All bid deadlines are 11:59pm Pacific Time the date of the bid deadline listed unless otherwise noted.

# Dardanelle School District

**IFCB Posted :** Nov 6, 2026

**Bid Deadline :** Friday, Dec 18, 2026

**Questions Due By :** Sunday, Nov 15, 2026

**Applicant Address :** Dardanelle, AR 72834

**IFCB ID :** 270003846

## IFCB Requirements :

- Before the listed deadlines, all Questions and Bids must be submitted using the on-line IFCB system. Bids submitted before the bid deadline outside of this system will be disqualified. If the system is down before the deadline, please email your bid to info@crwconsulting.com or fax it to 918.445.0049. Bids or questions submitted in this fashion will be disqualified if the on-line system is active at the time of submission. The applicant reserves the right to request and obtain bids outside of the website system if the bid deadline has passed and zero or one bid is received (the intent for this is to follow USAC guidance on obtaining cost-effective bids).

- For all requested services and/or products listed on this IFCB: proposals that include generic/encyclopedic price lists will be considered non-responsive and will be disqualified. SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

- Bidder must agree to participate in USF Program (AKA “E-rate”) for the corresponding funding year.

- Please include the correct Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) on your bid.

- By submitting a bid, bidder certifies that the bidder does have a valid (non-red light status) SPIN for the E-rate program at the time of submission. Should the Applicant discover that the bidder is on red light status, or if the FCC classifies the bidder as on red-light status before work is performed and invoices are paid, the contract will be null and void and the applicant will have no payment obligations to the bidder.

- Bidder is expected to provide the lowest corresponding price per E-rate rules. See https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/ for details.

- Contracts must not prohibit SPIN changes.

- Bidder must agree to provide the Applicant the choice of discount methods (SPI or BEAR).

- Bidder will be automatically disqualified if the District determines that the bidding company has offered any employee of the District any individual gift of more than $20 or gifts totaling more than $50 within a 12 month period.

- All contracts awarded will be contingent upon E-rate funding and final board approval. The applicant may choose to do all or part of the project upon funding notification.

- All applicable fees, surcharges, and taxes must be identified on the bid. E-rate rules require the applicants to evaluate the price of eligible goods and services that will be listed on the 471 application during the competitive bidding process. Fees and surcharges that apply but are not listed on the bid will be the responsibility of the bidding company, should their bid be awarded.

- If there is a request to purchase or lease new equipment, either Category Two or Category One, listed on this IFCB the applicant will accept bids for functionally equivalent equipment.

- E-rate rules require applicants to evaluate the cost of eligible goods and services, and to cost-allocate out the amount for ineligible services from their funding request. If your company will be bidding internet access service, please identify the amount to be cost-allocated out for the ineligible services – email service, web hosting, content filtering, or other bundled ineligible services.

- INTERNET ACCESS DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR: Bids submitted for services to an incorrect address will be disqualified.

- INTERNET ACCESS DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR: Your bid must identify the bandwidth you are proposing and associated price or your bid will be disqualified.

- INTERNET ACCESS DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR: Bids that do not include Dedicated Internet Access (guaranteed bandwidth, synchronous speeds) will be disqualified.

- INTERNET ACCESS DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR: Any and all installation charges must be identified on your bid. If you submit a bid indicating that installation charges may apply without listing those charges, we will consider your bid incomplete and disqualify your bid.

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- LEASED LIT FIBER DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR: Vendors must bid all connections. If vendors submit a bid missing any connection, we will consider your bid incomplete and disqualify your bid.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: The applicant will not accept bids from manufacturers of equipment deemed a national security threat by the Federal Communications Commission. The list of prohibited equipment is available here: https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist . Vendors that submit bids that includes these manufacturers will have their bid disqualified.

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- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS: Service providers are required to bid an entire Project A, Project B and/or Project C.  Bids for individual components, or bids that do not include all of the requested items for the project will be disqualified.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR BMIC: Service providers are required to bid an entire Project D, Project E and/or Project F.  Bids for individual components, or bids that do not include all of the requested items for the project will be disqualified.

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## Services and Equipment Requested :

### Category One:

**Internet Access** – 1 GB bandwidth, the terminating address for this circuit is located at the Technology Office - 209 Cedar St., Dardanelle, AR 72834.

After the initial term, or after any voluntary renewal terms are executed, the Vendor must offer up to 12 months of a month-to-month service if the Applicant decides to transition to a new service provider. Vendor must list that monthly cost as part of their proposal.

