Please make sure you are reading all of the available information in the IFCB.

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please confirm whether the 5-year requirement is for Aruba Central Licensing, HPE Aruba Foundation Care Support, or if the customer requires both. For the Aruba CX 6300M Switch, the power supply unit (PSU) is sold separately. The switch features a modular power design and supports up to two (2) power supplies for power redundancy and high availability. Please see the available power supply options below for your consideration: Primary Power Supply (required) Secondary Power Supply (optional, recommended for redundancy)

Answer:

1. all aruba software needs to be renewed for the budget cycle
2. we want to fill all available power supply sockets (in the past e-rate did not pay for the second one, we did)