Universal Service Administrative Co.

# FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270004003
Polk Co. SD-FY2027-470_CAT2

## Billed Entity

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**Billed Entity Number:** 127814
**FCC Registration Number:** 0011608007

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**Number of Eligible Entities:** 153

## Application Type

**Applicant Type:** School District
**Recipients of Services:** Adult Education; General-Use School; Head Start; Juvenile Justice; Pre-K; Public School; Public School District; Swing Space

## Consulting Firms

| Name | Consultant Registration Number | Phone Number | Email |
|---|---|---|---|
| CSM Consulting Inc. | 16043564 | 888-944-7798 | sharken@csmcentral.com |

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## RFPS

| ID | Name |
|---|---|
| 237208 | FY2027_Polk_012 DW 0127_ Network Infr Equip and Soft E Rate_ITB_FINAL |

| ID | Name |
|---|---|
| 237209 | FY2027_Polk_Addendum B. Bid Form _ Group A _ WAPs |
| 237212 | FY2027_Polk_Addendum C. Bid Form _ Group B _ Switches |
| 237211 | FY2027_Polk_Addendum E. Bid Form _ Group C _ Firewall |
| 237210 | FY2027_Polk_Addendum G. Bid Form _ Group D _ Firewall MIBS |

## Category One Service Requests

| Service Type | Function | Function Other Description | Minimum Capacity | Maximum Capacity | Entities | Quantity | Unit | Installation and Initial Configuration? | Associated RFPs |
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## Description of Other Functions

| ID | Name |
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| Narrative |
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## Category Two Service Requests

| Service Type | Function | Manufacturer | Manufacturer Other Description | Entities | Quantity | Unit | Installation and Initial Configuration? | Associated RFPs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Internal Connections | Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses | Aruba or equivalent | | | 834 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237209 |
| Internal Connections | Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses | Aruba or equivalent | | | 10 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237209 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 835 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237209 |
| Internal Connections | Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses | Aruba or equivalent | | | 165 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237209 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 165 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237209 |
| Internal Connections | Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses | Aruba or equivalent | | | 8515 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237209 |
| Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections | Wireless Access Points | Aruba | | 153 | 8515 | Each | | 237208, 237209 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 80 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237209 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 50 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237209 |

| Service Type | Function | Manufacturer | Manufacturer Other Description | Entities | Quantity | Unit | Installation and Initial Configuration? | Associated RFPs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Internal Connections | Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses | Aruba or equivalent | | | 13 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Racks | Aruba or equivalent | | | 13 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Racks | Aruba or equivalent | | | 6 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 39 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 170 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses | Aruba or equivalent | | | 13 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections | Switches | Aruba | | 153 | 13 | Each | | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses | Aruba or equivalent | | | 970 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 1940 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 1820 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses | Aruba or equivalent | | | 970 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections | Switches | Aruba | | 153 | 970 | Each | | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | Aruba or equivalent | | 153 | 50 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237212 |
| Internal Connections | Firewall Service, Components, and Necessary Software and Licenses | Fortinet or equivalent | | | 2 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237211 |
| Internal Connections | Firewall Service, Components, and Necessary Software and Licenses | Fortinet or equivalent | | | 5 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237211 |
| Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections | Firewall Service and Components | Fortinet | | 153 | 5 | Each | | 237208, 237211 |
| Internal Connections | Firewall Service, Components, and Necessary Software and Licenses | Fortinet or equivalent | | | 5 | Each | Yes | 237208, 237211 |
| Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections | Firewall Service and Components | Fortinet | | 153 | 5 | Each | | 237208, 237211 |
| Managed Internal Broadband Services | Leased Equipment | | | 153 | | | | 237208, 237210 |

