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Technology Department

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E-Rate Cat-2
2027-2028
Form 470: 270003755

Equipment Requirements

Sites: Multiple

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Invitation to Bid on Technology Infrastructure

The Nye County School District, Pahrump Nevada will receive sealed bids at the Office of the Nye County Superintendent, Southern District office, for Technology Infrastructure to include Wireless Access Points, Switching, Routing and Power Backup (UPS) projects.

Project Timeline:

- November 17, 2026 - ERATE Form 470 (270003755) Posted, Q&A Period Begins
    - Please address any questions to Robert Williams at rwilliams@nyeschools.org
- December 4, 2026 - Q&A Period Ends
- December 8, 2026 - All responses to questions posted
- **January 8, 2027, 14:00 PST - Bidding period closes, BIDS DUE**
- January 8, 2027, 14:30 PST - Public bid opening at the NCSD Southern District Office (Pahrump)
- January 11-15, 2027 - NCSD Bid Evaluation Period
- January 19, 2027 - Intent to Award letter emailed to all bidders
- February 18, 2027 - NCSD Board of Trustees meeting, award of bid decision
- February 19, 2027 - Board award decision sent to approved bidder(s)
- Week of July 1, 2027 - Equipment orders placed

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. PST on January 8, 2027. All bids will be opened publicly at 2:30 p.m. January 8, 2027 at the Nye County School District Southern Office. Intent of Award of bid is scheduled for January 19, 2027. Board of Trustee approval will be decided on February 18, 2027. There are two options for submitting bids, physical or digital.

Bid Submissions:

- Option One: Physical
    - Bids can be submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered to the following address:
        - Nye County School District, 484 South West Street, Pahrump, NV 89048.
        - The envelope must be sealed and marked: “ERATE - Technology Infrastructure Equipment Bid (470: 270003755)”.
        - NCSD Offices will be closed November 23-27, 2026 and December 24, 2026-January 1, 2027, reopening on January 4, 2027. Bids should be submitted to arrive at a time when the office is not closed, and must be received before 2:00 PM PST on January 8th.
- Option Two: Digital
    - Bids can be emailed to **proposals@nyeschools.org**
        - **Required Subject:** “Company Name” ERATE - Technology Infrastructure Equipment Bid (470: 270003755)
            - e.g. Vendor ERATE - Technology Infrastructure Equipment Bid (470: 270003755)
        - The email address and required subject are important to prevent the emailed bid from being accidentally opened before the public bid opening on January 8th.

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Bid specifications and forms may be obtained by going to the Nye County School District website https://www.nye.k12.nv.us/page/rfp, or the USAC portal website https://forms.universalservice.org/portal/login, and looking up the 470 (270003755) or at Nye County School District, 484 South West Street, Pahrump, NV 89048. **Debarment and Suspension Certification, and a W-9 must accompany all bids.**

A written certification is required as part of the contract:

> "Company Name" certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a boycott of Israel per State of Nevada NRS 332.065. The awarded bidder will be notified by the Nye County School District.

Any question must be submitted via email to Robert Williams, rwilliams@nyeschools.org with a copy to gperson@erateelite.com. The question and answer period runs between Nov 17, 2026 through Dec 4th, 2026. Answers will be posted to https://www.nye.k12.nv.us/page/rfp by December 8th, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Nye County School District reserves the right to accept or reject any portion of the total bid offer which it feels is in the best interest of the area to be served and/or the School District and follows all applicable NRS laws and E-rate rules.

Please review "Bid Response" for more details.

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Area	Quantity	Equipment Description or Similar
Routing	1	Aruba CX 6300 24SFP+ or equivalent [JL658A Aruba CX 6300M 24-port SFP+] that provides 24 SFP+ ports, mandatory redundant power supply, and is capable of supporting 10G and 1G modules on all ports. (See Routing for more details)
Switching	40	Aruba CX6200 48 port or equivalent [R8Q70A Aruba CX 6200M 48G PoE 4SFP+] that provides 48 ports, and includes at least 4 Gigabit SFP ports, mandatory redundant power supplies, and must support POE+ IEEE 802.3at (up to 30W) on all standard ports. (See Switching for more details)
Wireless AP	72	Aruba AP 615 or equivalent [R7J50A: Aruba AP-615 (US) Dual-radio Tri-band 2x2:2 802.11ax Wi-Fi 6E Internal Antennas Campus AP], must be compatible with embedded Aruba Instant controller, with management accessible within the NCSD LAN network, and not require a cloud portal of any kind. (See Wireless AP for more details)
UPS Systems	12	Liebert / Vertiv GXT5 Lithium-Ion UPS 2000VA/1800W/120V UPS or equivalent [GXT5LI- 2000LVRT2UXLN w/RDU101 Network card] with at least 2000VA rating using LiFePo4 batteries with double or more the service life of Lead-acid batteries. (See Power Backups (UPS) for more details.)

