FORM 470 #270003053 · FY 2027

Questions and answers

Hadley - Luzerne · Request for proposals

Applicant	Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES, on behalf of Hadley - Luzerne
Billed Entity Number	124306
Form 470 number	270003053

Clarification only

The following responses provide clarification regarding the existing RFP and FCC Form 470. They do not modify the scope of services requested or affect the procurement timeline, including the bid submission deadline and Allowable Contract Date. Bidders should review these responses in conjunction with the RFP and all accompanying attachments.

The makes and models identified below are provided solely as examples to illustrate the specifications sought by the applicant. In accordance with E-Rate program rules, proposals offering functionally equivalent solutions will also be reviewed and considered.

Questions received

QUESTION 1

Support term. The Form 470 includes Basic Maintenance and Managed Internal Broadband Services, but the specification sheet lists only the FortiSwitch 348G-FPOE hardware and the FN-CABLE-SFP+1 cables. Is a particular FortiCare (or other) support term preferred, for example 1 year or 3 years, given that work is to be completed by September 30, 2028? If no term is preferred, we will quote 1-year and 3-year options.

RESPONSE

All proposed switches are expected to include at least 1 year of software maintenance updates and warranty support.

QUESTION 2

Redundant power supplies. The RFP requires bids to include redundant power supplies. Our reading is that the FortiSwitch 348G-FPOE includes internal redundant AC supplies. Please confirm that no separate power-supply line item is required when bidding that model.

RESPONSE

Correct. The FortiSwitch 384G-FPOE with internal redundant power supplies meets specifications and does not require additional power supplies to be included.

QUESTION 3

Stacking cables. Please confirm that FN-CABLE-SFP+1 (10Gig SFP+ DAC, 3m), quantity 2, is the intended stacking cable, and whether an official Fortinet DAC SKU must be used.

RESPONSE

The two stacking cables that are required must be 10Gig capable, 3 meters in length, and compatible with the two switches included in the bid.

QUESTION 4

Patch cables. The Form 470 narrative says cabling is listed to account for patch cables that may need to be replaced or added, but the cabling quantity is printed as 2 feet. Please confirm the intended patch-cable scope, or confirm that bidders should include a reasonable complement of patch cables.

RESPONSE

Network patch cables are not required to be included in this bid.

QUESTION 5

Addenda. Please confirm whether any addenda have been issued beyond the RFP and Form 470 currently posted on USAC.

RESPONSE

The only additional information shared relative to Form 470 #270003053 is the following clarification and response that was previously issued on November 12.

From November 12

QUESTION

If awarded, would the BOCES and the Districts agree to an assignment of payment proceeds to our lender/funding partner, with payments remitted to a designated account?

RESPONSE

No. WSWHE BOCES will not agree to any assignment of payment.