RFP 270003460 - Mexia ISD

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Bid Criteria

Purchasing decisions will be based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Points
Price of ELIGIBLE service/product	25
Reputation of vendor and of vendor's service/product	20
Quality of vendor's service/product	15
Service/product meets school needs	10
Discounted bills	10
Past relationship with vendor	10
Ability to comply with Federal Program rules	5
Total long term cost to the school	5

RFP Requirements

Addendum #1: (11/17/2026) The Q&A for this RFP has closed and the final Q&A transcript has been uploaded into EPC as of **11/17/2026**.

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	Cisco or equivalent	C9120AXI-B	117	each	Yes	Multiple Locations
Approximately (117) or more Cisco C9120AXI-B or equivalent Wireless Access Points and all related components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the following locations: all instructional campuses. Bids must include all components, cabling, software and licenses (Air Network Essentials or equivalent) to make the service work. **Access Points need to be compatible with existing Cisco Catalyst 9800-40 Wireless Controller**						
Cabling & All Related Components	No Preference	single mode fiber	1000	feet	Yes	Multiple Locations
Approximately 1000 feet or more of single mode fiber for the following locations: connecting NEW Field House (HS annex) to Weight Room (HS annex). **Please include fiber optic rack as well as all necessary connectors and jumpers to make the connection functional.**						
Switches, Components, and Software & Licenses	Aruba or equivalent	CX-6200F/48 port with POE	4	each	Yes	Multiple Locations
Approximately (4) or more Aruba CX-6200F/48 port switches with POE or equivalent and all relevant components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the following locations: (2) more or less for NEW Field House (HS annex), and (2) more or less for Weight Room (HS annex).						
Switches, Components, and Softw & Licenses (SFPs)	Aruba or equivalent	10gbps single mode gbics	6	each	Yes	Multiple Locations

Function	Mfg or Equivalent	Model	Quantity	Unit	Install & Config	Campus
Approximately (6) or more 10gbps single mode gbics or equivalent and all relevant components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the following locations: (3) more or less for NEW Field House (HS annex), and (3) more or less for Weight Room (HS annex).						
Cabling & All Related Components	Aruba or equivalent	1M single mode fiber patch cables	20	feet	Yes	Multiple Locations
Approximately (6) 1M single mode fiber patch cables for the following locations: (3) patch cables at NEW Field House (HS annex), and (3) patch cables at Weight Room (HS annex). Total feet for the 6 patch cables is 20 feet.						
Racks & All Related Components	No Preference	6U wall hanging rack	1	each	Yes	New Field House (HS Annex)
Approximately (1) or more 6U wall hanging rack or equivalent and all related components including installation and configuration for the following locations: (1) more or less for NEW Field House (HS annex).						
Firewall, Components, and Software & Licenses	Fortinet or equivalent	Fortigate 900G	1	each	Yes	District Wide
Firewall appliance and related components to be installed at Mexia High School (DMARC) and shared by all entities. Bids should include applicable software and licenses to make the service work. Please identify eligible costs from ineligible costs.						
Switches, Components, and Softw & Licenses (SFPs)	Fortinet or equivalent	10gbps single mode gbics	4	each	Yes	District Wide
Approximately (4) or more 10gbps single mode gbics or equivalent and all relevant components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the following locations: (4) more or less for Mexia High School (DMARC) and shared by all entities (for Firewall).						
UPS, Components, and Software & Licenses	APC or equivalent	SMX3000LVNC	1	each	Yes	District Wide
Approximately (1) or more APC SMX3000LVNC UPS/Battery Backups or equivalent and all related components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the following locations: (1) more or less to be installed at Mexia High School (DMARC) for district wide use. **District is requesting for any UPS quoted to have the NEMA L5-30P connection to the wall**						
UPS, Components, and Software & Licenses	APC or equivalent	SMX120BP	3	each	Yes	District Wide
Approximately (3) or more APC SMX120BP UPS/Battery Backups or equivalent and all related components including installation and configuration and software and licenses for the following locations: (3) more or less to be installed at Mexia High School (DMARC) for district wide use.						

Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

Function	Manufacturer	Install & Config	Quantity	Support Hours	Campus
Software & Licenses - WAPs	Cisco or equivalent	No	117	0.00	Multiple Locations
Software and licenses supporting all relevant components requested used to distribute high-speed broadband throughout school buildings. Air Network Essentials or equivalent.					
Software & Licenses - Switches	Aruba or equivalent	No	4	0.00	Multiple Locations
Software and licenses supporting all relevant components requested used to distribute high-speed broadband throughout school buildings.					

Function	Manufacturer	Install & Config	Quantity	Support Hours	Campus
Software & Licenses - Firewall	Fortinet or equivalent	No	1	0.00	District Wide
Software and licenses supporting all relevant components requested used to distribute high-speed broadband throughout school buildings.					
Software & Licenses - UPS	APC or equivalent	No	4	0.00	Multiple Locations
Software and licenses supporting all relevant components requested used to distribute high-speed broadband throughout school buildings.					

Locations

DMARC?	Name	Address
No	A B Mcbay Elementary School	1000 N Ross Ave Mexia, TX 76667-
No	Administration Building	616 N Red River Mexia, TX 76667-
No	Developmental Center	611 N. Ross Mexia, TX 76667-
Yes	Mexia High School (DMARC)	1120 N Ross Mexia, TX 76667-
No	Mexia Jr High School	#1 Blackcat Drive Mexia, TX 76667-
No	Mexia School of Choice (HS Annex)	1120 N Ross Mexia, TX 76667-
No	New Field House (HS Annex)	1046 N Bailey St. Mexia, TX 76667
No	Old Field House (Jr. HS Annex)	1000 N Bailey St. Mexia, TX 76667
No	Sims Intermediate School	1010 N Ross Ave Mexia, TX 76667-
No	Transportation/Maintenance	1066 N Bailey St. Mexia, Tx 76667-
No	Weight Room (HS Annex)	1000 N Bailey St Mexia, TX 76667

Additional Information

RFP O&A

Good day! asked on 11/13/2026 2:50:25 AM by VeeMost Technologies	Incomplete.
Good day! Please note that the requested C9120AXI-B is now End-of-Sale (EoS). To help us determine the best replacement model for your needs, could you please clarify the following: 1. Would you prefer to remain on Wi-Fi 6, or is upgrading to Wi-Fi 7 an option? 2. Will the new access points be installed in an environment with low, medium, or high client density? 3. What is the required duration for the licenses (3, 5, or 7 years)? asked on 11/13/2026 2:57:12 AM by VeeMost Technologies	1. Either Wifi 6 or 7 are acceptable. 2. High density, normally our waps can handle up to 200 clients 3. All bids will be considered, the district prefers 5 year licenses. As noted in the RFP, all access points and licenses need to be compatible with the existing Cisco Catalyst 9800-40 Wireless Controller.
Do you need new cable drops for the 117 WAPs, or are these replacing existing units? asked on 11/13/2026 9:45:28 AM by Technology for Education	All WAPs will be replacements. No new drops will be needed.
Can you break down the quantity of WAPs needed per location? asked on 11/13/2026 12:46:20 PM by Technology for Education	Per the RFP, WAPs will be needed at all instructional campuses.
What version of Cisco IOS XE is your Catalyst 9800-40 WLC running? asked on 11/13/2026 3:22:22 PM by Technology for Education	17.12.6a
What current licensing do you have for your existing Firewall? (Advanced Threat Protection, Unified Threat Protection or Enterprise Protection) asked on 11/13/2026 3:23:15 PM by Technology for Education	Fortinet Forticare UTM Protection
Is there a preferred Cabling Manufacturer? asked on 11/13/2026 3:30:42 PM by Technology for Education	There is no preference on the cabling manufacturer.
Do you have a map that shows the preferred or existing fiber path? asked on 11/13/2026 3:33:36 PM by Technology for Education	The map we have only has the estimated distance measurement. There is no preferred path. Please see attached map.

Attachments

- New Field House to Weight Room.png