Gardner Edgerton USD 231

High School Network Upgrade Request for Proposals

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Gardner Edgerton USD 231 requests proposals for Cisco equipment identified below or functionally equivalent solutions to support access switching on the Gardner Edgerton High School campus, connecting campus networks to the core data center and Internet.

Equipment and Technical Requirements

- Core switch devices must support at least 25GBps link connectivity
- Core switch devices must be able to be stacked together or support a similar technology
- Security – Device code must ensure that the code running on hardware platforms is authentic, unmodified, and operating as intended i.e image signing, secure boot, Cisco
- Trust Anchor module (TAm), and runtime defenses
- Visibility Assurance – must support Hardware Flow Telemetry
- Security – must support Encrypted Traffic Analytics
- Must support data switch stacking technology with dedicated stacking ports with > or = to 480 Gbps
- Must support Graceful Insertion and Removal, NSF, SSO
- Programmability – Must support RestConf, NetConf

The makes/models and configurations below describe the capabilities requested. All functionally equivalent solutions will be reviewed and considered. Bidders proposing equivalent equipment must provide a detailed equivalency comparison. Quantities shown are the quantities requested; separately identify optional or substituted components.

Part Number	Description	Qty
IDF -Essentials (with NM and 2 PS)		
C9300X-48HX-EDU	Catalyst 9300 48-port mGig UPoE+, NK12	18
PWR-C1-1100WAC-P	1100W AC 80+ platinum Config 1 Power Supply	18
PWR-C1-1100WAC-P/2	1100W AC 80+ platinum Config 1 Secondary Power Supply	18
CAB-TA-NA	North America AC Type A Power Cable	36
C9300-SSD-NONE	No SSD Card Selected	18
STACK-T1-50CM	50CM Type 1 Stacking Cable	18
CAB-SPWR-30CM	Catalyst Stack Power Cable 30 CM	18
C9K-ACC-RBFT	RUBBER FEET FOR TABLE TOP SETUP 9200 and 93xx	18
C9K-ACC-SCR-4	12-24 and 10-32 SCREWS FOR RACK INSTALLATION, QTY 4	18
CAB-GUIDE-1RU	1RU CABLE MANAGEMENT GUIDES 9200 and 9300	18
C9300X-NM-8Y	Catalyst 9300 8 x 10G/25G Network Module SFP+/SFP28	18
NETWORK-PNP-LIC	Network Plug-n-Play Connect for zero-touch device deployment	18
C9300-DNA-E-48	C9300 DNA Essentials, 48-Port Term Licenses	18

C9300-DNA-E-48-3Y	C9300 DNA Essentials, 48-port - 3 Year Term License	18
C9300-NW-E-48	C9300 Network Essentials, 48-port license	18
SC9300UK9-1718	CAT9300/9400/9500/9600 UNIVERSAL	18
IDF - Essentials, Additional (No NM, 1 PS)		
C9300X-48HX-EDU	Catalyst 9300 48-port mGig UPoE+, NK12	21
PWR-C1-1100WAC-P	1100W AC 80+ platinum Config 1 Power Supply	21
CAB-TA-NA	North America AC Type A Power Cable	21
C9300-SSD-NONE	No SSD Card Selected	21
STACK-T1-50CM	50CM Type 1 Stacking Cable	21
CAB-SPWR-30CM	Catalyst Stack Power Cable 30 CM	21
C9K-ACC-RBFT	RUBBER FEET FOR TABLE TOP SETUP 9200 and 93xx	21
C9K-ACC-SCR-4	12-24 and 10-32 SCREWS FOR RACK INSTALLATION, QTY 4	21
CAB-GUIDE-1RU	1RU CABLE MANAGEMENT GUIDES 9200 and 9300	21
NETWORK-PNP-LIC	Network Plug-n-Play Connect for zero-touch device deployment	21
C9300-SPS-NONE	No Secondary Power Supply Selected	21
C9300X-NM-BLANK	Catalyst 9300 Network Module Blank Module	21
C9300X-NM-NONE	Catalyst 9300 No-Network Module Selection	21
C9300-DNA-E-48	C9300 DNA Essentials, 48-Port Term Licenses	21
C9300-DNA-E-48-3Y	C9300 DNA Essentials, 48-port - 3 Year Term License	21
C9300-NW-E-48	C9300 Network Essentials, 48-port license	21
PWR-C1-BLANK	Config 1 Power Supply Blank	21
SC9300UK9-1718	CAT9300/9400/9500/9600 UNIVERSAL	21
SFP-25G-SR-S=	25GBASE-SR SFP Module	36
STACK-T1-1M=	1M Type 1 Stacking Cable	2
CAB-SPWR-150CM=	Catalyst Stack Power Cable 150 CM Spare	2

Pricing and Implementation

Provide an itemized proposal for each listed device, optic, accessory, license, and any proposed equivalent. Specify license durations, renewal requirements, cloud management dependencies, lead times, installation/configuration costs (if offered), support and warranty coverage, and projected availability for the FY2027 project. State all exclusions or substitutions. The district will coordinate purchase and implementation timing after award and applicable E-Rate approvals.

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 High School Network Upgrade - Form 470 #270003025 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

Proposals must identify the proposed solution, manufacturer and part numbers or detailed functional-equivalence documentation, quantities, delivery and implementation schedule, warranties and support, and itemized recurring and nonrecurring charges as applicable. Disclose freight, taxes, installation, construction, licensing, subscriptions, and all other costs. Identify and separately price every E-Rate-ineligible component or cost, including cost allocations for bundled offerings. E-Rate eligibility of all products must be provided.

Proposals for functionally equivalent makes/models will be considered. Where an equivalent is offered, provide documentation demonstrating compliance with all applicable performance, interoperability, security, management, and other stated specifications. Clearly describe any deviation or exception. Alternative bids are welcome when separately priced and fully described.

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 equipment or services. The selected provider must complete applicable annual program certifications.

Any SPAM or Robo Bids that do not explicitly quote the indicated products or 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 equipment or services provided or manufactured by Huawei, ZTE, or another designated covered company.

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.