RFP 270003070 - Blum ISD

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Bid Criteria

Purchasing decisions will be based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Points
Price of Eligible service/product	35
Past relationship with vendor	25
Service/product meets school needs	20
Ability to serve rural location	10
Reputation of vendor/products	10

RFP Requirements

Addendum #2: (11/11/2026) The Q&A for this RFP has closed and the final Q&A transcript has been uploaded into EPC as of **11/11/2026**.

Addendum #1: (11/10/2026) A map has been attached for reference.

All proposals need to be submitted through this system to be accepted. No phone calls concerning this application will be accepted. All communication about this RFP will only be provided via the Q&A section of this RFP in which questions and answers will be posted publicly. Responses received after the stated deadline may be deemed non-responsive. All vendors must comply with Texas Education Agency Financial Accountability Guidelines found in Module 5: Purchasing.

Specific Requirements:

- All proposals should be received by the Bid Close Date. Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received after this Close Date may not be considered unless it is determined that an untimely submission was due to circumstances beyond the vendors control, a consideration of the offer would be in the best interest of the applicant, or the offer is the only proposal received.
- For all of the items/services listed in this Request for Proposal, please consider services that are equivalent, more/less in quantity, better and/or more cost effective when submitting proposals.
- If installation is requested, then installation must be included with the equipment and/or service requested. Otherwise, the bid may be considered non-responsive.
- All equipment on this request is for owned equipment. Unless otherwise stated, any leased equipment responses may be deemed non-responsive.
- In the event that no bids are received in a certain service category, we may solicit cost-effective bids after the Bid Close Date.
- If special construction charges apply, please include the option for installment payments of up to 4 years for the applicants non-discounted share.
- All contracts are contingent upon funding by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Services Administrative Company

(USAC) unless otherwise agreed upon by district.

- All pricing provided in the proposal should be in accordance with the Lowest Corresponding Price rule.
- Service providers may include contingency fees in their bid responses if they deem it a necessary item and the fees are reasonable and a regular business practice. These fees should be included based on the situation/circumstances to provide the service/products. These charges should be separate from any other charges and clearly listed in the proposal. The fees will only be paid if the service/products are completed.
- Proposers should separate the cost of eligible services/products from non-eligible services/products and clearly indicate this separation on the proposal.
- When Software and Licenses are requested, Proposer should identify if it is a Managed License or Internal Connections.
- Proposer must be in good standing with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and does not have a red-light status. If there is a red-light status, the contract will become null and void without penalty to the applicant.
- Proposers will be held responsible for complying with all E-Rate program rules. No gifts shall be offered or accepted by the applicant at any time.
- All submitted bids should include contracts and the contracts should also include the option for voluntary extensions unless they are month to month services.
- Submitted bids should include scalability of bandwidth during the terms of the contract.
- A manufacturer's multi-year warranty for a period up to three years that is provided as an integral part of an eligible component, without a separately identifiable cost, may be included in the cost of the component.

Requested Services and/or Equipment

Internal Connections

Function	Mfg or Equivalent	Model	Quantity	Unit	Install & Config	Campus
WAPs, Components, and Software & Licenses	Ubiquiti or equivalent	UBB	2	Each	Yes	Multiple Locations
Approximately 2 or more Ubiquiti Building Bridges (UBB) or equivalent Wireless Access Points and all related components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the following locations: 1 more or less to Blum School and 1 more or less to the Indoor Physical Education Facility. Bids must include all components and cabling to make the service work.						
Racks & All Related Components	Eaton or equivalent	SRW9UDP	1	Each	Yes	Indoor Physical Education Facility
Approximately 1 or more Eaton (SRW9UDP) Rack Mounts or equivalent and all related components including installation and configuration for the Indoor Physical Education Facility.						
Cabling & All Related Components	No Preference	Cat 6	500	Feet	Yes	Indoor Physical Education Facility
Approximately 500 feet or more of Cat 6 cabling or equivalent including installation and configuration and all related components for the Indoor Physical Education Facility (New Building) to connect MDF to IDF, closet to closet, and will include 1 more or less drops to access points. *Please see attachement "Blum_Indoor Physical Education Facility Map".						
UPS, Components, and Software & Licenses	APC or equivalent	SMT1500RMJ2U	1	Each	Yes	Indoor Physical Education Facility
Approximately 1 or more APC (SMT1500RMJ2U) UPS/Battery Backups or equivalent and all related components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the Indoor Physical Education Facility.						
Switches, Components, and Software & Licenses	Fortinet or equivalent	FS-12F-FPOE	1	Each	Yes	Indoor Physical Education Facility

Function	Mfg or Equivalent	Model	Quantity	Unit	Install & Config	Campus
Approximately 1 or more Fortinet (FS-12F-FPOE) switches or equivalent and all relevant components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the Indoor Physical Education Facility.						
WAPs, Components, and Software & Licenses	Fortinet or equivalent	FortiAP 231K	1	Each	Yes	Indoor Physical Education Facility
Approximately 1 or more Fortinet (FortiAP 231K) or equivalent Wireless Access Points and all related components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the Indoor Physical Education Facility. Bids must include all components, cabling, software and licenses to make the service work.						

Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

Function	Manufacturer	Install & Config	Quantity	Support Hours	Campus
Software & Licenses - WAPs	Ubiquiti or equivalent	No	2	0.00	Multiple Locations
Software and licenses supporting all relevant components requested used to distribute high-speed broadband throughout school buildings. Please identify if this is a Managed License or Internal Connections.					
Software & Licenses - UPS	APC or equivalent	No	1	0.00	Indoor Physical Education Facility
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Software & Licenses - Switch	Fortinet or equivalent	No	1	0.00	Indoor Physical Education Facility
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Locations

DMARC?	Name	Address
Yes	Blum School	310 S. Avenue F, PO BOX 520 Blum, TX 76627
No	Indoor Physical Education Facility	310 S Avenue F Blum, TX 76627

Additional Information

This RFP has an attachment.

RFP Q&A

Chrome Tech LLC is reviewing Blum ISD RFP #270003070 and would appreciate clarification on the following: 1. For the two Ubiquiti Building Bridges connecting Blum School and the Indoor Physical Education Facility, is there a clear line of sight between the proposed mounting locations, and are suitable mounting structures and network connectivity available at both ends? 2. For the approximately 500 feet of Cat6 cabling, are existing cable pathways or conduits available between the MDF and IDF, or should vendors include new pathways and conduit installation? 3. Will the district accept separate proposals for individual equipment and installation categories, or must vendors submit one complete proposal covering all requested equipment and services? Thank you for your clarification. Chrome Tech LLC

asked on 11/9/2026 6:49:36 PM by CHROME TECH LLC

1. Yes, there is a clear line of sight between the two. On the existing structure, mounting locations and network connectivity are available. On the new structure, it is starting from scratch, with the bridge bringing in the network. 2. There is not any coduit or pathways to where we are wanting the bridge or the AP. There is no MDF to IDF. The bridge will connect IDF to IDF. The cable will run from one IDF to one side of the bridge and from the other side of the bridge to the IDF. Then cable from that IDF to the AP. 3. Our preference is one complete proposal covering all, however all bids will be evaluated.

Attachments

- Blum_Indoor Physical Education Facility Map.pdf