Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270002767
Jackson Consortium 2027 Cat 1 Fiber Maintenance

Billed Entity

Jackson County School Technology Consortium
6700 Browns Lake Rd Jackson, MI 48201 Jackson
517-768-5202
stc_17001467@jcisd.org

Billed Entity Number: 17001467
FCC Registration Number: 0025466608

Contact Information

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Number of Eligible Entities: 95

Application Type

Applicant Type: Consortium
Recipients of Services: Charter School; ESA School District; General-Use School; Pre-K; Public School; Public School District

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
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Consultants

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RFPS

ID	Name
235797	Jackson Consortium 2027 CAT1 RFP Fiber WAN Maintenance
235798	Jackson Consortium 2027 CAT1 Fiber WAN Maintenance Cost Spreadswheet.pdf
237024	Jackson Cons FIBER OPTIC CABLE MAINTENACE RFP Addendum 1

Category One Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Function Other Description	Minimum Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Category One Maintenance and Operations		1 Gbps	25 Gbps	95	23	Each	No	235797, 235798, 237024

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name

Narrative

The Jackson County Intermediate School District (JCISD) is accepting bids for the ongoing maintenance of the Jackson County Schools Technology Consortium self-provisioned district owned fiber optic network. Three and five year bids with option for extensions are being requested.

The existing fiber network was constructed primarily in the mid-1990s and is not fully documented to the splice level. It consists of approximately 180 miles of fiber servicing the school districts covered by the consortium in Jackson and Hillsdale counties between the LEA edge locations and the two ISD locations as hub locations. The Jackson ISD hub is located at: 6700 Browns Lake Rd. Jackson, MI 49201 and the Hillsdale ISD hub is located at: 310 W Bacon St. Hillsdale, MI 49242,

The Bidder must submit a complete Maintenance and Operations Plan for the fiber infrastructure, detailing both routine and emergency practices. Pricing should reflect the coverage of all items including:
-Routine Maintenance and Prevention: Include annual inspection, scheduled maintenance windows, protocols for planned outages, annual tree trimming (around potential obstructions), Rodenticide/Pest control protocols, and inspection/repair of markers and handholes.
-Emergency Management and Restoration: Detail procedures for handling unscheduled outages, customer problem reports, emergency restoration, and repair of fiber breaks (including mean time to repair (MTTR), post-repair testing, and time until first on-site troubleshooting) categorized by the severity.
-Infrastructure Repair and Replacement: Specify practices for the replacement of damaged or out-of-spec fiber, and the repair/ replacement of loose or broken hangers. Specify standards for OTDR testing and power meter testing before and after any major repair or replacement.
-Coordination and Service Levels: Describe agreements in place with applicable utilities and utility contractors, the process for reading and responding to Miss Dig and NJUNS tickets, and the standard Service Level Agreement (SLA) included with pricing (along with any higher-cost alternative SLAs available).

Timeline:
RFP Technical Questions Deadline Friday, November 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Proposal Due Date Friday, December 4, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.
A bid opening will take place at 6700 Browns Lake Rd Jackson MI 49201 immediately following the proposal due date.

Bids shall be emailed to: jcisdRFP@jcisd.org.

Bidder must include their SPIN.

Requirements and specifications are included in the attached RFP documents.

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs

Description of Other Manufacturers

ID	Name

Narrative

Technical Contact

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State and Local Procurement Restrictions

Consortium policies are followed.

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
131464	READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
131461	PITTSFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
131417	JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
131432	CAMDEN-FRONTIER SCHOOL DIST
57298	DA VINCI SCHOOLS
131454	NAPOLEON COMM SCHOOL DISTRICT
131415	JACKSON COUNTY I S D
131419	VANDERCOOK LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
131416	NORTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
131418	EAST JACKSON COMM SCHOOL DIST
131438	GRASS LAKE COMMUNITY SCH DIST
131442	HILLSDALE COUNTY I S D
131446	JONESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
131441	HILLSDALE COMM SCHOOLS
131439	HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
131466	SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
131459	WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT
131449	LITCHFIELD COMM SCHOOL DIST
131436	CONCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
131451	MICHIGAN CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
131431	COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
131456	NORTH ADAMS-JEROME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Certifications

I certify that the applicant includes:

I certify that the applicant includes schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7801 (18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding $50 million.

Other Certifications

I certify that this FCC Form 470 and any applicable RFP will be available for review by potential bidders for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted will be carefully considered and the bid selected will be for the most cost-effective service or equipment offering, with price being the primary factor, and will be the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology goals.

I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification) after the later of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the form for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.

I certify that I have reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that I have complied with them. I acknowledge that persons willfully making false statements on this form may be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.

I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used primarily for educational purposes, see 47 C.F.R. § 54.500, and will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513. Additionally, I certify that the entity or entities listed on this form have not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment sought by means of this form, from the service provider, or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.

I acknowledge that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) and/or library(ies) I represent securing access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that I have considered what financial resources should be available to cover these costs. I certify that I am authorized to procure eligible services for the eligible entity(ies). I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this form, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

NOTICE:

In accordance with Section 54.503 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, certain schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts must file this Description of Services Requested and Certification Form (FCC Form 470) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. Schools and libraries must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information requested in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether you have complied with the competitive bidding requirements applicable to requests for universal service discounts. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, rule or order, the information you provide in this form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information you provide in this form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, information provided in or submitted with this form, or in response to subsequent inquiries, may also be subject to disclosure consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, FCC regulations, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law.

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tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC or Universal Service Administrator may return your form without action or deny a related request for universal service discounts.

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