Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270004643
FY27 CAT1 Internet Services

Billed Entity

WHITEFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 44
600 2ND ST E WHITEFISH, MT 59937-2602
FLATHEAD
406-862-8640

Billed Entity Number: 135202
FCC Registration Number: 0001627173

Contact Information

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Number of Eligible Entities: 3

Application Type

Applicant Type: School District
Recipients of Services: Public School; Public School District

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email

RFPS

ID	Name

Category One Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Function Other Description	Minimum Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Internet Access and Data Transmission Service		2 Gbps	10 Gbps	3	1	Each	Yes	

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name

Narrative

Whitefish School District is requesting symmetrical, dedicated Internet access (all technologies will be considered) for the district. Service must be terminated at the demarcation point inside the MDF at Whitefish High School, 1143 E. 4th St, Whitefish, MT 59937. Solutions bringing service only to the property line and not to the internal demarcation point are unacceptable.

Bandwidth & Contract Terms:
We currently have a 2Gbps connection and are seeking pricing tiers for 2Gbps, 3Gbps, 4Gbps, 5Gbps, and 10Gbps (if available). We are requesting 3-year and 5-year contract options (including optional voluntary extensions). Contracts must allow for mid-contract bandwidth upgrades across the quoted tiers without resetting or extending the original contract term length. For example, if an upgrade occurs in month 20 of a 36-month contract, 16 months of service must remain on the contract at the new bandwidth before contract expiration.

Technical & Support Requirements:
All solutions must include installation, initial configuration (if needed), any necessary provider-owned termination/modulating electronics, and a block of at least five (5) usable static IP addresses (please specify quantity included).
Proposals must include a Service Level Agreement (SLA) and a method to report service outages and receive 24/7 basic technical support without additional service fees.
Failure to include any requested information is grounds for disqualification. Proposals must concisely address all requirements without excessive boilerplate corporate marketing material.

Pricing & Special Construction:
Prices must be all-inclusive, covering all special construction, one-time non-recurring costs (NRC), taxes/fees, and monthly recurring costs (MRC) including both transport and bandwidth charges.
By submitting a bid, the respondent certifies that it has engineered a complete solution encompassing all costs to deliver service to the demarcation point. Any costs added after bid submission are solely the responsibility of the respondent.
Any E-Rate ineligible services or fees must be clearly separated and cost-allocated.
If special construction charges apply, the district prefers the option available under E-Rate rules to pay the non-discounted portion in installments over up to four (4) years from the start of the funding year (or the life of the contract, if shorter).

Bidding & Evaluation Information:
Bidders must have a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and be in "Green Light" status with the FCC. The district prefers the Service Provider Invoicing (SPI) method for discounted billing.
Bids will be evaluated primarily on the price of E-Rate eligible goods and services, alongside ineligible costs, SLA/technical capability, and prior experience with the district.
Submission Deadline: All bids must be submitted by 4:00 PM MST on Friday, January 8, 2027, to Jacob Phillips at phillipsj@whitefishschools.org.
Service implementation for all solutions is contingent upon the availability of local funds and E-Rate funding approval.

Range of Years: 3 - 4 Years

Payment Type: Monthly

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs

Description of Other Manufacturers

ID	Name

Narrative

Technical Contact

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Technology Director

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State and Local Procurement Restrictions

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
135202	WHITEFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 44

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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Authorized Person

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Certified Timestamp

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