Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270005240
Form 470 2027-2028 Enterprise Network Services

Billed Entity

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DIST
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Billed Entity Number: 129871
FCC Registration Number: 0011609062

Contact Information

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Number of Eligible Entities: 65

Application Type

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

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
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Consultants

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RFPS

ID	Name
238254	CPS_FY2027_Enterprise_Network_Proposal_Requirements
238255	Appendix_A_Site_List
238256	Appendix_B_Network_Topology
238257	Appendix_C_Wired_Equipment_Inventory

ID	Name
238258	Appendix_D_Technical_Compliance_Matrix
238259	Appendix_E_Pricing_Schedule

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	Standalone Data Transmission Service		10 Gbps	100 Gbps	63	63	Each	Yes	238254, 238255, 238256, 238257, 238258, 238259

Description of Other Functions

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Narrative

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SCOPE B: Eligible wired internal connections, managed internal broadband services (MIBS) and basic maintenance (BMIC). Bidders choose ONE option for the whole district: (B1) management of CPS-owned equipment, or (B2) provider-owned or leased equipment, meaning the bidder supplies all wired equipment in Appendix C except the CPS core switches. Services include 24x7x365 monitoring, configuration management, firmware currency, incident response, hardware support and lifecycle planning. A single per-switch rate is required for CPS to add or remove switches. A phased transition is available only to B2 bidders, must be priced as a separate charge, and has a completion deadline stated in the RFP. CPS will not purchase equipment under this procurement.

E-RATE: Respondents must classify and separately price C1, C2 internal connections, MIBS, BMIC, partially eligible and ineligible items with a supportable allocation. A valid SPIN is required. CPS may adjust classifications for evaluation and funding purposes.

TERM AND PRICING: Five years, or three years plus two optional one-year renewals by written agreement of both parties. Prices for both structures are required. ALL pricing must be on the Appendix E workbook, and every section that applies to the bid must be completed. Incomplete pricing may affect evaluation.

START DATES: Scope A start date is proposed by the bidder (July 1, August 1, September 1, or October 1, 2027). Scope B starts July 1, 2027 for all bidders.

OTHER KEY REQUIREMENTS: Recurring charges are invoiced in equal monthly amounts; one-time charges are invoiced within 30 days after the work is completed. Work done before a Funding Commitment Decision Letter is at the bidder's risk unless CPS authorizes it in writing. The final agreement is subject to appropriation and an E-Rate funding contingency. CPS may add, remove or modify sites, bandwidth and switches at the contracted unit prices. Bidders must identify taxes, surcharges, licensing and subscription dependencies, subcontractors, late-payment charges, exit and transition charges, and any contract exceptions. Lowest Corresponding Price applies. Providers must retain E-Rate records for at least 10 years and provide at least 180 days of transition assistance at expiration when requested.

EVALUATION: E-Rate eligible price (25 points, the highest weight); technical architecture (20); additional CPS costs (20); service levels (15); implementation and transition (15); K-12 experience (5). CPS may disqualify a proposal only for no valid SPIN, no price for eligible products and services, or a violation of E-Rate competitive bidding rules.

PROPOSALS MUST:
- Be emailed to Bernice Riga, Cincinnati City School District, rigaber@cpsboe.k12.oh.us. You will receive an emailed receipt notification; if you do not, please email again until you receive it. Your email subject line must include the appropriate Form 470 number.
- Include the appropriate Form 470 number.
- Include the service provider's SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number).
- Be submitted as exactly three files (one proposal PDF and the completed Appendix D and Appendix E Excel workbooks), concisely address CPS requirements, and not include boilerplate or marketing material.
- Be received prior to close of bids on: January 19, 2027 8:00 AM Eastern.

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	No Preference			963	Each	Yes	238254, 238255, 238256, 238257, 238258, 238259
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Switches	No Preference		61	963	Each		238254, 238255, 238256, 238257, 238258, 238259
Managed Internal Broadband Services	Existing Equipment			61				238254, 238255, 238256, 238257, 238258, 238259
Managed Internal Broadband Services	Leased Equipment			61				238254, 238255, 238256, 238257, 238258, 238259

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State and Local Procurement Restrictions

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
129871	CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DIST

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.

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