



Notice of Information Item No. 2

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**Arlington Public Schools
Procurement Office**

Request for Proposal 49FY25

Request for Proposal Title:	E-Rate Internet/Network Services
Request for Proposal Number:	49FY25
Request for Proposal Issue Date:	November 21, 2024
Proposal Due Date and Time:	December 19, 2024, No Later Than 2:00 P.M.(EST)
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The following information is provided to help Offerors submit a Proposal in response to RFP 49FY25.

- Q1: Will APS please specify the exact demarcation information at the Equinix Facility??
- A1: *APS equipment is located at DC10, Suite 2210.*
- Q2: Will the district consider using different providers for each service (Dark Fiber, Colo, Internet Access)? Or should these services be bid as a bundled offering?
- A2: *Each service in the proposal needs to be compatible with the listed RFP requirements.*
- Q3: Please confirm the correct address: 1301 or 1701 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22201.
- A3: *The correct address is 1301 N. Stafford Street.*
- Q4: Does APS currently use district-owned fiber and DWDM equipment to transport internet access to the remaining school sites?
- A4: *APS utilizes county owned fiber and equipment for this purpose.*

Q5: Does APS' current funding from USAC include funding for dark fiber and internet access? Or Internet access alone?

A5: ***Internet access alone.***

Q6: Page 9/Section A of Scope - Fiber Optic Connectivity (3-part):

Can you confirm which data center address will be used (Filigree Court or Beaumeade Circle)? Or if both locations are to be involved do you have a preference which one connects to which APS site?

A6a ***Answer: Beaumeade Circle is the only location.***

If “Dark Fiber” cannot be provided, would “dedicated fiber” be considered?

A6b ***Answer: Dark fiber is required and any other type of fiber would not meet the requirements.***

What bandwidth is required for the connection between the Equinix Data Center(s) and the two (2) APS sites on North Stafford Street and South Taylor Street?

A6c ***Answer: APS equipment supplies the required bandwidth over dark fiber via DWDM equipment.***

Q7: Page 10/Section B – Co-Location Services:

Do you currently have Co-location services through Equinix? If so are you looking to change or move your colocation services to another provider? Please provide clarification on this section.

A7: ***Yes. APS is not looking to change co-location provider. If additional co-location space is required for the proposal it may be included.***

Q8: Page 10/Section C – Internet Services:

It is noted that 40Gb/100Gb bandwidth is in the scope, but would like to confirm that this is the required bandwidth for all school locations. Will a specific bandwidth requirement be needed for each school location?

A8: ***40Gb is the required bandwidth for all school locations, combined with the ability to expand to 100Gb in the future.***

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