Dixie County School District
Internet Connectivity – Request for Proposals

BEN Number: 127661
Funding Year 2027

FCC Form 470 Number: 270005708
RFP Number: DIXIE-FY2027-001

1. Overview

Dixie County School District is seeking proposals for internet connectivity through a qualified service provider for Dixie County Middle-High School under the E-Rate program for Funding Year 2027. Service is required to begin July 1, 2027, and proposals are due by January 7, 2027, as detailed in the schedule below. Please email all proposals to **erate@dixie.k12.fl.us**.

2. Procurement Schedule

Milestone	Date
RFP and 470 Posted	November 23, 2026
Questions Due	December 11, 2026
Proposals Due	January 7, 2027
Service Start Date	July 1, 2027

3. Communication and Questions

All communications regarding this solicitation must be submitted via email to **erate@dixie.k12.fl.us** with the FCC Form 470 number in the subject line. Verbal inquiries are not permitted.

Questions from Service Providers must be submitted by the Questions Due date in the Procurement Schedule. The District's responses and any clarifications will be issued by addendum, associated with the FCC Form 470 posting.

4. Proposal Requirements

Proposals must include all costs associated with providing service, clearly itemized as follows:

- Monthly Recurring Charges (MRC)
- Non-Recurring Charges (NRC)
- Special Construction Charges (SPC)
- Estimated taxes and surcharges

Proposals that do not clearly identify each of these charges may be deemed non-responsive and disqualified.

Proposals stating that additional MRC, NRC, or SPC charges may apply beyond the itemized charges may be deemed non-responsive. Likewise, generic listings of services outside the scope of this solicitation and encyclopedic price lists may be deemed non-responsive. Spam and automated responses will not be considered valid and may be disqualified.

Pricing submitted in response to this RFP shall remain valid through the District's E-Rate evaluation, FCC Form 471 filing, funding review, contract award, and implementation process. The Service Provider agrees to honor the proposed pricing and terms for the period of service associated with the awarded contract.

Service Providers must submit a draft contract or legally binding agreement along with their proposal. The contract must include all proposed pricing breakdowns. Final execution of the contract will occur only after service provider selection in accordance with E-Rate competitive bidding rules.

5. Requested Services

The District requests proposals for internet access delivered to Dixie County Middle-High School. Service Providers are required to provide pricing for the following bandwidth options:

- 4 Gbps
- 5 Gbps
- 6 Gbps

The District requires a /24 block of static public IP addresses, at minimum. The Service Provider must identify the handoff interface(s) and demarcation point(s) and supply a basic network diagram showing handoff and termination points. /24

The service must include defined Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for uptime, latency, and packet loss, along with restoration targets. The Service Provider must also offer 24x7 trouble reporting, escalation procedures, and support contacts.

6. Service Location

Site	Service Address
Dixie County Middle-High School	17924 SE Highway 19 Cross City, FL 32628

7. Contract Term and Conditions

Services are required beginning July 1, 2027. Service Providers must provide pricing for a **36-month contract with two optional 12-month extensions**, exercisable at the District's option. Prices may not increase during the agreement term, including the two optional extensions.

The agreement must allow bandwidth increases during the initial term and any renewal period. These increases will be treated as modifications to the existing agreement and will not extend the contract term. The agreement must also allow early termination of circuits without penalty if a District location closes. Subject to contract restrictions, the District may reevaluate services for cost-effectiveness at any time, including during renewal periods.

The District reserves the right to award all, part, or none of the services set forth in this procurement.

Funding Contingency: The services requested are contingent upon E-Rate funding approval and authorization by the District. The Service Provider shall not begin installation or services until authorized by the District through a written Notice to Proceed or other written authorization. If E-Rate funding is denied or reduced, the District reserves the right to reduce the scope of services or terminate the agreement without penalty.

Cancellation or Extension: The District may, at its sole discretion, cancel this procurement or extend the proposal due date. Any cancellation or extension will be issued by addendum in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC). Before any work starts, the District also reserves the right to terminate any contract and/or agreement with any Service Provider, including the apparent winner, regardless of whether USAC approves or denies the funding requested through this RFP. These termination rights override anything in the service provider’s contract.

8. E-Rate Requirements

The District requires the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) discount method. Service Providers that do not offer SPI billing will be disqualified.

The Service Provider must maintain a valid USAC Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN/498 ID) and comply with all applicable FCC and USAC E-Rate Program requirements. The Service Provider must file and maintain all required annual certifications, including FCC Form 473 (SPAC), and cooperate with the District in providing documentation necessary for E-Rate applications, invoicing, audits, and program compliance.

Consistent with E-Rate requirements, the cost of eligible services will be the highest-weighted evaluation criterion. Other criteria may be considered at a lesser weight.

By submitting a proposal, the service provider certifies that its proposed services and products comply with 47 CFR §§ 54.9 and 54.10 regarding covered communications equipment and services. Additional information is available from USAC at: https://www.usac.org/about/reports-orders/supply-chain/.

As required by 47 CFR § 54.500(f), proposals must offer the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP), meaning the lowest price charged to similarly situated nonresidential customers for similar services. Additional information is available from USAC at: https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/.

9. Service Provider Pricing Response

All proposed costs must be stated before application of any E-Rate discount. The District's E-Rate discount shall not be deducted from the pricing submitted in response to this RFP.

Attach additional pages if needed, but all charges must remain itemized by location and bandwidth option.

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Bandwidth	MRC	NRC	Special Construction	Taxes / Surcharges	Monthly Total (MRC + Taxes/Surcharges)	Notes
4 Gbps	$	$	$	$	$	
5 Gbps	$	$	$	$	$	
6 Gbps	$	$	$	$	$	

Clearly identify any E-Rate-ineligible costs. If an item is a one-time charge, clearly identify that in the notes or on an attached document.

10. Service Provider Information and Certification

By signing below, the Service Provider certifies that it is authorized to submit this proposal and agrees to the requirements, pricing, terms, and conditions contained in its response and this solicitation. Please include this signed certification and the completed pricing response from Section 9 with the emailed proposal.

Company Name: _____

SPIN / 498 ID: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____