ADDENDUM #2 November 6, 2026 **RFP NO. 02-27**

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RFP TITLE: NETWORK ELECTRONICS

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

QUESTION 1: Will the district consider equivalent switching platforms that integrate with the existing Meraki wireless environment, and what interoperability requirements (management, PoE, stacking, uplinks) will be used to determine equivalency?

Answer 1: **The District will consider proposed equivalent switching solutions that meet the RFP's mandatory functional and technical requirements. Proposers must identify manufacturer/model, provide a requirement-by-requirement compliance matrix, and describe exceptions, additional equipment, licensing, subscriptions, or integration required for the existing Meraki wireless environment.**

Evaluation will consider the applicable RFP requirements for PoE standards and power budgets, port density and speeds, uplink capacity and optics, stacking or equivalent resiliency, VLANs, routing, security, monitoring and management, support, and operational integration.

The District requires native management within the Meraki Dashboard. Proposers must document how the proposed models, software, licenses, and operating mode provide the required configuration and management functions. Basic connectivity to Meraki access points, a link to an external management platform, or monitoring alone does not demonstrate compliance with this management requirement. Proposed equivalents will be evaluated on demonstrated functionality.

QUESTION 2: Are Proposers required to use the pricing schedules on pages 19–20 when submitting equivalent products, or may an alternative pricing schedule be provided?

Answer 2: **Proposers must complete the District's prescribed pricing schedules. Proposed equivalents must be clearly identified and cross-referenced to the requested items. A supplemental schedule may**

identify manufacturer/model numbers, specifications, licensing, exceptions, and differences. Proposed equivalents must meet the applicable mandatory RFP requirements.

QUESTION 3: Page 16 references a "Total Net Proposal" amount, but the pricing schedules do not appear to include a field for this total. Where should this amount be entered, or are the individual extended prices sufficient?

Answer 3: **Provide an attached summary identifying the equipment subtotal, separately priced installation, other required charges, and the "Total Net Proposal," reconciled to the completed pricing schedules without double counting. Show optional installation separately. Identify the evaluated total using the common installation quantities established by the District in the final addendum. Separately identify eligible and ineligible costs.**

QUESTION 4: Can you clarify whether installation is being requested for all switches and wireless access points included in the RFP, or whether installation services will be requested on an as-needed basis?

Answer 4: **Installation is not required for every switch or access point purchased. Proposers must provide separate unit pricing for switch installation and access point installation. The District may install equipment with its own personnel and will order vendor installation only as needed through an authorized purchase order identifying the locations, quantities, and scope. No minimum installation quantity is guaranteed.**

For evaluation, the District will apply each proposer's unit prices to the same District-established estimated installation quantities published in the addendum. These quantities are for evaluation only and do not constitute a purchase commitment. Actual payment will be based on authorized services performed and accepted at the awarded rates. Evaluation will follow the RFP's published criteria.

QUESTION 5: Where should installation pricing be provided on the proposal form, since the pricing schedules do not include a separate column for installation?

Answer 5: **Provide a supplemental installation schedule showing separate switch and access point installation unit prices, and extended prices using the District's published evaluation quantities. State the work included and separately identify lift, mobilization, or other charges and their pricing basis. Avoid duplicating costs included elsewhere. Separately identify eligible and ineligible services.**

QUESTION 6: Can you confirm that access point installations will primarily involve replacing existing equipment using existing network cabling, and that no new structured cabling or additional network drops are required?

Answer 6: **The District anticipates that most access point installations will replace existing devices using existing cabling. New structured cabling and additional drops are excluded from the base installation scope unless expressly identified in the RFP or an addendum. Identify any assumptions or exceptions concerning use of existing cabling**

QUESTION 7: Do you have an estimate of how many access point installations will require the use of a lift?

Answer 7: **AP installation pricing shall include all labor and contractor-provided ladders or extension ladders necessary to replace access points mounted at heights up to and including 20 feet above the finished floor, where the work can be safely performed using ladders. No separate ladder-use charge will be paid. Physical removal and mounting of access points above 20 feet, or at any height where a lift is required because of site or access conditions, are excluded from the requested installation services. The District will separately arrange and fund that physical replacement work and any associated lift costs. The access point equipment remains included in the equipment scope**

IMPORTANT: You must acknowledge receipt of this addendum by attaching this notice to the Request for Proposal Form or by acknowledgement at the bottom of Page 3 of the Request for Proposal Form.

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