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Routing

Project Description: Ship to central staging site one (1) 24 port SFP+ Layer3 access aggregation L3 switches, depending on bid cost, of the compatible equipment with all product documentation, and rack mounting hardware. Bids must include expected equipment delivery time window.

- Delivery/Shipping Location:
  - Nye County School District
  - Attn: Technology
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  - *(A liftgate will be required. We do not have a delivery dock.)*

E-Rate Description: Aruba CX 6300 24SFP+ or equivalent [JL658A Aruba CX 6300M 24-port SFP+] that provides 24 SFP+ ports, **mandatory redundant power supply,** and is capable of supporting 10G and 1G modules on all ports. Layer3 access switches must include an operational feature set, including Layer3 protocols such as OSPF with no licensing required or equivalent. Each unit must be supplied with four (4) compatible 10G Multi-mode fiber SFP transceivers and two (2) compatible 10G Single-mode fiber SFP transceivers.

All equipment or supplies offered shall be new, currently in production and of the manufacturer's latest design unless otherwise stated.

Switching

Project Description: Ship to central staging site forty (40) 48 port POE switches, depending on bid cost, of the compatible equipment with all product documentation, and rack mounting hardware. Bids must include expected equipment delivery time window.

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E-Rate Description: Aruba CX6200 48 port or equivalent [R8Q70A Aruba CX 6200M 48G PoE 4SFP+] that provides 48 ports, and includes at least 4 Gigabit SFP ports, mandatory redundant power supplies, and must support POE+ IEEE 802.3at (up to 30W) on all standard ports. Switch must include a full feature set with no licensing required or equivalent.

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Wireless AP

Project Description: Deliver seventy-two (72) units of the compatible equipment, ceiling mounting hardware, all product documentation, list of serial and MAC values, and ship out with latest long-term-release firmware installed. In-house IT dept. will deploy and program. Bids must include expected equipment delivery time window.

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E-Rate Description: Aruba AP 615 or equivalent [R7J50A: Aruba AP-615 (US) Dual-radio Tri-band 2x2:2 802.11ax Wi-Fi 6E Internal Antennas Campus AP], must be compatible with embedded Aruba Instant controller, with management accessible within the NCSD LAN network, and not require a cloud portal of any kind. The equipment must support 2.4Ghz and 5Ghz bands; standards of POE, 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax, and Multi-User MIMO.

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Power Backup (UPS)

Project Description: Deliver twelve (12) units of the compatible equipment, with network connectivity and management. In-house IT dept. will deploy and program. Equipment will be used for switches and routers matching E-rate guidelines. Bids must include expected equipment delivery time window.

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E-Rate Description: Liebert / Vertiv GXT5 Lithium-Ion UPS 2000VA/1800W/120V UPS or equivalent [GXT5LI- 2000LVRT2UXLN w/RDU101 Network card] with at least 2000VA rating using LiFePo4 batteries with double or more the service life of Lead-acid batteries. Standard Li-ion batteries are excluded due to runaway thermal risk. UPS battery should be hot-swap replaceable. Target runtime should be at least 25m with a 400W load. UPS must include any required network modules for basic SNMP and management features. Bid requires 4-post mounting hardware and optional tower-stand and wall input plug must be of type 120v 5-20P.

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Bid Response

Bidders are responsible for identifying and documenting E-Rate eligibility percentages on all proposed equipment and services. Response must include a table with SKU/Part No, Description, Unit Amount, Extended Amount, and a breakout of E-Rate eligible amounts as well as costs to the school district.

Bidders proposing equipment they consider to be an “equivalent” to the specified equipment must include supporting documentation such as manufacturer technical specifications, data sheets, white paper, or other documentation that supports equivalence to the specified equipment. Should said documentation not be included with the RFB submission, the vendor may be considered “non-responsive” and the response may be rejected. Similar equipment from other manufacturers is considered.

An “equivalent” that are specified will be given equal consideration based upon the following criteria:

- Specifications
- Quality
- Design
- Utility
- Past Performance
- Service (which includes repairs, replacement parts, and adjustments)
- Price

All Bidders must submit complete manufacturer’s specifications and current catalog number/identifier if Bidding other than manufacturer specified. Failure to submit complete specifications may be cause for rejection of the bid item.

Bidders of an alternative single manufacturer must provide the SPECIFIC model number(s), description, and price after discount of the proposed equivalent to all HPE Aruba models defined in the attached RFP.

NCSD Information Technology Network staff will make the final determination of the equivalence of the proposed alternative. If it is determined that the proposed alternatives are NOT equal in all features and functionality, then the bid will not be considered. Bidders of an alternative single manufacturer must also hold a certification equal to HP Platinum Partner requirements with the proposed manufacturer, if applicable.