North Branch Area Schools
E-Rate 2027-28

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6655 Jefferson Street
North Branch, MI 48461

The North Branch Area Schools Board of Education is accepting sealed proposals to provide Network Upgrade for North Branch Area Schools in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions stated herein.

Proposers are to submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of the proposal to:

North Branch Area Schools
Attention: Mark Brown, Director of Technology
6655 Jefferson Street
North Branch, MI 48461

The sealed envelope containing the Proposal must include the wording “ERATE 2027”, and be personally delivered, sent by mail or express carrier. No electronic submissions will be Accepted.

Proposals will be accepted until December 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the North Branch Area Schools Administration Building. The Board will not accept a proposal received after the date and time mentioned above. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and alternates, in whole or in part, and to waive any informality therein. The winning bid will be taken for approval at the North Branch Board of Education meeting on January 25 ,2027. Proposals shall remain firm for a period of 60 days from the bid opening.

Including in this document are:

1) Instructions to bidders
2) General Notes
3) Project Specifications and Timelines
4) Equipment List
5) Familial disclosure act
6) Iran Economic Sanctions Act form

Any questions regarding the ERATE 2027 specifications should be directed to the Director of Technology, Mark Brown at (810)-688-7999 or mbrown@nbbroncos.net.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

E-Rate Funding:

The project herein is contingent upon the approval of funding from the Universal Service Fund's Schools and Libraries Program, otherwise known as E-Rate. Even after award of contract(s) and/or E-rate funding approval is obtained, the District may or may not proceed with the project, in whole or in part. Execution of the project, in whole or in part, is solely at the discretion of the District. The District expects Service Providers to make themselves thoroughly familiar with any rules and regulations regarding the E-rate program. Goods and services quoted shall be clearly designated as "E-rate Eligible". Non-eligible goods and services shall be clearly identified as 100% non-eligible or shall be "cost-allocated" to show the percentage of eligible costs.

Project Specifications and Timelines:

North Branch Area Schools (NBAS) is seeking to upgrade its existing network infrastructure, which includes upgrading network switches to ICX 7550-48P models (or equivalent) and acquiring Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS). The proposed solution must meet or exceed the functionality and performance requirements outlined in this document and have the ability to replace the current solution at NBAS with adequate room for future growth. .

Bid Opening December 16, 2026; 1:00 p.m.
Anticipated Board of Education Award: January 25, 2027
Project completion: August 13, 2027

Scope of This Request:

The scope of work includes the delivery of purchased materials and the provision of managed services. NBAS reserves the right to purchase materials and services from different vendors. NBAS reserves the right to reduce the amount of materials and services related to the budget of the ERATE 2027 project. Bidders will include a spreadsheet that breaks down the costs in the following categories: Model/make of each piece of equipment, price per unit of equipment, total for equipment, and the itemized cost for Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS).

North Branch Area Schools 2027-28 Cat 2 List

MIBS

QTY	Part Number	Item Description
1	LE9-VSCG-WW05	Virtual Smart Zone Controller
10	901-r770-US00	Ruckus R770 Access Points
182	901-R670-US00	Ruckus R670 Access Points
21	ICX7450-48PF	Ruckus 7450 Switches – including stacking cables and optics
49	ICX-7150-48PF-2X10G	Ruckus 7150 Switches – including stacking cables and optics
22	ICX7550-24XZP-E2	Ruckus 7550 Switches – including stacking cables and optics
1	ICX7850-32Q-E2	Ruckus 7850-32Q Switch – including stacking cables and optics
3	ICX7850-48F-E2	Ruckus 7850-48F Switches – including stacking cables and optics

Equipment

	Location	Item	Qty
Switches	NBAS	ICX7550-48P-E2	Up to 20
Modules		ICX7650-4X10GF	Up to 20
		ICX7650-2X40GQ	Up to 20
		Brocade Compatible 100GBASE-LR4 QSFP28 1310nm 10km DOM Duplex LC/UPC SMF Optical Transceiver Module	Up to 20
DAC Cables		0.5m (2ft) Brocade XBR-TWX-0.5 Compatible 10G SFP+	Up to 20

Management License		LE9-75ZF-SGX5 SZ ICX Mgt Lic RMT Spp 75ZF 5yr	Up to 20

****Please include an option of 3 years remote support for switches**

Equivalent items will be considered.

Familial Relationships

As required by Michigan Law (P.A. 232 of 2004), all proposals/bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or employee of the bidder and any member of the North Branch Schools district or North Branch School District School Board. The Board will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

FAMILIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

All bidders must complete the following familial disclosure form in compliance with MCL 380.1267 (Public Act 232 of 2004) and attach this information to the bid.

By the attached sworn and notarized statement, we are disclosing the following familial relationship(s) that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the school board, the superintendent, chief financial officer, administrator, or supervisor of the public school district. North Branch Area Schools shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Disclose any familial relationship and complete the form below in its entirety:

The following are familial relationships as described above (provide employee name, family contact name, family contact position, and familial relationship or NONE.)

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Signature(s): _____ Title: _____

Name of firm: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF)

On this_____day of_____ , 20___, before me a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared_____, agent of the said firm

_____and who acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed as such agent.

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Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE – IRAN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ACT
Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012

The undersigned, the owner or authorized officer of _____ (the "Bidder"), pursuant to the compliance certification requirement provided in the North Branch Area Schools ("The District") Request for Proposal hereby certifies, represents and warrants that the Bidder (including its officers, directors and employees) is not an "Iran Linked Business" within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act, Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012 (the "Act"), and that in the event Bidder is awarded a Contract as a result of the aforementioned Request for Proposal, the Bidder will not become an "Iran Linked Business" at any time during the course of performing under the Contract.

The Bidder further acknowledges that any person who is found to have submitted a false certification is responsible for a civil penalty of not more than $250,000.00 or 2 times the amount of the Contract or proposed Contract for which the false certification was made, whichever is greater, the cost of The District's investigation, and reasonable attorney fees, in addition to the fine. Moreover, any person who submitted a false certification shall be ineligible to bid on a Request for Proposal for three (3) years from the date the it is determined that the person has submitted the false certification.

BIDDER:

_____
Name of Bidder

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF_____)

)ss.

COUNTY OF_____)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the_____day of

_____,20__ , by_____.

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, Notary Public

_____County, _____

My Commission Expires:_____

Acting in the County of:_____