

Akrotech High School Request for Proposal

Issued in conjunction with Akrotech High School's E-Rate Form 470 January 2024

Akrotech High School is a vocational public charter school providing quality education for 64 Students in the greater Akron area. Over 90% of the children qualify for free or reduced cost meals. Akrotech High School was started in 2022 and is expanding its student population to 100 in SY 24/25

This proposal is released to provide additional information to providers responding to Akrotech High School's E-Rate Form 470. All services described in this RFP are within the scope of Akrotech High School's Form 470 for Funding Year 2024.

Akrotech High School is seeking proposals from interested parties on the following items

1. Category 1 : Dedicated Fiber Internet
2. Category 2:
 - a. 1 - Port 48 Layer 3 Switch, Meraki or Compatible
 - b. Fiber Internet - 1Gbps with Security appliance (Traffic blocking, VPN, website Filtering and routing) - 3 yr contract with 2 - 1 year optional renewals
 - c. 3 - Battery packs to connect to existing APC UPS

Category 1 - Dedicated Fiber Internet

Scope of Work

1. Provide a Minimum 1 Gbps download and upload transfer speed.
2. 5 Static IP Addresses
3. Managed security appliance - Meraki MX-250 or Equivalent
 - a. VLAN Routing
 - b. VPN Service
 - c. Internet filtering
 - d. Traffic blocking by category and country
4. Contract length will be 3 years with 2 option 1 year renewals
5. If the security appliance is not part of the service, License for 5 years

Service Provisioning Requirements

1. 24 x 7 x 365 online and/or telephone support
2. The respondent may not filter or log traffic in any way, with exceptions made for troubleshooting and support requests.
3. description of any conditions in which services may exceed negotiated pricing.
4. Provide description of any non recurring charges.
5. List service response time during service outage.

Category 2:

2A - Meraki MS250-48FP

1. Device is Meraki or compatible with the following feature
 - a. Layer 3 Routing
 - b. 48 ports
 - c. POE +
2. Cloud license to be 5 years minimum
3. Initial installment and configuration requirements

2B - APC UPS Battery Packs

1. 3 - SMX120RMBP2U APC Battery packs or compitible

Service Provisioning Requirements

1. 24 x 7 x 365 online and/or telephone support available
2. 1 Yr minimum warranty of service performed with installation and configuration
3. Work with onsite staff for Installation
4. Training of onsite staff as needed

Requirements for all respondents

1. All awarded contracts are required to be made on condition of the schools ability to procure all necessary funding through ERate and/or lack of financial hardships. No work will be completed until all necessary funding has been received by the school. All proposed contracts must be held open until ERate determines awards for Funding Year 2024.
2. Respondent is required to provide all tools unless otherwise specified in the response to this RFP. All installations will be coordinated through the technology coordinator.
3. All costs and fees, recurring or nonrecurring must be clearly identified. The respondent will be held responsible for any undisclosed expenses.
4. The respondent will coordinate all communication through the ERate coordinator. Communication will include email and telephone. On site review available for accurate bidding.
5. Respondents will carry insurance that will absolve Akros Middle School from any responsibility in the case of an incident.
6. All vendor responses to this RFP will be received independent of any written or oral communication received before the RFP Process. Therefore all responses must be conclusive in whole. Akros Middle School will not be responsible for any expenses or charges the respondent incurred during the preparation in response to the RFP

AkroTech High School may award the contract based upon initial vendor responses, without a discussion of such responses with other competing vendors. At its option, AkroTech High School may conduct oral presentations with selected vendors, request additional information and/or site visits from vendors still under active consideration. AkroTech High School is not required to hold such presentations and is not obligated to provide all vendors with such an opportunity.

Awards will be made at the discretion of AkroTech High School Technology Coordinator, Administration staff and Board members. It is possible that no award will be made to any vendor. The object is to secure those identified equipment and services that will best serve the overall needs of the school in terms of cost effectiveness, functionality, efficiency, compatibility and reliability.

The Vendor responses and supporting materials become the property of AkroTech High School. AkroTech High School will make reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

AkroTech High School reserves the right to accept any item or group of items proposed in any response. AkroTech High School reserves the right to purchase more or less of each item or service at the unit price offered in the vendor's response, and will discuss such decisions with all parties involved. AkroTech High School reserves the right to negotiate with respondents regarding variations to the original RFP specifications which may be in AkroTech High School's best interest.