## Description of Other Manufacturers

| ID | Name |
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## Narrative

Please see attached ITB (RFP) titled-"FY2027_Polk_012 DW 0127_ Network Infr Equip and Soft E Rate_ITB_FINAL" for a complete list of all requirements. Please note that this ITB is divided into four (4) groups.
Group A: Wireless Access Points
Please see attached Equipment bid list titled-"FY2027_Polk_Addendum B. Bid Form _ Group A _ WAPs" for a complete list of all equipment.
WAPs- Approx. 1009 in total.
Licenses/ BMIC- Approx. 8515 in total.
Related Components- Approx. 1130 in total.
Group B: Network Switches
Please see attached Equipment bid list titled-"FY2027_Polk_Addendum C. Bid Form _ Group B _ Switches" for a complete list of all equipment.
Switches- Approx. 983 in total.
Licenses/ BMIC- Approx. 983 in total.
Transceivers- Approx. 2079 in total.
Modules- Approx. 1940 in total.
Racks- Approx. 19 in total.
Group C: Firewall Replacement Solution
Please see attached Equipment bid list titled-"FY2027_Polk_Addendum E. Bid Form _ Group C _ Firewall" for a complete list of all equipment.
Firewall- Approx. 2 in total.
Licenses/ BMIC- Approx. 10 in total.
Group D: Firewall MIBS (Managed Internal Broadband Services)
Please see attached Bid Form titled-"FY2027_Polk_Addendum G. Bid Form _ Group D _ Firewall MIBS".
Proposed equipment and their pricing must be quoted in the format that is broken out on each of the Group Equipment Bid Forms (CAT2 equipment list) and be valid for a minimum of two years. All documents associated with 012_DW_0127, including Bidder Acknowledgement, E-Rate Supplemental Terms & Conditions, Reference Request Form, Form Contract Addendum, Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor and Services, and Affidavit Regarding Foreign Countries of Concern must be completed and returned with the bid. Failure to do so may result in a disqualification of bid.
The School Board of Polk County, Florida reserves the right to reject any or all submitted proposals. Please see State & Local procurement Restrictions' & bid submitted must meet state statutes and board policies as stated in ITB.

**Technical Contact**

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**State and Local Procurement Restrictions**

Service Providers submitting proposals must do so in good faith of compliance with the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) Rule (see 47 CFR Part 54 Section 54.500(f)). Service Providers submitting proposals must be in full compliance with USACs Free Services Advisory https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/competitive-bidding/free-services-advisory/. Any offering of free services must be clearly identified in service providers bids. Service Provider invoicing to USAC must be completed within 120 days from the last day of service. Should the Service Provider fail to invoice USAC timely, Applicant will only be responsible for paying its non-discounted share. The Service Provider acknowledges that all pricing and technology infrastructure information in its contract shall be considered as public and non-confidential pursuant to CFR Part 54 Section 504 (2)(i)(ii).
Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP):-
Service providers bid must be the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP). The proposed pricing for services and equipment must be the LCP of similarly situated nonresidential customers for similar services. When services and equipment are delivered and charged, the price billed must be no higher than LCP of similarly situated nonresidential customers for similar services.
Bundled Services: -

Any E-Rate ineligible products, services, or components bundled with eligible products or services must be listed separately from the eligible products or services. Prices for these ineligible products or services must be allocated out of the price for the eligible services; failure to do so can lead to rejection of the bid. Allocations must comply with USAC rules which specify that the allocation methodology must be based on tangible criteria and reach a realistic result.
District requirement:-
If E-rate or district funding is reduced, not available or approved for any reason, the District reserves the right to defer, reduce or cancel any agreements entered into at the District's discretion. The district accepts no obligation for the costs incurred in responding to this Form 470 in anticipation of being awarded a contract. The district reserves the right to reject any or all submitted proposals. Bids awarded are subject to the appropriation and availability of funds as approved by the School Board of Polk County, Florida. In the event funds for the specific purpose of this solicitation are not appropriated or are insufficient, the agreement may be terminated immediately without penalty or expense to PCSB of any kind whatsoever. The recommended bid award is contingent upon availability of funds and district board approval. The District reserves the right to award this bid in whole or in part to one or more Bidders.
SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid Proposals and will be disqualified from consideration.

**Billed Entities**

| Billed Entity Number | Billed Entity Name |
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| 127814 | The School Board of Polk County, Florida |

**Certifications**

I certify that the applicant includes:

I certify that the applicant includes schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7801 (18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding $50 million.

Other Certifications

I certify that this FCC Form 470 and any applicable RFP will be available for review by potential bidders for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted will be carefully considered and the bid selected will be for the most cost-effective service or equipment offering, with price being the primary factor, and will be the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology goals.

I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification) after the later of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the form for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.

I certify that I have reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that I have complied with them. I acknowledge that persons willfully making false statements on this form may be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.

I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used primarily for educational purposes, see 47 C.F.R. § 54.500, and will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513. Additionally, I certify that the entity or entities listed on this form have not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment sought by means of this form, from the service provider, or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.

I acknowledge that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) and/or library(ies) I represent securing access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that I have considered what financial resources should be available to cover these costs. I certify that I am authorized to procure eligible services for the eligible entity(ies). I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this form, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

NOTICE:

In accordance with Section 54.503 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, certain schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts must file this Description of Services Requested and Certification Form (FCC Form 470) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. Schools and libraries must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information requested in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether you have complied with the competitive bidding requirements applicable to requests for universal service discounts. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, rule or order, the information you provide in this form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information you provide in this form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, information provided in or submitted with this form, or in response to subsequent inquiries, may also be subject to disclosure consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, FCC regulations, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the information you provide in this form may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC or Universal Service Administrator may return your form without action or deny a related request for universal service discounts.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

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