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**Leased Lit Fiber** – 5 x 10 GB leased lit fiber from the Technology Office located at 209 Cedar St., Dardanelle, AR 72834 to the following locations:

1. Bus Shop - 907 North 5th St, Dardanelle, AR 72834
2. Central Office - 102 S. Front St., Dardanelle, AR 72834
3. Primary School - 1376 N. Liberty Rd., Dardanelle, AR 72834
4. High School - 1079 N. State Hwy 28, Dardanelle, AR 72834
5. Middle School - 2306 N. State Hwy 7, Dardanelle, AR 72834

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## Category Two:

**INTERNAL CONNECTIONS**

Configuration and moving from existing FortiGate 600E system. This can be remote install. The district can physically install the firewall. Install should be priced separately.

**IC PROJECT A – 1 YEAR**

The district will move forward with the 1 year, 3 year or 5 year option – not all three. Install should be priced separately

| Type of Equipment | Quantity Vendor Should Bid | Preferred Make/Manufacturer |
|---|---|---|
| Firewall Service and Components | 1 | Equipment: FortiGate 401G or equivalent<br>FortiGate 401G hardware with FortiCare Premium and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP). Vendor should provide separate pricing for the following coverage terms:<br>- 1-Year: FG-401G-BDL-950-12 |

NOTE: We are requesting firewall licenses on this IFCB, which sometimes may be categorized as BMIC or MIBS by USAC (the BMIC and MIBS boxes on the 470 have been checked to cover this scenario).

**IC PROJECT B – 3 YEAR**

The district will move forward with the 1 year, 3 year or 5 year option – not all three. Install should be priced separately.

| Type of Equipment | Quantity Vendor Should Bid | Preferred Make/Manufacturer |
|---|---|---|
| Firewall Service and Components | 1 | Equipment: FortiGate 401G or equivalent<br>FortiGate 401G hardware with FortiCare Premium and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP). Vendor should provide separate pricing for the following coverage terms:<br>- 3-Year: FG-401G-BDL-950-36 |

NOTE: We are requesting firewall licenses on this IFCB, which sometimes may be categorized as BMIC or MIBS by USAC (the BMIC and MIBS boxes on the 470 have been checked to cover this scenario).

**IC PROJECT C – 5 YEAR**

The district will move forward with the 1 year, 3 year or 5 year option – not all three. Install should be priced separately.

| Type of Equipment | Quantity Vendor Should Bid | Preferred Make/Manufacturer |
|---|---|---|
| Firewall Service and Components | 1 | Equipment: FortiGate 401G or equivalent<br>FortiGate 401G hardware with FortiCare Premium and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP). Vendor should provide separate pricing for the following coverage terms:<br>- 5-Year: FG-401G-BDL-950-60 |

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**BASIC MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL CONNECTIONS:**

**BMIC PROJECT D – 1 YEAR**
The district will move forward with the 1 year, 3 year or 5 year option – not all three. The district would like a manufacturer’s support contract for these items:

| Type of Equipment | Quantity Vendor Should Bid | Preferred Make/Manufacturer |
|---|---|---|
| Firewall Service and Components | 1 | Equipment: FortiGate 401G or equivalent<br>FortiGate 401G hardware with FortiCare Premium and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP). Vendor should provide separate pricing for the following coverage terms:<br>- 1-Year: FG-401G-BDL-950-12 |

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**BMIC PROJECT E – 3 YEAR**
The district will move forward with the 1 year, 3 year or 5 year option – not all three. The district would like a manufacturer’s support contract for these items:

| Type of Equipment | Quantity Vendor Should Bid | Preferred Make/Manufacturer |
|---|---|---|
| Firewall Service and Components | 1 | Equipment: FortiGate 401G or equivalent<br>FortiGate 401G hardware with FortiCare Premium and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP). Vendor should provide separate pricing for the following coverage terms:<br>- 3-Year: FG-401G-BDL-950-36 |

**BMIC PROJECT F – 5 YEAR**
The district will move forward with the 1 year, 3 year or 5 year option – not all three. The district would like a manufacturer’s support contract for these items:

| Type of Equipment | Quantity Vendor Should Bid | Preferred Make/Manufacturer |
|---|---|---|
| Firewall Service and Components | 1 | Equipment: FortiGate 401G or equivalent<br>FortiGate 401G hardware with FortiCare Premium and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP). Vendor should provide separate pricing for the following coverage terms:<br>- 5-Year: FG-401G-BDL-950-60 |

DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR BMIC: Service providers are required to bid an entire Project D, Project E and/or Project F. Bids for individual components, or bids that do not include all of the requested items for the project will be disqualified.

