Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270004804
470 IA Steel City Academy FY2027

Billed Entity
STEEL CITY ACADEMY
1988 POLK ST GARY, IN 46407-2443 Lake County
219-750-1010
financeandaccounting@steelcityacademy.org

Billed Entity Number: 17021679
FCC Registration Number: 0025290248

Contact Information
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Number of Eligible Entities: 1

Application Type
Applicant Type: School
Recipients of Services: Charter School; Public School

Consulting Firms

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AdTec-Administrative and Technical Consulting	16024741	765-855-1612	info@adtecerate.com

Consultants

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Steve Renzino	765-855-1612	steve.renzino@adtecerate.com

RFPS

ID	Name
237724	RFP IA Steel City FY2027

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	5 Gbps	1	1	Each	Yes	237724

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name

Narrative

YOU MUST REVIEW THE ATTACHED RFP DOCUMENT(S) FOR DETAILS of the services requested on this 470. Please reference Form 470 # 270004804 on all correspondence. Please copy E-Rate Consultant Steve Renzino at steve.renzino@adtecerate.com on all communications.

Steel City Academy (the Applicant) seeks Internet Access and Data Transmission Services. We seek symmetrical bandwidth at 3 Gbps scalable to 5 Gbps with guaranteed throughput to the Applicants head-end located at 1988 Polk Street, Gary, IN 46407 beginning 7/1/2027. Note: This location is currently under construction and is set to open in July of 2027.

Please provide laddered pricing in 1 Gbps increments in all bids and contracts. Bidders are advised that this project will be contingent upon the successful obtaining of E-Rate funding, and the contract agreement between the Applicant and the selected vendor must recognize that contingency.

The Applicant seeks a 3 or 5-year contract with or without voluntary extensions; other terms will be considered. All cost proposals must reflect the LCP (Lowest Corresponding Price), GSA pricing, and any available governmental unit discounts including existing state purchasing agreements or contracts. Any proposal referencing an existing state purchasing agreement or contract must include that information in the proposal. Bid prices must be complete for the services proposed and shall include all associated costs, even if the amounts are estimates based upon current applicable taxes, surcharges, or fees. The Applicant requires that the selected vendor be willing to utilize the E-Rate SPI form of invoicing (discounted invoices).

We will require a /29 block (a minimum of 8 IP addresses, 6 useable). Please provide individual or block pricing for additional addresses to account for potential growth during the term of the contract. You may also provide optional pricing for the technical equivalent number of IPv6 addresses.

Questions:
No informational meetings or building visits will be scheduled. Any questions related to the technical aspects of this document should be directed to Katie Kirley, Executive Director at katie.kirley@steelcityacademy.org, no later than 12:00pm CST on Wednesday, 12/2/2026.

Please copy E-Rate Consultant Steve Renzino at steve.renzino@adtecerate.com on all questions and bids.

Answers to any written questions or any additional information, revisions, or clarifications to the RFP will be provided in the form of an addendum to be posted with the FCC Form 470 on the Universal Service (E-Rate) website. It is the sole responsibility of the Service Provider to check for any addenda that may be issued.

Proposal Delivery:
The Applicant reserves the right to reject each and every bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids. In the event that a responsible bid is not received or if it is determined that the low bid received is too high, the bid received will be rejected and the project will be cancelled or rebid.

Bids should be emailed to the office of Katie Kirley at katie.kirley@steelcityacademy.org, by 12:00pm CST on Wednesday, 12/16/2026.

Please copy E-Rate Consultant Steve Renzino at steve.renzino@adtecerate.com on all questions and bids.

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

Katie Kirley

Executive Director

219-750-1010

katie.kirley@steelcityacademy.org

State and Local Procurement Restrictions

We will consider multi-year contracts with or without voluntary extensions. All cost proposals must reflect the LCP (Lowest Corresponding Price), GSA pricing, and any available governmental unit discounts including existing state purchasing agreements or contracts when applicable. Any proposal referencing an existing state purchasing agreement or contract must include that information in the proposal. Bid prices must be complete for the services proposed and shall include all associated costs, even if the amounts are estimates based upon current applicable taxes, surcharges, or fees. Proposals MUST separate eligible and ineligible services by line item for all services to which service provider responds. No proposal can be submitted that includes equipment or components for equipment from companies deemed to provide a national security risk as defined by FCC Order 19-121.

All bidders are encouraged to:
1. Read and follow the RFP carefully.
2. Adhere to the FCC E-Rate rules.
3. Monitor EPC for updates and information throughout the bidding process.

Failure to meet any requirement in this 470 or RFP will be sufficient cause to disqualify your proposal.

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
17021679	STEEL CITY ACADEMY

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.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing, and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the reporting burden to the Federal Communications Commission, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554. We also will accept your comments via the email if you send them to PRA@FCC.gov. DO NOT SEND COMPLETED WORKSHEETS TO THESE ADDRESSES.

Authorized Person

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