

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Putnam County CUSD 535

BEN: 135994

400 E Silverspoon Avenue
Granville, IL 61326-9697

FCC Form 470 – FY2025

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470# ----- - ACD ----

**Review all details contained in RFP to verify products, services and quantities
Refer to this RFP for specific bid/procurement details & requirements**

Vendor Questions and Bids:

- Must be submitted via email to the “Technical Contact” designated in this Form 470 (dave@erfs.us or drhornstein@gmail.com).

This provides the applicant with the ability to maintain a record of all vendor communications as required by program rules.

Bid Requirements and Specifications:

- All Bids must be emailed to Technical Contact.
- Bids are due by the close of business, 5:00 PM CST on the Allowable Contract Date (ACD).
The due date may be extended by the applicant because of unforeseen circumstances; the bidder must request an extension before the ACD; extension not to exceed 14-days beyond the original ACD.
- Include the correct Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) for the services being provided
- Include and current FCC Form 472 (SPAC)
- All bids should clearly delineate eligible and ineligible products/services (e.g., DDoS) and their associated costs; a “Scope of Work,” should be included for any installation services.
- Proposals that do not specifically address the services requested, are generic in nature or otherwise do not meet the requirements contained in this Form 470 and associated specifications will be considered non-responsive.
- Bidder is expected to provide the lowest corresponding price per E-rate Rules. For details see - <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/>
- Bidder must agree to provide the Applicant the choice of discount methods SPI or BEAR.
- All contracts awarded will be contingent upon E-rate funding and final board approval. The applicant may choose to do all or part of the project.
- All applicable fees, surcharges, and taxes must be identified on the bid. Fees and surcharges that apply but are not listed on the bid will be the responsibility of the bidding company, should their bid be awarded.
- Term: Minimum 1-Year contract; prefer where applicable 3-Year and will consider 5-Year contract. Services commence 7/1/2025, with an expiration date coterminous with the E-Rate year, 6/30/xx, with two voluntary (12) month extensions, as appropriate.

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State or Local Procurement Requirements

All service providers must follow local and state procurement requirements for schools, both private and public, public-school districts, and libraries.

Bids may be disqualified for the following:

1. **Late Submitted Bids:** All bids are due by the close of business on the Allowable Contract Date; the due date may be extended by the applicant because of unforeseen circumstances. Bids received after ACD shall be included in our review if the evaluation process has not been completed. However, points may be taken away from "Meeting Overall Needs," evaluation criteria.
 2. Proposals that do not specifically address the services requested, are generic in nature or otherwise do not meet the requirements contained in this Request For Proposal and associated specifications will be considered non-responsive.
 3. Proposals that do not include the name of the applicant, date of submission, FCC Form 470 number to which you are responding, will be considered non-responsive.
 4. Bidders must provide a 498 ID#(SPIN), and a current FCC Form 473 (SPAC), or provide evidence that they have filed for same.
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CATEGORY 2 SERVICES

Products should include all necessary hardware, ancillaries where applicable, each item listed should include associated eligible licenses, software, and basic maintenance and support.

Mandatory Walk-through, see below.

Additional Bid Requirements and Specifications for Category 2 Services:

- Vendors shall indicate their closest business office or service center to the applicant's location.
- If a preferred manufacturer is listed, bids for an alternative manufacturer must explain in detail that the equipment included in the proposal is functionally equivalent or exceeds the preferred manufacturer's equipment. The bid specification sheets for the alternative manufacturer equipment must be included in the bid. Alternative manufacturer equipment proposals that do not include this information will be rejected due to failure to comply with the minimum bid requirements.
- Bids must include all charges, including equipment costs itemized by component, shipping and any surcharges, applicable taxes. Labor, if requested as part of the service request, shall be itemized separately.
- Bids should include all necessary mounting brackets, cords, and hardware. Where applicable, each item listed should include associated eligible licenses, software, and basic maintenance and support.
- Products and services that are not fully eligible (100%), vendors must indicate the actual eligibility percentage in their bid/quote/proposal.

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Internal Connections (IC)

SCOPE OF PROJECT / SERVICES

Due to E-Rate bidding rules, we will accept bids that specify items / components that are **FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT** to the part numbers listed in this document.

