

Request for Proposals

Internet Access and Transport Bundled

RFP NO.: 22-029-SB

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To All Interested Parties:

You are hereby invited by the District School Board of Pasco County to respond to the following:

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This document is intended to provide specific information regarding the solicitation. Information specific to this solicitation, not provided within this document can be located on the District School Board of Pasco County's (hereinafter referred to as the "District") online bid system, IONWAVE, within the tabs identified below:

Tab	Description
Event Details	Question and submittal deadlines, as well as contact information.
Messages	Additional information distributed by the District after issue date, if applicable.
Questions	Vendor(s) will submit questions here, where all vendors will have access to review the questions and responses.
Attachments	Vendor(s) must read all attachments and return applicable documents with their submittal.
Attributes	Series of questions for vendor(s) to complete.
Line Items	Vendor(s) will input pricing, discounts and any other information requested.
Response Attachments	Vendor(s) will upload and attach all applicable documents here.
Response Submission	Vendor(s) will enter their name and email address, then submit their response once all other tabs have been completed.

It is the responsibility of the vendor(s) to ensure all information within IONWAVE is reviewed and completed prior to submitting a response.

The District reserves the right to waive minor informalities in any proposal, to accept any proposal which they consider to be in the best public interest, and to reject any part of, or any and all proposals. Failure to read or comply with the terms and conditions in no way relieves vendor(s) from their liabilities arising hereunder. Solicitations cannot be withdrawn prior to Board approval without a valid written explanation from proposer and written consent of the Purchasing Director.

Respectfully,

James D. Class

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Attachment

Scope:

The intent of this RFP is to establish a five-year contract for Internet Access and Transport Bundled with a firm-fixed price between the District School Board of Pasco County and one (1) firm.

Term:

The initial term of this contract will commence on July 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect for five (5) years. It may be renewed for a period that may not exceed the term of the original contract, at the mutual agreement of the parties. Unit prices shall remain firm for the duration of the contract.

Award: This RFP will be awarded to the highest scoring, responsive and responsible firm that meets specifications.

Timeline:

RFP issued: February 4, 2022

Q & A Deadline in IonWave: February 16, 2022 at 2:30 pm ET

*Questions must be posted electronically using IonWave under the Q&A section.

Proposals due to Purchasing: March 7, 2022 at 2:30 pm ET

Evaluation: March 7, 2022 through March 11, 2022

Anticipated Board Award: April 5, 2022

Services Required:

The District School Board of Pasco County (District or DSBPC) is requesting proposals from qualified firms for:

- The awarded vendor shall provide a minimum of 20 Gbps Internet Access and Transport Bundled installed and running by July 1, 2022. The District will be upgrading over time to 100 Gbps multimode LC in the future.
- Proposers shall provide specification sheets for all vendor equipment that will be placed in Building #5, Office for Technology and Information Services, 20430 Gator Lane, Land O' Lakes, FL 34638 (hereafter OTIS DO building).
- The awarded vendor shall provide a 40 Gbps multimode LC termination at OTIS DO building, which will connect to customer provided firewall. The District will be upgrading over time to 100 Gbps multimode LC in the future.
- The proposer shall provide a monthly cost of DDoS Mitigation Service for required bandwidth and all proposed bandwidths as an option for the District to utilize. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the vendor's proposal.
- The DSBPC will provide a single public IP address to be utilized by the awarded vendor as the DSBPC's gateway.
- The awarded vendor will advertise the DSBPC's owned /18 public IP address spaces.
- All DSBPC owned IP addresses provided to the awarded vendor will revert to the DSBPC upon expiration or termination of this contract.

The apparent silence of any specifications and any supplemental specifications, as to any details, or the omission of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. Only materials of first quality and correct type, size and design are to be used. All workmanship is to be first quality. All interpretations of the specification shall be made upon the basis of this statement.

Codes, Standards, and Ordinances:

All work shall conform to the latest edition of the National Electrical Code, the Building Code, all local codes and ordinances, ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B.1 (Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling Standard Part 1, General Requirements); ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B.3 (Optical Fiber Cabling Components Standard); ANSI/TIA/EIA-569A (Commercial Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces); ANSI/TIA/EIA-607 (Commercial Building Grounding and Bonding Requirements for Telecommunications); and ANSI/TIA/EIA-758 and 758-1 (Customer-Owned Outside Plant Telecommunications Cabling Standard).

