Carson City Crystal School District

Request for Proposal

Allowable Contract Date: December 7, 2026

Address:
213 E. Sherman St.,
Carson City, MI 48811
Contact Person: Cyrena Christensen, Business Office Supervisor Administrator; Emylio Flores, Tech
Technical Contact Person: Joe Smith
Email: cchristensen@cccschools.org, jsmith@giresd.net, eflores@cccschools.org and missy@elitefund.com

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Important Notes:

- quotations to the above email addresses clearly marked "E-rate bid."
- All quotes must be submitted with the understanding that implementation may be dependent upon:
  - E-rate funding approval by the SLD
  - Enrollments
  - Existing budgetary requirements
- The following specifications are to be used as *guidelines* in quoting a solution. Although specification changes are permitted, *the quality of the product/service requested must be based upon industry standards* ***at time of delivery.***
- The items requested within this RFP may or may not be USF eligible. All non-eligible products and services must be itemized. Please use the 2027 USF Eligible Services List located on the USAC website (https://www.usac.org/e-rate/eligible-services-list/) for guidance. (Note: It is the vendor's responsibility to check for updates and corrections prior to submitting bids/quotations.)
- All bidders must adhere to the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) guidelines (as dictated by the SLD).
- All bidders will understand that if the entity closes, contract termination fees will not be incurred by the entity.
- Offerors submitting proposals for anything other than a firm fixed price for the goods and services listed, will not be accepted. Price adjustments after an award will not be accepted by applicant.
- All bidders will understand that the entity may choose more than one provider for one type of service.
- Multi-year contracts may be considered.
- All bidders must have an E-rate SPIN.
- All bidders must have the 2027 Service Provider Annual Certification Form 473 on file with USAC by September 1, 2027 **AND their SAM.gov must be active**.
- The district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations.
- All respondents of this RFP confirm they are not an Iran-linked business.
- Implementation and completion of the services are contingent upon the district receiving approved funding from the Universal Services Fund. The services may be revised or terminated if the funds from the USF discount program are not approved or do not meet the expectations of the entity. If requested, the vendor will complete the SPI (Form 474) application. It is the vendor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all rules and procedures required by the Schools and Libraries Corporation and the Universal Services Fund.
- The Board reserves the right to:
  - Reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereto
  - Be the sole judge of equivalency
  - Waive any bid requirement in accepting or rejecting bids.

Bid Evaluation:

Although the cost of the product/service is of primary concern, the ability to accommodate growth and change and the total cost of operation (TCO) within the district are, in many ways, more important. **Do not assume the lowest bid will be awarded the project.**

To achieve this goal, bids will be evaluated on several factors.

- Prices/charges
- Prior experience
- Understanding of needs
- Personnel qualifications
- Completeness of response and adherence to bid specifications
- Capability of the bidder to successfully complete the installation/service within the required timeframe

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Category 1 Services:

NOTE: Any additional services not covered by USF eligibility must be itemized and quoted separately.

- **Transport**
  - Minimum 10GB connection for the district
    - From 213 E. Sherman St, Carson City, MI 48811to Gratiot Isabella RESD, 1131 E Center St, Ithaca, MI 48847
  - Domain name registration
  - Provide 99.97% uptime guarantee (if possible)
  - 4-hour maximum service response time (24/7)
  - Include itemization of ISP-owned equipment necessary for connectivity
  - that will be placed within the district
  - Provide proof of worker's compensation insurance
  - Provide proof of $2 million liability insurance umbrella upon award of the bid

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Category 2 Services:

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Questions should be directed to the following individual: Joe Smith, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, jsmith@giresd.net 989-875-5604.

- **Wireless access points and associated parts**
  - Approximately 3 Aruba AP-635 or equivalent needed for inside.
    - Include mounting brackets, licenses and management licenses. Existing Aruba Central expiration date is May 31, 2028.
  - Approximately 5 Aruba AP-677 or equivalent needed for outside.

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    - Maintenance
    - Installation and configuration for **outdoor access points only**

- **Cabling and associated parts**
    - Approximately 5 Category 6A installations to an above single data jack to support access points for the HS/MS
        - Blank Keystone panel slots available in MDF and IDF's
    - Approximately 4 Category 6A cabling installations to an above-ceiling data jack to support access points for the Elementary
        - Blank Keystone panel slots available in MDF and IDF's
    - Installation
    - See maps for locations

