Essex North Supervisory Union
Request for Proposal
Internet Access

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Essex North Supervisory Union
318 Christian Hill Road
Canaan, VT 05903-0100

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Scope of Services

Essex North Supervisory Union (District) is requesting proposals for E-Rate eligible services as described below. Current service is 1Gig & 500M.

Location	Quantity	Description	Bandwidth
99 School St, Canaan, VT	1	Internet Access	1G - 5G
5 Park Street, Canaan, VT	1	Internet Access	200M - 500M

Pricing Breakdown

All proposals should provide:

- pricing broken down by item and location
- pricing for all offerings in the bandwidth ranges outlined above
- Term lengths of both 12 months & 36 months

Proposals should clearly identify any non-recurring charges (NRC), special construction charges, installation fees, taxes, and regulatory surcharges. Any such charges must be itemized separately by location.

E-Rate Billing Method (SPI and BEAR)

The District participates in the federal E-Rate program and will accept discounted billing (SPI) or reimbursement (BEAR) invoicing methods, consistent with FCC and USAC rules. Bidders must indicate in their proposals whether they are willing to provide discounted invoicing (SPI). All invoicing must comply with applicable E-Rate regulations and be contingent upon funding commitment and approval by USAC and the District.

The District prefers discounted billing (SPI) when available. Vendors must clearly indicate in their proposal whether they will provide SPI invoicing. The District reserves the right to select the billing method that is most advantageous and compliant with program requirements.

All pricing must reflect the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) as defined by the FCC and must be contingent upon E-Rate funding approval and the District's formal acceptance. The District will not be responsible for costs incurred prior to the allowable service start date unless otherwise permitted under E-Rate program rules.

Important Note

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept that proposal which appears to be in the best interest of the district. Whenever all proposals exceed the budgeted appropriation for a purchase, the Superintendent may enter into negotiations with the most nearly acceptable Bidder.

The District reserves the right to select the successful Bidder on the basis of the proposal meeting the functional and operational requirements specified, as well as the cost.

Price of E-Rate eligible services will be the primary factor in the evaluation of proposals, consistent with FCC rules.

Conditions of Proposal

All Bidders must be capable of providing services under the Universal Service Support Mechanism, be a registered vendor with USAC. For more information on E-Rate program: https://usac.org.

Respondents should include their SPIN/498 ID on all proposals.

Funding Availability

The District will follow district purchasing policies and the requirements and procedures of the FCC's E-rate program as administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company to be eligible for all available funding. The district will have the right to allow the contract associated with the winning proposal to expire without implementation for any reason, including if appropriate funding does not come available.

In the event that E-Rate funding is denied, reduced, or delayed for any reason, the District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or re-bid the services without penalty. Implementation of any contract resulting from this RFP is contingent upon receipt of a Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) from USAC and Board approval, if required.

Questions

Please email all questions to Frankie Sawicki at erate@canaanschools.org using the subject line, **"E-Rate RFP 2027/28 - Internet Access".**

Proposal Submission

Proposals are due no later than **November 30, 2026**, or 28 days from the posting date of the associated Form 470, whichever is later**.**

Proposals may be sent via email to Frankie Sawicki at erate@canaanschools.org using the subject line, "**E-Rate RFP 2027/28 - Internet Access**".