Contract Administration and Performance Reviews:

The District will, on a quarterly basis or more frequently, inspect work completed or in process to assure that the requirements of this contract are being met. Should it be found that the requirements specified herein are not being satisfactorily maintained, the vendor shall be contacted. Any discrepancies, inconsistencies, or items not meeting the specifications contained herein shall be corrected immediately, at no additional cost to the District. A second discrepancy notice shall serve as notification that any future discrepancies, inconsistencies, or items not meeting the specifications contained herein will result in termination of the vendor's right to proceed further with work under this contract. At that point the vendor shall be considered in default, and the contract will be subject to termination.

Debris Removal:

The awarded vendor shall be responsible for removal of all debris from District sites, and for cleaning work areas associated with the scope of work for this RFP.

Defective Material:

The awarded vendor shall agree to accept, for full credit and return shipping charges, the return of any item received which is found to be deficient in quality or so defective in packaging as to render the item unusable for its intended purpose. Merchandise so designated shall be replaced at the full expense of the awarded vendor within five (5) calendar days.

Implementation Plan:

A mutually acceptable implementation plan shall be developed between the District and the awarded vendor after Board award.

Personnel:

The District reserves the right to reject the participation of any personnel if, in relation to the work assigned by the District, their experience is deemed to be inadequate, or if the District considers their performance to be substandard, or otherwise detrimental to the proper completion of the services contained in this RFP.

The awarded vendor's staff is to present a professional appearance while on District property. Personnel shall be neat, clean, well groomed, properly uniformed, and will conduct themselves in a respectable and courteous manner while performing duties on District property.

Use of tobacco products is not allowable on School District property. Vendor personnel shall not play loud music, make unnecessary noise, or use language that causes offense to others. Possession of firearms will not be tolerated on District property, nor will violations of Federal and State laws, and any applicable District policy regarding Drug-Free Workplace. Violations will be cause for immediate termination of work under this contract.

Protection Of Persons and Property:

The awarded vendor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the performance of work under this RFP.

All curbs, driveways, sidewalks, drainage structures, manholes, underground piping, etc., shall be assumed to be in sound undamaged condition at the beginning of the work. Vendor shall, at their own expense, leave all such structures in a corrected or reconstructed condition that existed before work commenced. Vendors must identify damaged structures in writing to the District with copies of photographs prior to the beginning of work.

District employees have the authority to stop work if they see conditions that are considered unsafe. However, the District is not assuming the responsibility for safety matters, the awarded vendor will.

The awarded vendor shall take precautions for safety and shall provide reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:

1. Employees on the site of the work
2. Materials and equipment (on or off site)
3. Other property at the site or adjacent such as trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, and utilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of the work

The awarded vendor shall promptly remedy damage and loss to property that they cause. The awarded vendor is responsible for damage made directly or indirectly by someone employed by them. The foregoing obligations of the vendor are in addition to the vendor's obligations under the indemnification clause.

Security:

All personnel must coordinate with the facility's front office, plant manager, and/or security personnel. The awarded vendor's employees must wear vendor-issued identification badges and must sign in and out of the office when working or making deliveries during operational hours. All personnel must remain in the assigned work area.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the awarded vendor to safeguard their own materials, tools, and equipment. The District shall not assume any responsibility for vandalism and/or theft of materials, tools, and/or equipment.

Evaluation/Award Criteria:

Categories B through E will be evaluated and scored by two (2) District staff members. The weighted point system noted below will be used in evaluating Categories B through E. Each evaluator will be assigned points on a scale of five (5) high to zero (0) low, in each category, and then the points will be multiplied by the weight factor. Evaluator scores for each category will be totaled and then averaged to determine the respondent(s) scores. The responsive and responsible proposer meeting specifications with the highest average score will be recommended to the School Board. The District reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to use the services of lower-scoring Agencies should the awarded Agency not be able to satisfy the District's requirements for personnel.

The Internet Access and Transport Bundled bandwidth is anticipated to increase during the term of this contract. Additional bandwidth will be added at the stated unit costs on the line item tab. The awarded vendor's proposal must accommodate growth, with a rapid, easy upgrade to the higher bandwidth, with monthly billing that will be adjusted accordingly. All unit prices will remain firm and fixed for the duration of the contract. In other words, if the District upgrades from 20Gbps to 25Gbps, it would increase the unit price as quoted, however the term dates will remain the same.

Note that the District reserves the right to negotiate additional discounts if the market pricing declines.

Internet Access and Transport Bundled Evaluation Form:

Categories	Points	Weight	Highest Possible Points
A. Prices	45	N/A	45
B. Company Qualifications	0 – 5	2	10
C. Previous satisfactory work for District	0 – 5	1	5
D. Service Level Agreement (SLA)	0 – 5	1	5
E. System Monitoring Information	0 – 5	2	10
F. References	15 (5 per reference)	N/A	15
Total Max Points			90

Further explanations for the evaluation criteria are found on the Attributes tab in IonWave.