Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270002814
Desert Star Academy 470 2027

Billed Entity
Desert Star Academy Inc
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928-770-4523

Billed Entity Number: 16085260
FCC Registration Number: 0024517302

Contact Information
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928-770-4523

Number of Eligible Entities: 1

Application Type
Applicant Type: School
Recipients of Services: Charter School; Public School

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
Nexus E-Rate Services, LLC	17027114	602-799-2639	info@nexuserateservices.com

Consultants

Name	Phone Number	Email
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RFPS

ID	Name
235878	2027 RFP Desert Star Academy
235879	2027 Bid Worksheet Desert Star Academy
237877	Desert Star Academy Q.A 11.17.2026

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	Internet Access and Data Transmission Service		1 Gbps	10 Gbps	4	4	Each	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name

Narrative

Pricing for Fiber Optic Internet Access shall be provided in 1Gbps increments from the minimum to the maximum bandwidth specified above, up to 10Gbps. We are seeking [1,3,5] year contract options. [3 or 5 years] contracts should allow for upgrades to quoted bandwidth throughout the terms of the contract. Eligible costs include monthly charges, special construction, installation and activation charges, software, modulating electronics and other equipment necessary to make a Category One wired or wireless broadband service functional (Network Equipment), and maintenance and operation charges, including costs for software needed for the operation of or maintenance of Network Equipment. Network Equipment and maintenance and operation costs for existing networks are eligible. A method to report service outages and receive basic technical support without additional service fees, and a service level agreement.
The cost to provide Internet Access (Bandwidth). Bidder's price shall include the following:
a. The available bandwidth should be a minimum of 1Gbps.
b. The service hand-off shall be directly to the Owner's supplied Local Area Network.
c. Construction & Installation- Trenching, boring, plowing. Installation of conduit, handholes, vaults, poles, and fiber cable, splicing, termination, and labeling.
d. Testing & Acceptance
e. Project Management
f. SPI Invoicing
Contracts are valid only if E-Rate funding is awarded.

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		4	36000	Feet	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		4	36000	Feet		235878, 235879, 237877
Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		4	15000	Feet	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		4	15000	Feet		235878, 235879, 237877
Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		4	5	Feet	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877
Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		4	1000	Feet	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Racks	No Preference			2	Each	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877
Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	Ubiquiti or equivalent			4	Each	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	Ubiquiti		4	4	Each		235878, 235879, 237877
Internal Connections	Uninterruptable Power Supply/ Battery Backup and Necessary Software and Licenses	American Power Conversion or equivalent			2	Each	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Uninterruptable Power Supply/ Battery Backup	American Power Conversion		4	2	Each		235878, 235879, 237877
Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses	Ubiquiti or equivalent			30	Each	Yes	235878, 235879, 237877
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	Ubiquiti		4	30	Each		235878, 235879, 237877

Description of Other Manufacturers

ID	Name

Narrative

To ensure a fair, open, and competitive bidding process and that all vendors receive identical information, all questions, communications, and bid submissions related to this Form 470 must be submitted by email to dearmondkim@hotmail.com. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. Bids must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MST on the Allowable Contract Date (ACD).

All vendors must complete and submit the E-Rate Service Provider Bid Response Worksheet with their proposal. Failure to submit the completed worksheet may result in disqualification. There will be no bidders conference, job walk, or product/service demonstrations, either in person or remotely.

Vendors must comply with all requirements and specifications contained in the attached RFP and all associated solicitation documents. Failure to comply with any stated requirement may result in disqualification. Quantities identified on FCC Form 470 are estimates only and do not constitute a commitment to purchase or guarantee that any quantity will be awarded.

Vendors must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from participating in public procurement. The Applicant reserves the right to reject any bid that does not meet applicable eligibility or procurement requirements.

To ensure that all bidders receive the same information and have an equal opportunity to respond, the Applicant will communicate solicitation-related information, including addenda, clarifications, questions and answers, and revisions to the Form 470 or associated bid documents, exclusively through the USAC EPC Portal. Service providers are solely responsible for regularly monitoring the EPC Portal for updates, amendments, clarifications, and other information related to this solicitation. The Applicant will not be responsible for a vendors failure to review or receive information posted in the EPC Portal.

Technical Contact

State and Local Procurement Restrictions

The Service Provider agrees to adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and ordinances.

All Public Records Requests pertaining to awards resulting from this FCC Form 470 must be submitted to the designated general contact and affirm whether this request is for personal use or for a commercial purpose. Processing fees will start at $250 and may vary depending on the scope and complexity of the request, to cover administrative costs, including labor and materials, associated with the review, compilation, and fulfillment of the request.

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
16085260	Desert Star Academy Inc

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.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the information you provide in this form may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS 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.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing, and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the reporting burden to the Federal Communications Commission, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554. We also will accept your comments via the email if you send them to PRA@FCC.gov. DO NOT SEND COMPLETED WORKSHEETS TO THESE ADDRESSES.

Authorized Person

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Certified Timestamp

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