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

Benton School District

IFCB Posted : Nov 6, 2026

Bid Deadline : Friday, Dec 18, 2026

Questions Due By : Sunday, Nov 15, 2026

Applicant Address : Benton, AR 72015

IFCB ID : 270003903

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.

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- 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.

- DISQUALIFICATION FACTOR CATEGORY ONE NETWORK EQUIPMENT: 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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Services and Equipment Requested :

Category One:

Internet Access – 1 GB bandwidth, the terminating address for this circuit is located at the HS, 211 N Border Street, Benton AR 72015. Bids should be based on a 3 year term.

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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Category 1 Network Equipment-

Type of Equipment	Quantity Vendor Should Bid	Preferred Make/Manufacturer
Switch	4	JL700C – Aruba Networking 8360-32Y4C v2 32p 25G SFP/SFP+/SFP28 4
Switch Components	2	Sec 4p 100G Q SFP+/QSFP 28 Front-to Back 3 Fans 2 AC Bundle
Switch Components	2	JL700C ABA – included power cord – US localization
GBIC/Transceivers	2	R0Z25A – Aruba Networking 100 G QSFP28 to QSFP28 1M DAC
Switch Licensing	2	R3K05AAE – Aruba Central Switch Class – 5 Foundation 5 year subscription E-STU

COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENT:
Equipment must be able to be managed with existing Aruba Central network.

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Category Two:

INTERNAL CONNECTIONS
No installation needed.

Type of Equipment	Quantity Vendor Should Bid	Preferred Make/Manufacturer
Antennas, Connectors and Related Components	130	Ceiling mount AP-MNT-B
Wireless Access Points	130	ARUBA AP-725 (S4A25A) with 5 year licensing

COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENT:
WAPs must be compatible with current Aruba network.

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

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Questions Received with Applicant Answers (Ask Questions?)