North Daviess Community Schools

Category 2 – Internal Connections, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections (BMIC) and Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS)

470 #270003009

Request for Proposals

October 30, 2026

North Daviess Community Schools is seeking proposals for a project to supply and install network equipment at its eligible locations. Bidders are advised that this project will be contingent upon the successful obtaining of Category 2 E-Rate funding, and the contract agreement between the district and the successful bidder must recognize that contingency. This RFP covers all three aspects of Category 2 – Internal Connections, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections (BMIC) and Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS)

The North Daviess Community Schools seeks an agreement that allows it to work with the selected vendor to adjust quantities and/or scale back or cancel the project entirely as needed based upon funding availability and/or the best interests of the district.

Project Scope

The Applicant seeks eligible equipment as outlined in Appendix A. Equipment shall be new, factory-sealed equipment currently available from the manufacturer; the Applicant will not accept proposals of used, remanufactured, refurbished, “B stock,” returns, open-box, discontinued, “gray market,” or equipment in any other condition other than new and factory-sealed with all original manufacturer warranties.

Installation will be to build existing chassis to client specifications, configure modules with necessary VLAN assignment, backup new running configuration, verify connectivity of the chassis with new equipment for the client.

Each bid should include all labor necessary for staging, installation, testing, and documentation of equipment. Equipment staging will consist of (but not be limited to) ensuring firmware version consistency, configuration loading, and hardware preparation for mounting. Software and firmware version for components will be agreed upon at time of deployment, and configurations will be coordinated with the Applicant’s staff. Installation by the selected vendor shall include the removal of the existing equipment and placement of the new equipment. Equipment testing should verify access to internal resources and the Internet. Documentation should include configuration and summary reports of installations. Installation can be performed from a ladder in most cases.

Questions

No informational meetings or building visits will be scheduled. Any questions related to the technical aspects of this document should be directed to Dr. Barry Stone, Director of Curriculum and Technology, bstone@ndaviess.k12.in.us with a copy to Kristie.martin@adtecerate.com, no later than 1:00 p.m. EST on November 16, 2026. Answers to any written questions or any additional information, revisions, or clarifications to the RFP will be provided in the form of an addendum to be posted with the FCC Form 470 on the Universal Service (E-Rate) website. It is the sole responsibility of the Service Provider to check for any addenda that may be issued.

Response Format

Responses should include the following, if applicable:

- Applicable items should include all related software and hardware components that enable the functionality of the equipment (including any necessary mounting brackets, software licenses, multi-year licenses, and basic maintenance).
- If applicable, vendor is to specify all fees, shipping charges, taxes, surcharges and contingency fees for eligible equipment.
- If applicable, vendor is to specify the manufacturer's warranty provided as an integral part of an eligible component without separately identifiable cost.
- Any ongoing subscription pricing must be listed separately.

Your response **must** include the following information:

1. Line-item pricing for each item listed in Appendix A. Any discounting applied to your proposal must be reflected at the line-item level.
2. In the case of proposed equivalent products, a thorough technical description of how each product from the manufacturer being bid meets each of the required functionalities of the product listed herein.
3. Information outlining your company's certifications and connections regarding the manufacturer's equipment being bid, and length of time your company has provided equipment from the manufacturer being bid.
4. Two (2) reference sites where your company has performed a similar installation of the equipment being bid, including business name, contact name and contact information. It is preferable that at least one reference should be for a school corporation or library system within 90 miles of the Applicant.
5. Your E-Rate SPIN Number. (You must have a current SPAC form on file with USAC.)
6. A ready-to-execute contract which includes the proposal requirements and the E-Rate contingencies outlined herein.

The Applicant's review of information will be primarily focused on the substance of the details provided in response to the requirements herein including but not limited to technical details, pricing and terms, experience, references, and adherence to the response format provided.

Proposals must be prepared with specificity with regard to the equipment and/or services listed herein. Bids merely listing a general menu of equipment and/or services available from a vendor, bids appearing to be automatically generated without specificity in relation to the requirements of this RFP, and bids missing substantial information but inviting the applicant to contact the bidder to refine the bid and/or discuss specifics will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration. This includes any SPAM and/or robotic responses. For more information, please review the USAC E-Rate News Brief of 10/22/2026.

Proposal Delivery

The district reserves the right to reject each and every bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids. In the event that a responsible bid is not received or if it is determined that the low bid received is too high, the bid received will be rejected and the project will be canceled or re-bid. Bids should be e-mailed to the office of Dr. Barry Stone, Director of Curriculum and Technology at bstone@ndaviess.k12.in.us with a copy to Kristie.martin@adtecerate.com, by 1 p.m. EST on December 16, 2026.

APPENDIX A

Below is a reference of the type of equipment and capacities (or their equivalent) to be supplied. Bidders should price separately and clearly indicate any ineligible costs for all services and equipment associated with this RFP. For any part numbers that have been updated or replaced by the manufacturer, bidders should offer the most similar current part. **Vendors may submit alternative equipment as long as the equipment is an equivalent make and model or serves a similar functionality.**

North Daviess Jr. Sr. High School

Qty	Function	Manu	Part Number	Description
1 +/-	Switch Power Supply	HP	J9830B#ABA	HPE Aruba - Power supply (plug-in module) - 2750 Watt
3 +/-	Switch Module	HP	J9991A	HPE - Expansion module
	Installation			3+/- Expansion modules
10 +/-	Access Point	Cisco/Meraki	MR57-HW	Meraki MR57 access point
10 +/-	License	Cisco/Meraki	LIC-ENT-5YR	5 Year Access Point License for Meraki MR57
10 +/-	Installation			Installation, activation, configuration of Access Points
6000+/-	Cabling			CAT6A Cables -Plenum cable drops for Access Points or Connectivity
20+/-	Installation			Installation of CAT6A Cables – plenum cables to AP and Drop locations
40 +/-	Installation-Misc		CJ6X88TGBU	Panduit net key Jack6A
20 +/-	Installation-Misc		CFP2WH	Faceplate – Dual port
20 +/-	Installation-Misc		JBX3510WH-A	2 Port surface Mount Panduit Box
1+/-	Switch	HP	JL675A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6100 48G Class4 PoE 4SFP+ 370W Switch
1+/-	Switch	HP	R9Y04A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6100 48G Class4 PoE 4SFP+ 740W Switch
2+/-	Transceiver	HP	J4858D	HPE Aruba Networking 1G SFP LC SX 500m OM2 MMF Transceiver

North Daviess Elementary School

Qty	Function	Manu	Part Number	Description
1 +/-	Switch Power Supply	HP	J9830B#ABA	HPE Aruba - Power supply (plug-in module) - 2750 Watt
3 +/-	Switch Module	HP	J9991A	HPE - Expansion module
	Installation			3+/- Expansion modules
10 +/-	Access Point	Cisco/Meraki	MR57-HW	Meraki MR57 access point
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10 +/-	Installation			Installation, activation, configuration of Access Points
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1+/-	Switch	HP	R9Y04A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6100 48G Class4 PoE 4SFP+ 740W Switch
2+/-	Switch	HP	JL679A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6100 12G Class4 PoE 2G/2SFP+ 139W Switch
2+/-	Transceiver	HP	J4858D	HPE Aruba Networking 1G SFP LC SX 500m OM2 MMF Transceiver