



E-rate RFP
WAN Circuits
Internet Access Service
Network Equipment
Maintenance and Operation

Addendum #2

Answers to Additional Vendor Inquiries Received between August 23, 2021 and August 27, 2021

Addendum dated September 2, 2021

Please note – Answers to inquiries (Questions 1 – 18) received during the pre-bidding conference were issued via Addendum #1, dated August 23, 2021.

This Addendum addresses the most recent questions due through the deadline of August 27, 2021 for submission of Vendor inquiries.

IMPORTANT UPDATES –

The RFP narrative document and Appendix A, Price Template have been updated to clarify the requirements. All new or revised information is highlighted in **yellow**. Both documents have the date of 09.01.2021 in the document title.

The deadline for proposals is extended by one day, from September 29, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

19	Question -- Is the existing service a Layer 3 or Layer 2 service? If so, are you looking for a new vendor to deliver a similar service? Answer -- The existing service is a Layer 3 service. We are interested in both Layer 2 and Layer 3 solutions for leased lit fiber. We are also interested in leased dark fiber solutions which would be managed by the District. Please note that each Vendor may propose different and alternative solutions and is not limited to proposing one single solution for any of the service groups.
20	Question -- If the current solution is Layer 2 how many MAC addresses are being learned in the solution? Answer -- The current solution is Layer 3; therefore this question does not require a further response.
21	Question -- With respect to the Addendum 1, Question # 7 mentions "in house fiber." Does this refer to the fiber on the customer handoff side? Answer – Yes.
22	Question -- Do any of the schools require plenum rated materials in ceilings or basements etc. to reach the equipment room, and if so, please indicate which schools and approximate lateral footages of material such as plenum rated innerduct should be planned?

	Answer – The District requires plenum rated or armored materials for innerduct. The footages of material are not available or which schools require this material. Note that all vendors had an opportunity to observe which buildings require innerduct and to measure the approximate lateral footages of material that is needed during site visits pursuant to RFP Section 1.11.
23	Question -- Can you please confirm the District owns the existing conduits leading into each school? Answer -- Per the revised RFP dated 9/2/2021, there are two new sections that answer this question. 2.4.4 The following buildings currently have underground conduit that is available for the Vendor to use to install their facilities from their network to each building's demarcation point: 2.4.4.1 Washington 2.4.4.2 Ross 2.4.4.3 Lafayette 2.4.4.4 Wharton 2.4.4.5 Jackson 2.4.4.6 Martin 2.4.4.7 Fulton 2.4.4.8 Rockland 2.4.4.9 Reynolds 2.4.4.10 Lincoln 2.4.4.11 Smith-Wade-El 2.4.5 All other buildings not listed above in Section 2.4.4 require the Vendor to include in their proposal the installation of conduit from their network to the entry point into each building in which the Vendor's facilities must be installed.
24	Question -- Can the School provide conduit plans for the areas around the high schools? Answer – No. The District does not have conduit plans for the areas around the high schools.
25	Question -- Does the District require plenum innerduct in the buildings or will OFNR cable be sufficient? Answer – The District requires either armored or plenum innerduct in the buildings.
26	Question -- Do you currently have or would you have a free SFP port in each location at the time of turn up? Answer – Yes, the District has an available SFP port in each Layer 3 switch in the MDFs of each building at the time of turn-up of service.

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End of Addendum #2