Gardner Edgerton USD 231

BOE Dedicated Internet Access Request for Proposals

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Gardner Edgerton USD 231 requests proposals for dedicated Internet access (DIA) delivered to the district offices (BOE) at 231 E. Madison Street, Gardner, KS 66030.

Service Location*

USD 231 District Offices (BOE)
231 E. Madison Street
Gardner, KS 660305Gb

*If the proposed service can be delivered to an alternative district location without incurring construction charges, bidders may propose that location and must identify the alternate service delivery address in their proposal.

Service Requirements

Provide dedicated Internet access (DIA) delivered to the specified BOE location. Describe the service technology, physical handoff, transport path, service levels, implementation and activation schedule, maintenance and support, and any construction or installation requirements. Requested service start date of 07/01/2027.

Quote separate monthly recurring charges and nonrecurring charges for each of the following bandwidth options: 5 Gbps, and 10 Gbps. The district requests tiered pricing for future bandwidth expansion at this connection without requiring major infrastructure replacement. Explain the upgrade process, any additional charges, and applicable lead times.

Gardner Edgerton USD 231 has an ARIN-assigned /24 IPv4 address block. The provider must permit the district to advertise its address space via BGP. Describe BGP peering and routing requirements, supported configuration, and any associated charges.

Contact Term

Quote initial contract terms of 1, 3, and 5 years, each with up to five optional one-year renewals. The district requests that contract expirations align with June 30, the end of the E-Rate funding year. Explain any initial partial term, proration, or adjustment needed to align expiration dates. No renewal is automatic unless expressly accepted by the district in writing.

Proposals should clearly distinguish any service or charges beginning before July 1, 2027 from those within Funding Year 2027.

Questions and Proposal Submission

Submit all questions and bids electronically to the following addresses:

- Andy Price pricea@usd231.com
- Eddie Holt eddieholt@eratesolutions.com

All questions due by 11/13/2026 3:00PM CST.

All Bids due by 11/30/2026 3:00PM CST.

Include “Gardner Edgerton USD 231 BOE Internet - Form 470 #270002826 in the subject line of all communications.

The district may post responses to substantive questions of the FCC Form 470 materials so all bidders receive the same information.

Bid Content and E-Rate Requirements

Identify bandwidth and term for each option, proposed handoff, transport, routing/BGP arrangements, service level commitments, delivery date, installation timeline, and all monthly recurring and nonrecurring charges. Disclose all taxes, fees, construction charges, and any other costs. Separately identify and price every E-Rate-ineligible component or cost, including any cost allocation required for bundled offerings.

Alternative proposals are welcome. Clearly describe and price all differences from the base specifications, including service technology, bandwidth, handoff, installation, routing, service levels, contract term, and any exceptions.

All bidders must comply with applicable E-Rate program rules and maintain an active Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN). State the SPIN in the proposal and identify any subcontractor or other entity furnishing the service. The selected provider must complete applicable annual program certifications.

Any SPAM or Robo Bids that do not explicitly quote the indicated services will be disqualified.

All cost proposals must reflect the LCP (Lowest Corresponding Price), GSA pricing, and any available governmental unit discounts.

By submitting a bid, the vendor certifies that equipment and services are compliant with FCC Order 19-121 and applicable prohibitions on covered equipment and services, including those involving Huawei, ZTE, or another company designated as covered.

All bidders must agree to provide SPI billing (FCC Form 474, Service Provider Invoice) for eligible E-Rate-funded charges, as applicable.

The district reserves the right to evaluate compliant proposals under applicable E-Rate competitive bidding requirements, with price of eligible products and services as the primary factor.