Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270004942
2027 470 HPL - Internet and Equipment - Updated

Billed Entity

HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
500 MCKINNEY AVE, SUITE 636 HOUSTON, TX
77002-5000 Harris
832-393-1313

Billed Entity Number: 141211
FCC Registration Number: 0014237382

Contact Information

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Number of Eligible Entities: 41

Application Type

Applicant Type: Library System
Recipients of Services: Bookmobile; Main Branch; New Construction Library; Public Library; Public Library System

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
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Consultants

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RFPS

ID	Name
237978	2027 ERate Equipment List

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		10 Mbps	25 Gbps	2	2	Each	Yes	

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name

Narrative

Houston Public Library System (HPL) is looking for the following internet services:
Internet Access, cable or equivalent - 50+ megs Cable connection, or equivalent at 1500 BINZ HOUSTON, TX 77004 (Children's Museum of Houston) with optional CIPA/Content filtering
Internet access, Fiber or equivalent - 10+ gigs at 500 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77002 (Houston Central Library)
Please provide quotes for fiber or cable or equivalent in addition to whatever other options you can offer within this range.
Please include quotes for whatever contract lengths/options you can offer.
Please include any installation/configuration and/or special construction/build-out costs as well as quotes for any network components that are necessary to deliver your service that will be billed separately.
As per E-Rate rules, all equivalent solutions will be accepted and evaluated.
Vendors - Please include your SPIN and the 470 number with your proposal. Please be advised that the numbers above are approximate. Please list all assumptions used in creating your proposals. The preferred mode of contact is email. The applicant takes no responsibility for phone inquiries. Please email all bid responses to this 470 Application to both the applicant contact person listed under Contact Information on the 470 Application and the consultant (ben@erateadvantage.com). If a separate proposal is not received from the incumbent service provider, bills from the incumbent service providers may be considered bids for this E-Rate year. All proposals must comply with FCC LCP rules as well as state and local laws. By submitting a bid on the requested services herein, the vendor certifies that its proposed prices are consistent with the FCCs Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) requirements and that its equipment and services are compliant with the FCCs Security Rules Order (FCC 19-121) prohibiting the sale, provision, maintenance, modification, or other support of equipment or services provided or manufactured by Huawei, ZTE Corporation, or any other covered company deemed a national security threat.

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components	Meraki or equivalent		39	28	Each	Yes	237978
Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses	Meraki or equivalent			71	Each	Yes	237978

Description of Other Manufacturers

ID	Name

Narrative
HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM is looking for the following network equipment. Please see RFP for more info: 71 - wireless access points and licenses (3-year), or equivalent and all related components, including any software or licenses. With option for install and configuration 24 - mounting kits, or equivalent and all related components, including any software or licenses. With option for install and configuration 4 - C9300X-NM-8Y= , or equivalent and all related components, including any software or licenses. With option for install and configuration If applicable, please provide the SKUs or manufacturer part numbers for the products/services listed in your quote. If applicable, please indicate if your organization is an authorized reseller of the equipment you are proposing. If applicable, please indicate if the equipment you are proposing is used equipment. If applicable, please indicate if the equipment you are proposing is gray market equipment or equivalent. As per E-Rate rules, all equivalent solutions will be accepted and evaluated. Vendors - Please include your SPIN and the 470 number with your proposal. Please be advised that the numbers above are approximate. Please list all assumptions used in creating your proposals. The preferred mode of contact is email. The applicant takes no responsibility for phone inquiries. Please email all bid responses to this 470 Application to both the applicant contact person listed under Contact Information on the 470 Application and the consultant (ben@erateadvantage.com). All proposals must comply with FCC LCP rules as well as state and local laws. By submitting a bid on the requested services herein, the vendor certifies that its proposed prices are consistent with the FCCs Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) requirements and that its equipment and services are compliant with the FCCs Security Rules Order (FCC 19-121) prohibiting the sale, provision, maintenance, modification, or other support of equipment or services provided or manufactured by Huawei, ZTE Corporation, or any other covered company deemed a national security threat.

Technical Contact

State and Local Procurement Restrictions

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
141211	HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Certifications

I certify that the applicant includes:

I certify that the applicant includes libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and, except for the limited case of Tribal colleges or universities, have budgets that are completely separate from any schools (including, but not limited to elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities).

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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