

TO: IU13 **WAN Consortium** Request for Proposal (RFP) Vendors

FROM: Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU13)

DATE: **January 05, 2022**

RE: IU13 **WAN Consortium** RFP #212-011 Addendum #1

IU13 is issuing Addendum #1 with the following clarifications to questions concerning the IU13 **WAN Consortium** RFP #212-011. Please acknowledge receipt of this addendum by indicating bidder name and signature below. Return this document with the balance of the bid documents.

1. **Question 1:** Is this an ALL-or-Nothing Bid ?

Question 1 Answer: Please refer to sections 3.4 and 5.8 in the RFP.

2. **Question 2: (multiple questions consolidated here)** There is conflicting address information for 4 sites (shown below). Please confirm the correct physical address for each site in question.

Question 2 Answer: Addresses in the original RFP release were based on USAC's E-rate database entries. Where possible, the schools are making corrections to their entries in the EPC portal. Please use the physical addresses shown below for your proposal planning. Continue to use the original Attachment G - Price Proposal Workbook to submit your proposal. Attachments G and L (RFP_212-011.KMZ) will **NOT** be revised to reflect these corrections:

Location	Use This Physical Address
Ephrata Middle School	957 Hammon Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522
Bainbridge Elementary School	416 N Second St, Bainbridge, PA 17502
Middletown Administrative Building	55 W Water St, Middletown, PA 17057
John C Kunkel Elementary School	2401 Fulling Mill Rd, Middletown, PA 17057

3. **Question 3:** Is there flexibility in the Service Start Date?

Question 3 Answer: When completing Attachment G - Price Proposal Workbook, please be sure to enter your "Estimated Activation Date" as the earliest date (on or after the requested "Start Date") that you could reasonably activate service. While an inability to meet the requested "Start Date" is not a disqualifying factor, it is an evaluation factor as listed in section 6.1 of the RFP. Please refer to 6.1.C.2 for an explanation of this evaluation factor, and the expected vendor response.

4. **Question 4:** Is there a maximum fiber span distance for dark fiber installations?

Question 4 Answer: A maximum span distance has not been established. We would like to keep individual dark fiber spans under 80 km to minimize the cost of modulating equipment. Proposed spans over 80 km are not automatically disqualified, but will be evaluated accordingly for overall cost-effectiveness.

5. **Question 5:** Clarification regarding “Taxes and Fees on NRC” and “Taxes and Fees on MRC” on Attachment G - Price Proposal workbook.

Question 5 Answer: When completing these fields on the price proposal, please calculate an estimate of any taxes and fees that your company applies to the service being proposed. This requirement is detailed in several places in the RFP. Please bear in mind that failure to disclose “all taxes, fees, surcharges, etc. and their amounts or percentages in [the] proposal” may lead to disqualification, per section 5.9.e.

Understanding that the USF Contribution Factor changes quarterly, you may use the Q1 2022 rate of 25.2% (<https://www.fcc.gov/document/proposed-1q-2022-usf-contribution-factor-252>). If you are calculating based on a different USF Contribution Factor, please provide an explanation in your proposal.

OPTIONAL - Dark Fiber Site Visit Opportunities

Based on vendor requests, we are offering site surveys for the following sites where dark fiber service is solicited.

Please arrive on time. We will be following a tight schedule, so tours will start at the indicated time.

Be mindful of parking around the schools. If we are close to an apparent student arrival or dismissal time, please do not park near busses or high traffic areas, and be extra aware of foot traffic in the area.

We will adhere to all COVID mitigation protocols required at the time by the state for schools, as well as any district protocols; have a mask available.

Monday – Jan 10

(all times EST)

9:00 AM - Kutztown Jr High School

11:00 AM - Ephrata Middle School

1:00 PM - Bainbridge Elementary School

Printed Name of Bidder & Company Name

Signature of Bidder’s Representative