Bandera ISD
RFP for Services and Equipment: Category Two
E-Rate Year 2027

Requirements and Guidelines:

- Email bids and questions to psizemore@banderaisd.net
    - must include "**Form 470 Response**" in the subject line
- In the event that acceptable or minimum bids are not received, under the rules of the E-Rate program, BISD may contact vendors and invite bids.
- BISD may reject all bids and cancel its 470 requests.
- Corrections, addendums, and clarifications to this RFP will be posted on the Technology Services Website at www.banderaisd.net .
- BISD and vendors will comply with all E-Rate rules.
- Bids may include month-to-month service and 1-year and 3-year contracts.
- Contracts will commence on July 1, 2027.
- Vendors may bid on any or all services/equipment listed in this RFP.
- All contracts are contingent upon School Board approval, availability of local funding, and funding by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) unless otherwise agreed upon by the District.
- The scope of work/products may be reduced depending upon the availability of the Category Two Budget, cost of products/services, local budget, and the needs of the District.
- Subcontracted or rebid services from another vendor are not preferred.
- All bids requiring contracts should be for 1-3-years and include the option for voluntary extensions.
- Vendors should be a member of a State of Texas buying coop, such as BuyBoard, TIPS or DIR.
- Bidding may extend beyond the minimum 28-day period required by E-Rate.
- SPI reimbursement preferred.
- Bids are due by 12:00pm on 12/12/2026. Bids received after this deadline will not be considered.
- Bidders must have a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN).
- Any award is subject to the final FY2027 Eligible Services List and E-Rate rules in effect for the funding year. The District may reduce or cancel this request if eligibility changes

Scoring:

Criteria	Points
Price of the Eligible Products and Services	40
References	20
Quality of Service / Equipment / Warranty	20
Knowledge / Standards / Practices	10
Member of State Bid List / Local Vendor	10
Total Points	**100**

Requested Services and/or Equipment:

Category	Funding Request Nickname	Description	Quantity	Notes
Two -Managed Internal Broadband Services	FY27 C2 MIBS	Third-party, cloud-based monitoring and management of district-owned, E-Rate-eligible internal connections (firewalls, routers, switches, wireless access points, and controllers) at eligible district locations. Must include device discovery, network mapping, real-time monitoring and alerts, configuration backup, and performance reporting.	1	Auvik or equivalent. Separate any ineligible costs in the bid.
Two - Internal Connections	FY27 C2 IC – Firewall Upgrade	Next-generation firewall appliance to replace the district's existing core firewall. Includes bundled maintenance, technical support, and licensing for the firewall.	1	FortiGate 401G or equivalent, bundled with FortiCare Premium support (24x7 support, hardware replacement, and firmware updates) for the contract term. Replaces the existing FortiGate 601F. Include installation and configuration. Remove or cost-allocate ineligible services (advanced security subscriptions such as IPS, anti-malware, and web filtering). Request SPI method. SKU FG-401G-BDL-950-12 (1-year) or equivalent. Vendors may also quote the 3-year bundle, FG-401G-BDL-950-36.

Additional Information:

Nickname	Campus	Location
CO	BISD NOC, Administration Building	Administration Building 815 Pecan Street Bandera, Texas 78003
Facilities	Maintenance, Transportation, and Food Service	BISD Facilities 1576 Hwy 173 South Bandera, TX 78003
AES	Alkek Elementary School	Alkek Elementary School 1798 Hwy 173 South

		Bandera, TX 78003
HCES	Hill Country Elementary School	Hill Country Elementary School 6346 FM 1283 Pipe Creek, TX 78063
BHS	Bandera High School	Bandera High School 474 Old San Antonio Hwy Bandera, TX 78003
BMS	Bandera Middle School	Bandera Middle School 1005 Cherry Street Bandera, TX 78003

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