

Bloomfield Public Schools
Lit Fiber and Dark Fiber Service
Request for Proposals

The Bloomfield Public Schools (BPS) is requesting to compare lit and dark fiber 10 Gbps, WAN connections between our Board of Ed building (BOE), which is our WAN/CEN hub location and our Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS). Currently in place, terminated, and lit is a single pair of fiber running at 10Gbps.

- Bloomfield Board of Ed (BOE): our WAN hub and CEN Internet link site located at 1133 Blue Hills Ave, Bloomfield, CT
- Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) 44 Griffin Road South, Bloomfield, CT

We are seeking 3 and 5 year contract options. All solutions should include installation and initial configuration (if needed), a method to report service outages and receive basic technical support without additional service fees, a single billing statement, and a service level agreement with a commitment to 99.9% up time.

All solutions can include special construction or one-time E-rate eligible non-recurring costs as well as E-rate eligible recurring circuit costs.

For dark fiber solutions, we are also seeking bids for the equipment to light the fiber. The district currently uses older Cisco products at both ends of this Pt to Pt WAN link and would like recommendations on modern Cisco switches or equivalent to be used at each building to connect the fiber to the local infrastructure if a device is not included in the pricing. The switch to be used should be capable of accessing a minimum of 10Gbps and higher connection speeds.

Based on the bids and both a short-term and long-term cost effectiveness analysis, we will determine which of the solutions is acceptable. Failure to include any requested information in the previous paragraph is grounds for disqualification. Please include your businesses e-rate SPIN number on the cover page of your bid.

Prices should be all-inclusive but maintain the ability to be broken out if requested. All-inclusive in this case means, including all special construction or non-recurring costs (NRC) required by the vendor to commence service, and all monthly recurring costs (MRC) should be included. We would prefer the option available under E-rate rules to amortize the non-discounted portion of any special construction costs over four years or the life of the contract, if the contract is shorter than four years.

This solicitation and resulting contract for all solutions is wholly contingent upon the successful funding and receipt of an E-rate funding commitment letter (FCDL). The successful vendor shall honor all pricing and contract components regardless of E-rate funding status.

All proposals should be submitted in electronic format as PDF files. Delivery can be made via E-mail to itdir@blmfld.org and must be received no later than 4:00 PM, 2/29/24. Incomplete proposals or late proposals will not be accepted. Any questions must be in writing and sent to itdir@blmfld.org. All questions will be answered on the districts website: <https://www.bloomfieldschools.org/page/technology>