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Tahlequah Indep School District 35

RFP Erate Year 30 ~ Funding Year 2027-28

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District Billed Entity Number:	140215
Form 470 & RFP Posting Date:	November 7, 2026
Number Of Days Given for Competitive Bidding:	40 days
Bid Due Date:	**December 17, 2026**
Number of Classrooms with Telephone Service:	250
Number of Network Drops:	2900
Number of Classrooms with Internet Access:	250
Number of Computers with Internet Access:	1600
% of School District with access to WIRED Internet:	100%
% of School District with access to Wi-Fi:	100%
Current Total Student Enrollment	3,563
Current Internet Speed	10 GB
Current WAN Speed	10 GB

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Category 2 Requests

Internal Connections

Description of Equipment	Quantity	Make Or EQUIVALENT	Model or SKU # Or equivalent
Extreme Pilot Licenses	125	Extreme	XIQ-PIL-S-C-EW
Firewall Fortinet Premium License	1	Fortinet	FC2-10-0ACVM-248-02-DD
HPE Aruba Networking AP-725 (US) Tri Radio 2x2 Wi-Fi 7	25	Aruba	S4A25A
HPE Aruba Networking AP-MNT-B Campus AP mount bracket kit	25	Aruba	R3J16A
Reusable Hook-and-Loop Velcro Roll, 3/4"–1" Width, Black	2500 ft	Any	Any
Ivory Nonmetallic Surface Raceway for Network Cabling	2,500 ft	Leviton	Or equivalent
Raceway Fittings / Couplers / Elbows / Transition Fittings	200	Leviton	Or equivalent
Ivory Single-Gang Surface Mount Network Box	150	Leviton	Or equivalent
Ivory Single-Gang 1-Port Faceplate w/ label window	100	Leviton	Or equivalent
Ivory Single-Gang 2-Port Faceplate w/ label window	50	Leviton	Or equivalent
Ivory Single-Gang 4-Port Faceplate w/ label window	25	Leviton	Or equivalent
1 foot patch cable (green)	1000	Leviton	Or equivalent
Aruba 1Y FC 24X7 EDU/R Lic PEF Cn SVC	350	Aruba	H8FP0E
Aruba 1Y FC 24X7 EDU/R Lic AP Cn SVC	350	Aruba	H8FL0E
Aruba 1Y FC NBD Exch ED/R 7210 Cntrl SVC	2	Aruba	H7UP8E
Aruba 1Y FC 24X7 ED/RAPRFProtectE-LTUSVC	350	Aruba	H8FM0E
Installation & Configuration			

Basic Maintenance

Firewall Fortinet Premium License	1	Fortinet	FC2-10-0ACVM-248-02-DD
Aruba 1Y FC 24X7 EDU/R Lic PEF Cn SVC	350	Aruba	H8FP0E
Aruba 1Y FC 24X7 EDU/R Lic AP Cn SVC	350	Aruba	H8FL0E
Aruba 1Y FC NBD Exch ED/R 7210 Cntrl SVC	2	Aruba	H7UP8E
Aruba 1Y FC 24X7 ED/RAPRFProtectE-LTUSVC	350	Aruba	H8FM0E

1. Cost allocate any ineligible fees and functionalities, listing the eligible and ineligible portions of the Internal Connection.
2. Please price Installation & Configuration separate from the device(s).
3. If you have questions concerning the Internal Connections, please contact Mr. Robert Batson (918) 458-4100.

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BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. All Applicants and Service Providers must follow all SLD/USAC/FCC guidelines to allow a fair and competitive bidding process. For more information, go to the SLD's website at http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step01/competitive-bidding.aspx

2. **All bids must be sent to bidsforerate@yahoo.com**

3. Bids 20 pages and under may be submitted via email at bidsforerate@yahoo.com . List the Name of the Applicant and Form 470 # in the subject line of your email.

4. Bids over 20 pages CANNOT be submitted by email. The bid must be postmarked by the due date listed on the first page of the RFP. (The FCC requires the RFP be open for bidding for a full 28 days.) You must mail TWO (2) hard copies of your bid to the following address:

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Write the Name of the Applicant and the Form 470 #
in the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope.

5. **The vendor/bidder must be an eligible provider when bidding on Category 1 Services, as defined in** 17 O.S. § 139.102 (11).