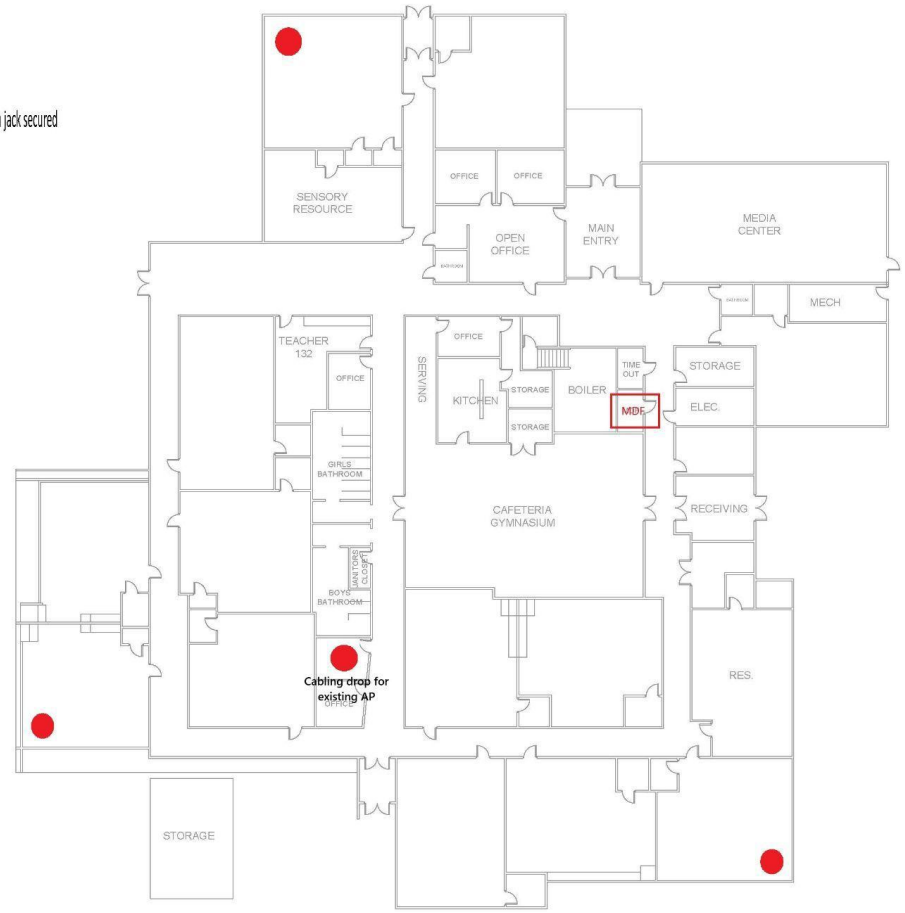
- **Switches and associated parts**
    - Approximately 1 JL659A Aruba 6300M 48SR55 Class 6 PoE+ (max 2880W) 4SFP5Switch or equivalent needed
    - Approximately 2 JL087A ABA Aruba x372 54VDC 1050W Power Supply (740W PoE each) or equivalent needed
    - Approximately 3 R0M47A Aruba 50G SFP56 to SFP56 3M DAC Cable or equivalent needed
    - Approximately 2 JL665A Aruba 6300F 48G Class 4 PoE+ (740W) 4SFP56 Switch or equivalent needed
    - Maintenance

- **Licenses**
    - Approximately 70 ArubaCentral Management Licenses or equivalent needed
        - 5-year license preferred

- **Firewall**
    - Approximately 1 Fortinet FG-121G-BDL-950-60 or equivalent needed
    - Maintenance
    - Installation and configuration

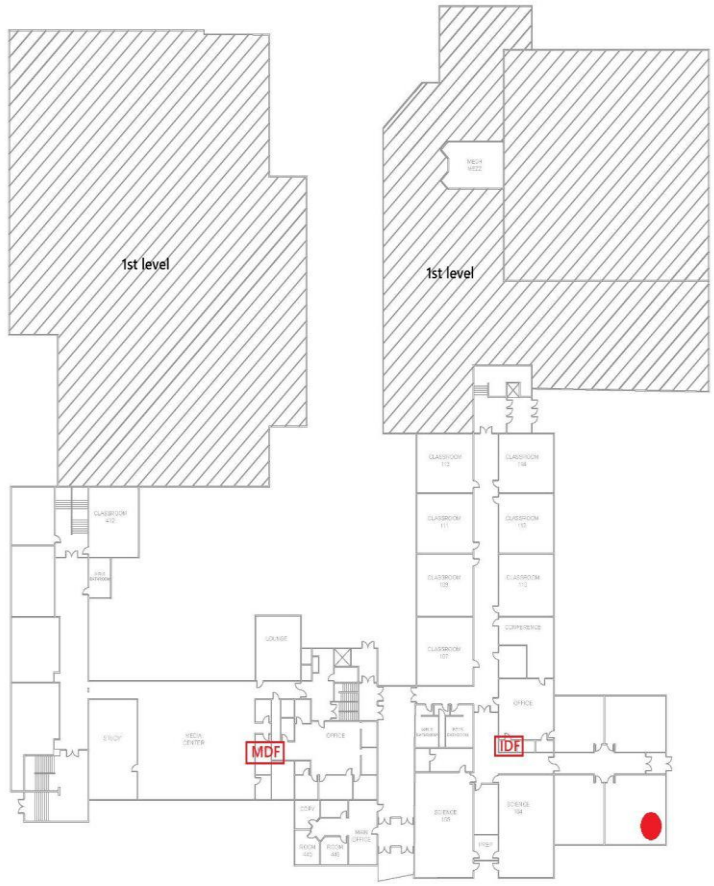
Elementary

Qty 1 - Category 6A cabling to a single data jack secured above ceiling.



HS 2nd Level

Qty 1 - Category 6A cabling to a single jack secured above the ceiling



HS - 1st Level

Qty 1 - Category 6A cabling to a single jack secured above the ceiling

