



PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
LEASED LIT FIBER WIDE AREA NETWORK SERVICES
AMENDMENT 1

RFP Release Date: 11/1/2021
Vendor Questions Due: 11/15/2021 at Noon EST
Bid Due Date: 12/15/2021 at Noon EST

Amendment 1 Issued: 11/17/2021

The Pittsburgh School District hereby issues Amendment 1 to the Wide Area Network RFP to answer vendor questions received by the 11/15/2021 deadline.

- 1) Is the DSLA document itself something the successful service provider will provide or will the District produce a DSLA to sign? If it is a District document, can you please provide a copy so we have a complete understanding of the terms?

District answer: The DSLA document will be initially provided by the winning vendor and is expect to then be negotiated prior to a final contract signing.

- 2) Is the RFP Due Date 12/8/21 or 12/15/21? We see both dates in the RFP.

District answer: The RFP due date is 12/15/2021 at Noon EST.

- 3) Is the District looking for a Layer 3 solution or a Layer 2 solution?

District answer: The desired solution is Layer 2 (not Layer 3). The District seeks fiber that will terminate in vendor equipment at each district building. The District will configure its handoff ports with IPs for routing protocols across the provided service and the required solution must be able to support this. All network traffic must pass across the service, with no filtering, blocking, etc. provided by the vendor.

- 4) Would the District Core Switch at Hub control site to site and site to internet routing?

District answer: The District Core switches located at 8 S 13th will control site to site and site to Internet routing.

- 5) What are the Network Topology Requirements: Point-to-Points from Hub location or Protection on a Ring Topology?

District answer: Point-to-point (the only hub location at 8 S 13th).

- 6) Can Pittsburgh School District provide a current and/or a proposed or future state of the network?

District answer: We believe the RFP contains the relevant information needed for vendors to submit proposals. See also question 5.

- 7) Can the District accept 100Gb NNI ports with 802.1q tags to consolidate the number of handoff connections, or does the District require 1:1 physical connections for remote schools at the Network Hub (8 S 13th St) with 10Gb SFP's?

District answer: 1:1 physical connections with 10GB SFPs are required.

- 8) Our company can support 10 Gbps Optical SFP for either MMF or SMF -- which is preferred by the District?

District answer: MMF is preferred.

- 9) In buildings that will share a fiber connection, does the District already have existing connectivity between the structures, or is that part of the overall RFP that needs to be accounted for?

District answer: There is existing connectivity between schools that share fiber and no additional services/connections are needed. Vendors should propose connectivity only for the 60 circuits identified in the RFP.

- 10) Please elaborate on the reporting requirement specifics.

District answer: The District requires reporting to include Up/Down statistics and min/max/average bandwidth utilization.