6. **Service Provider must clearly identify the business name and corresponding SPIN on bid(s).**

7. All Service Providers must have a FCC Registration Number assigned by the Federal Communication Commission.

8. Any contract renewals will be able to be terminated on a 30-60-day notice with no penalties.

9. Service Provider must specify their service level agreements.

10. By submitting a bid, you are indicating that you have a valid status with the Erate Program, and you are not in the red-light status with Erate.

11. All contracts awarded will be contingent upon the School District's Board Approval and Erate Funding. The applicant may choose to do all or part of the project at the time of funding.

12. **Service Providers are required to provide applicants their services at the LOWEST CORRESPONDING PRICE per erate rules. http://www.usac.org/sl/service-providers/step02/lowest-corresponding-price.aspx**

13. **Bids must contain all costs. Ineligible services must be priced separately, and clearly marked as "Ineligible."**

14. COST ALLOCATIONS FOR INELIGIBLE SERVICES: After the bid due date, all bids are reviewed and evaluated by the applicant using the scoring process recommended by the SLD. Applicants are required by the

Erate Program to evaluate bids based on the COST of eligible goods and services, and they must cost-allocate out any fees for ineligible products or services from the funding request. For service providers bidding on BUNDLED DATA AND VOICE PLANS, please clearly identify the DATA and/or TEXTING CHARGES to be removed from the request. Please clearly identify the cost for just the VOICE PORTION. If you are bidding on Local phone services, please clearly identify the cost of the ineligible products to be cost-allocated out – voice mail, DID lines, caller ID, 900 blocking, inside wire maintenance, or other bundled ineligible services.

15. If you are bidding on Internet Access, you must clearly identity the cost of any ineligible services to be cost-allocated out – web hosting, content filtering, email services, or other bundled ineligible services.

16. **When providing bids for Internet Access and/or WAN, do not provide more than 3 options. For example: service providers can submit a bid for the applicant's existing Internet speed, plus 2 greater options in appropriate increments. Do not provide excessive options. The applicant will only review 3 options.**

17. Note to service providers about Lit Fiber and Dark Fiber: New beginning Funding Year 2016-17 - Erate funding is available for leased lit fiber, dark fiber, and self-provisioned broadband networks (Second E-rate Modernization Order (FCC 14-189). To read the requirements, go to: http://usac.org/sl/applicants/step01/requirements-for-fiber.aspx In addition, the Applicants non-discounted portion may be spread out for up to 4-years in installment plans between the applicant and the service provider. Applicants seeking bids for special construction of dark fiber or self-provisioned broadband network must also seek and evaluate compatible lit fiber bids.

18. Service Providers submitting bids on CATEGORY 2 Services must provide a detailed item description, including but not limited to all make, model numbers, functionality, entity location, total cost, ineligible portion, and one-time charges where applicable.

19. If the applicant listed a specific make or model number for equipment, the Applicant will also accept bids for compatible, equivalent equipment.

20. **Service Providers must present corresponding CONTRACTS at the time of bidding.**

21. **Applicants are required to review and evaluate all bids presented on time.**

22. If your bid(s) is selected, you will be contacted for signatures via email. Due to Erate deadlines, it is crucial for you to return your signature promptly, and with very quick turn-around time. Make arrangements now to have your authorized personnel available for signatures. **Most signatures will need to be returned within 24-Hours of notification or the next business day.**

23. Price must be held firm for the entire associated Erate Funding Year or until all work associated with the project is completed, including any USAC approved extension. Upon installation of Internal Connections, all erate eligible equipment must be labeled appropriately using the matching FRN, Form 471 #, PO # and installation date.

24. The Applicant has the choice of using the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) or Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form method of invoicing/reimbursement. The service provider must make themselves familiar with both methods. http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step06/default.aspx

25. OUSF – Service Providers who are bidding on OUSF eligible services must be an approved Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier, Onenet, or a company that has a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the service area for the applicant's location. Also, the funded service provider must file for OUSF funds within 90 days for the start of OUSF eligible services.

26. **All bids must be sent to bidsforerate@yahoo.com**

Disqualification Factors:

- **Bids received after 11:59 PM of the RFP's due date will be automatically disqualified and not included in the Bid Evaluation Process.**