CATEGORY 2 – Internal Connections

Qty.	Unit	Mfgr	Model / SKU#	Description
18	Each	Ubiquiti	U7-PRO-US	UniFi U7 Pro Tri-Band Wi-Fi 7 Access Point
6	Each	Ubiquiti	U7-PRO-MAX-US	UniFi U7 Pro Max Tri-Band Wi-Fi 7 Access Point
1	Each	Ubiquiti	U7-PRO-WALL-US	UniFi U7 Pro Wall Tri-Band Wi-Fi 7 Access Point
3	Each	Ubiquiti	U7-OUTDOOR-US	UniFi U7 Outdoor Tri-Band Wi-Fi 7 Access Point
1			MIBS	MIBS - 3Yrs Monitoring & Maintenance Services
	Hours	Estimate	Labor	Hang wireless APs
9	Each	MikroTik	CRS354-48G-4S+2Q+RM	Switch 48 x 1G RJ45 4 x 10G SFP+ and 2 x 40G QSFP+ ports
3	Each	MikroTik	CRS328-24P-4S+RM	Router Switch 24 Gigabit Ethernet ports 4 SFP+
30	Each	MikroTik	S+85DLC03D	SFP+ (10Gbit), 300m, Multi-Mode Transceiver with a LC connector, 850nm
10	Each	MikroTik	XQ+31LC10D	Compatible QSFP28 100GBASE-LR4 1310nm 10km DOM Duplex LC/UPC SMF Optical Transceiver Module
6	Each	MikroTik	XQ+DA0001	40/100 Gbps QSFP28 direct attach cable, 1m long. Enables direct connect between 2-100 Gigabit devices
	Hours	Labor		Stage/Configure Switches/VLANS
	Hours	Labor	Labor	Install / configure switches
250	Feet		CAT 6 UTP	Cable, blue
	Each		Hardware	
	Hours	Labor	Labor	Install cable

Firewalls and components – where not 100% eligible; indicate the percentage eligibility.

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- **Mandatory Walk-through:**

The Applicant's staff have set aside December 9th and December 11th, 2024, for its "walk through," as detailed below:

Date: **12/09 or 12/11, 2024 (Confirm at least one date, bidders may attend both "walk-throughs").**

Time: 03:05 PM CST

Location: 402 E Silverspoon Ave, Granville, IL 61326

Please confirm attendance with:

Jeff Rundle

Director of Technology

rundlej@pcschoools535.org

or

David Gornstein (Secondary)

E-Rate Funding Services, LLC

Dave.erfs@att.net

Questions – contact:

David Gornstein

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Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections (BMIC):

Break/fix maintenance and technical support required to maintain reliable operation of eligible internal connections, including services needed to repair or fix a break, interruption, or malfunction of an eligible internal connection. Includes, but not limited to, repair and upkeep of eligible hardware (coverage), wire and cable maintenance, configuration changes, basic technical support including online, and telephone based technical support; software upgrades and software patches, such as bug fixes or security patches, etc.

- Provide Hourly Rate: Applicant estimates (2-3) hrs. per week; not contingent upon a guaranteed number of hours; applicant will only pay for work completed.
- Contract Term: Quote (1), (2), or (3) year
- Vendor invoice: must indicate services as, Basic Maintenance of eligible equipment or similar nomenclature; and **must specify the actual monthly hours of work performed.**

An equipment register is attached.

Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS):

Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS) (including managed Wi-Fi): services provided by a third party for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connection components, including actual day-to-day tasks that directly support and are necessary for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries. Includes: but not limited to monitoring all eligible hardware and software, reporting on overall health and stability of system(s); accurate reporting and strategic recommendations: services necessary to manage and repair the LAN/WLAN network, such as diagnostic services, 24-hour network monitoring, or helpdesk support; installation, activation, and initial configuration of eligible components.

- Provide an hourly or monthly Rate
- Contract Term: Quote (1), (2), or (3) year
- Vendor invoice must indicate services as, Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIB) or similar nomenclature.

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EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The Applicant, in compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules, will award to the vendor(s) providing the most cost-effective service offering. Per the Sixth Report and Order, FCC 10-175, FCC rules dictate the following:

§ 54.503 (c)(2)(vii) All bids submitted for eligible products and services will be carefully considered, with price being the primary factor, and the bid selected will be for the most cost-effective service offering consistent with § 54.511.

§ 54.511 Ordering Services (a) Selecting a provider of eligible services. In selecting a provider of eligible services, schools, libraries, library consortia, and consortia including any of those entities shall carefully consider all bids submitted and must select the most cost-effective service offering. In determining which service offered is the most cost-effective, entities may consider relevant factors other than the pre-discount prices submitted by providers, but price should be the primary factor considered.

The Applicant may consider factors other than price alone in the consideration of bids; price for E-rate eligible goods and services will be the primary factor considered.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Criteria	Rating
Price / cost *	40%
Meeting Overall Needs	20%
Experience with School/District	20%
Vendor's Ability with E-Rate	10%
Local Presence	10%

Price / cost * - review based on eligible products/services, any ineligible products/services have been removed. NRC where applicable will be

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