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**There is an additional document associated with this IFCB. Please click the buttons to download the document.**

2026_C2_Bidding_Instructions77.pdf

DARDANELLE_C2_COVER_PAGE3.pdf

Questions Received with Applicant Answers ( Ask Questions? )

**Which ports on the current FortiGate 600E are in use, and what type is each (copper 1G, fiber 1G or fiber 10G)? For any fiber links, is the fiber multimode or single-mode? This tells us which transceivers to include in the bid. Thank you.**

**Answer:**

1 GB Ethernet Copper
10 GB Multimode Fiber
10 GB Multimode Fiber

**IFCB / Form 470 #270003846 — Dardanelle School District (AR) — questions from Single Cover Solutions, L.L.C. 1. BMIC Projects D, E and F appear to request the same SKUs as IC Projects A, B and C (FG-401G-BDL-950-12 / -36 / -60). Those bundle SKUs already include FortiGate 401G hardware, FortiCare Premium, and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection. The IFCB also notes that firewall licenses may be categorized as BMIC or MIBS, and the Form 470 states that all requested BMIC is for the new IC requests. Please confirm: (a) D/E/F are the same licenses recategorized as BMIC, not a second purchase of the same bundle; (b) we should enter the FortiCare Premium term total (a dollar amount, not an hourly-only rate) on the C2 Cover Page for D/E/F so support can be categorized as BMIC; and (c) the district will evaluate and award one IC term plus the matching BMIC term, and will not add the D/E/F amount on top of the A/B/C bundle price when comparing bids or issuing a purchase order. 2. The IFCB states that configuration and migration from the existing FortiGate 600E "can be remote install," that the district will physically install the firewall, and that install should be priced separately. Please confirm that a fully remote configuration and migration, with no on-site visit by the vendor, is acceptable and will not be treated as an incomplete bid. 3. The district will move forward with the 1-year, 3-year, or 5-year option, not all three. Is there a preferred term we should treat as the primary bid, or should all three terms be priced and evaluated equally? 4. To size the remote migration accurately, please provide the following about the existing FortiGate 600E: (a) standalone or HA pair; (b) number of VDOMs in use; (c) approximate firewall policy and object counts; (d) number and type of VPN tunnels; (e) whether FortiSwitch, FortiAP, FortiManager, or FortiAnalyzer are in use and must be re-associated with the new 401G; and (f) the current FortiOS version. 5. Please confirm the ship-to and installation address for the FortiGate 401G. We have assumed the Technology Office at 209 Cedar St., Dardanelle, AR 72834. Please also note any receiving hours, preferred rack location, or power/UPS constraints we should include in the installation/configuration plan. 6. For the C2 Cover Page, please confirm that each of Projects A through F should show its own eligible and ineligible dollar totals (with install, freight, and tax broken out on the IC project being bid), and that those six rows are alternative term options rather than amounts to be summed into one grand total. 7. SPIN / Form 498 timing. The IFCB requires the bidder to include the correct Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) on the bid and, by submitting a bid, to certify that the bidder has a valid (non-red-light) SPIN at the time of bid submission (Friday, December 18, 2026, 11:59 PM PT). We registered with the FCC (CORES / FRN) on November 11, 2026, and plan to file FCC Form 498 the week of November 16, 2026. We do not yet have a SPIN. Please confirm: (a) whether a SPIN that is obtained and in good standing (non-red-light) before the bid deadline is acceptable for a compliant bid and C2 Cover Page; (b) whether a SPIN must already be held at the time questions are submitted; and (c) if a SPIN is obtained after the question deadline but before the bid due date, whether we may submit a complete bid that includes that SPIN. Single Cover Solutions, L.L.C. DeVol Caston, President (619) 752-0433 dcaston@singlecoversolutions.com**

**Answer:**

**Bundle pricing and BMIC:**

Our intent is to purchase one firewall with one selected coverage term, without duplicate charges for support already included in the bundle.

**Remote configuration and migration:**

Yes, fully remote configuration and migration is acceptable. The district will physically install the firewall. No vendor on-site visit is required.

**Coverage term:**

We have no preferred term. We welcome pricing for the 1-, 3-, and 5-year options and will select one term based on pricing and overall value, consistent with the published evaluation criteria.

**Existing FortiGate 600E:**

One standalone firewall; no HA pair.

No VDOMs in use.

Approximately 15 firewall policies and 62 address objects.

No existing VPN tunnels. A new remote-access VPN setup for three users is planned.

No FortiSwitch, FortiAP, FortiManager, or FortiAnalyzer integrations.

FortiOS v7.2.13, build 1762 (Mature).

**Shipping and installation address:**

Technology Office,
209 Cedar St., Dardanelle, AR 72834
. There are no receiving-hour restrictions, other than standard M-F (8-5) or special rack/power constraints.

**C2 Cover Page:**

The term options are alternatives, and we intend to select only one term. Please break out all installation freight and tax.

**SPIN timing:**

Providing your SPIN with your bid submission prior to the bidding deadline is sufficient.