Abilene USD 435
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Allowable contract date: Please reference the Form 470

Important Notes:

- ATTENTION: Direct bid correspondence to Mike Liby via email at mliby@abileneschools.org. Please include the Form 470 number in the subject line. At the top of the message, please provide the services you are bidding on, your SPIN, company name, and contact information.
- Do not contact the consultant with questions concerning this Form 470. Direct all questions and bids to the Form 470 Contact.
- Applicable Kansas Bidding Law K.S.A. Supp. 72-1151 for $20,000.00 or more. Bids exceeding $19,999.99 must be sent as a sealed bid. Indicate on the outside of the envelope that it is a response to an E-Rate Form 470 and that it is not to be opened before the bid evaluation.
- Multi-year contracts and voluntary extensions are accepted. Please include the voluntary contract renewal deadline on the contract.
- SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bids and will be disqualified.
- The bidder must agree to participate in the USF Program (AKA "E-Rate") for the corresponding funding year.
- All bidders must ensure they follow all current E-Rate program guidelines established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Information regarding the eligibility of goods and services, invoicing requirements, documentation requirements, and other program rules is available from the SLD by calling the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administration Corporation (USAC) at 1-888-203-8100 or seeing their website at https://www.usac.org/e-rate/.
- All bidders must adhere to the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) guidelines (as the SLD dictates).
- All applicable fees, surcharges, taxes, and installation charges must be identified on the bid. E-Rate rules require applicants to evaluate the prices of eligible goods and services to be listed on the 471 application during the competitive bidding process. Fees and surcharges that apply but are not listed on the bid will be the responsibility of the bidding company, should their bid be awarded.
- Provide detailed item pricing and descriptions; identify and break out associated costs on ineligible items. Note: The vendor is responsible for checking the USF Eligible Services List for updates and corrections before submitting bids/quotations.
- The bidder must be in good standing with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and not have a Red Light status. If the vendor has a Red Light status, the contract will become null and void without penalty to the applicant.
- The bidder must agree to provide the applicant with the choice of discount methods (SPI or BEAR).
- The winning vendor will be required to promptly provide the requested information regarding goods and services.
- All bids must be submitted with the understanding that implementation may be dependent upon the following: (i) Final approval of next year's fiscal budget; (ii) Contract confirmation by next year's board of education; (iii) Award of associated E-Rate funding; (iv) Terms and provisions of the Kansas Cash Basis Law K.S.A 10-1101.
- The bidder may provide bids for any or all portions of this proposal.
- The applicant reserves the right to purchase all, none, or a portion of the quoted equipment/services and may choose more than one provider.
- Bids received after the stated deadline may be deemed non-responsive.

Function	Manufacturer	Model/SKU	Approximate Quantity	Installation, Activation, & Initial Configuration
Firewall services, equipment, and related components	**Fortinet or equivalent**	**Please see list below**	**3**	**Yes**
Seeking bids for approximately 3 or more firewalls. Proposed solutions may include any components required for successful installation, activation, and initial configuration. Bids may also include applicable software and licenses, including updates, bug fixes, security patches, and remote technical support or configuration services. Please identify the eligible costs from the ineligible costs. **Approximately 1 Fortigate-401F hardware plus 5-year FortiCare Premium and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP) or equivalent** **Approximately 1 Fortigate-401F 5-year next calendar day delivery priority RMA service (requires FortiCare Premium or FortiCare Elite) or equivalent** **Approximately 1 Fortigate- 401F 5-year SOCAAS: 24x7 cloud-based managed log monitoring, incident triage, and soc escalation service (FC-10-0401f-464-02-60) or equivalent**				

Licenses and/or software for existing Wireless Access Points	**Aruba or equivalent**	**HPE ANW Central AP Fnd 3y E-STU or comparable**	**130**	**Yes**
Bids may include applicable software and licenses, including updates, bug fixes, security patches, and remote technical support or configuration services.				

Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS)
Seeking bids for Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS). Services may include the installation, operation, management, monitoring, and maintenance of leased or district-owned Category 2 eligible network equipment, including but not limited to antennas, connectors, cabling, caching devices, firewalls, racks, routers, switches, uninterruptible power supplies (UPSs), wireless access points, wireless controllers, and related components. **Please provide quotes for firewall management and switch management.**

• Include the manufacturer name and corresponding SKU/model number for each item of quoted equipment.

• Proposals should be submitted as turnkey solutions and include all costs required for complete implementation, including installation, configuration, applicable taxes, fees, and related charges, in accordance with industry best practices.

• Responses offering equivalent products or services must clearly demonstrate that the proposed solution meets or exceeds the specifications of the requested equipment or service. The respondent is solely responsible for verifying the compatibility of all proposed hardware. Any incompatibility identified after award shall be corrected by the respondent at no additional cost to the district.