

**E-RATE Funding Year 2022 (7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023)**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**470 No. 220006671**

**PROSPECT HTS SCHOOL DIST 23**  
**700 N SCHOENBECK RD**  
**PROSPECT HTS, IL, 60070-1231**

**Internet Access and WAN Circuits**

**PROSPECT HTS SCHOOL DIST 23** is seeking quotes for Internet Access at its hub and WAN Connections to two of its sites. It is also seeking quotes for a self-provisioned connection between two schools on the same property.

**Current situation**

Prospect Heights School District 23 is currently under contract for 5 Gbps of Internet Access at Anne Sullivan School 600 N. Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights, IL and a 1 Gbps of Internet Access at Eisenhower Elementary School 1 N. Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights, IL. Also, a 1 Gbps WAN connection from Anne Sullivan School to its Dwight D. Eisenhower School at 700 N. Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights, IL.

The contract for these services expires 6/30/2022. The District is considering subsequently joining the State of Illinois DoIT/ICN Consortium for these services. Should the District join the Consortium, it will need to continue the Internet Access and the WAN connection until such time as the Consortium's circuits are in place and fully functional. It requires month-to-month pricing for the interim.

The District will consider a new contract with the existing vendor or other responsible bidder.

Furthermore, the District owns a fiber link between Anne Sullivan School and MacArthur Middle School situated on the same property. Since these are two different schools, the connection is Category One. This connection needs to be upgraded.

**Internet Access**

**Please quote** Month-to-Month and 36-Month Term pricing for 5 and 10 Gbps to the District's hub at Anne Sullivan School.

**WAN Circuits**

- A. **Please quote** Month-to-Month and 36-Month Term pricing for 1, 5, and 10 Gbps Connections between Anne Sullivan School and Dwight D. Eisenhower School.

Service Provider **must include an option to continue service month to month after expiration of the contract** for both Internet Access and WAN connections to ensure the district is not without Internet Access and/or Wide Area Network services while in transition.

- B. **Please quote** pricing for 5-, 10-, and 20-year contracts for bandwidth of 10, and 100 Gbps between Anne Sullivan School and MacArthur Middle School. Recall both schools are one the same property.

## Self-provisioned

Please quote complete pricing for a self-provisioned connection between Anne Sullivan School and MacArthur Middle School. Please quote separately any network equipment that would be needed to make the connection fully operational. This connection should be able to provide bandwidth of 10 to 100 Gbps. If installing more than two strands of fiber, provide documentation showing that using more than two strands is the more cost-effective solution.



## Mandatory Meeting for Self-Provisioned Providers

Self-provisioned networking Service Providers wishing to respond need to be aware that there is a Mandatory Meeting on

Thursday, January 6, 2022  
9:00 – 10:00 am  
Grotsky Administration Building  
700 N. Schoenbeck Rd.  
Prospect Heights, IL. 60070

Please register for the meeting by emailing Maria Stavropoulos, Director of Technology, at [mstavropoulos@d23.org](mailto:mstavropoulos@d23.org) by EoB Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Provide your company's information and attendee(s) with their titles, email addresses, and cell phone numbers in case current circumstances require that the meeting be rescheduled.

All vendor representative's must be in compliance with Illinois Sex Offender Regulations. If necessary, refer to <https://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/faq.cfm>.

In light of the pandemic, do not register more than two people per company. All attendees are required to wear facial covering and maintain proper social distances.

All post-meeting questions must be emailed to Maria Stavropoulos by Noon, Thursday, January 20, 2022. Replies including the originating email will be sent to all meeting participants.

**All quotes must be submitted by End of Business, Thursday, February 3, 2022. This submission date is for self-provisioning responses only. All others are to be received by Noon of the Allowable Contract Date.**

## Procedures

**All quotes** must clearly delineate

- ELIGIBLE and INELIGIBLE products/services and their associated costs.
- RECURRING and ONE-TIME charges.

**All Internet Access and Wide Area Network quotes** must clearly indicate:

- the type of connectivity (e.g., fiber, coaxial, microwave, etc.);
- whether an E-Rate C1 eligible bundled basic firewall is provided;
- whether an E-Rate C1 eligible domain name service is provided;
- whether an E-Rate C1 eligible dynamic host configuration is provided; and
- the Scope of Work for any installation services.

All information requests must be emailed to the Technical Contact with a copy to the consultant, Gerry Zeller, at [gzeller@zellerandassociates.com](mailto:gzeller@zellerandassociates.com).

Quotes should be delivered via e-mail or e-mail with attachment with the Subject Line: "Response to E-Rate Request for Quotes" to the Technical Contact with a copy to Gerry Zeller, [gzeller@zellerandassociates.com](mailto:gzeller@zellerandassociates.com).

Quotes must be received no later than 12:00 pm on the Form 470's Allowable Contract Date.

All quotes must be submitted in a form and manner so as to comply with all applicable laws of the state of Illinois.

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.

By submitting a bid on the requested services herein, the vendor certifies that its proposed prices are consistent with the FCC's Lowest Corresponding Price ("LCP") requirements (see 47 CFR Part 54 Section 54.500(f)).

By submitting a bid on the requested services herein, the vendor certifies that its equipment and services are compliant with the FCC's Orders. FCC 19-121, and the Code of Federal Regulations, 47 CFR 54.9 which prohibits the use of universal service support to obtain, maintain, improve, modify, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by any company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain. This includes equipment or services provided or manufactured by Huawei, ZTE, Hytera, Hangzhou, Hikvision, Dahua, or any other "covered company" deemed a national security threat.

The Service Provider acknowledges that all pricing and technology infrastructure information in its contract shall be considered as public and non-confidential pursuant to CFR Part 54 Section 504 (2)(i)(ii).

The preparation and submission of a quote will be by and at the expense of the bidder.

The applicant reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, to make an award other than to the lowest quote, to make an award to a quote for only a portion of goods described in its quote, to make award for all or some of the applicant's sites or reject a quote which is in any way incomplete or irregular.

The awarding of a submitted quote may be contingent upon the approval of funding from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Program.

Quotes must include a written statement that "the quote is firm and will not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days" after the Schools and Libraries Division issues its Funding Commitment Decision Letter to the applicant's appropriate Form 471 for Funding Year 2022.

Consultant is not involved in the competitive bidding decision making process.

Bidders must have a service provider's 498 Identification Number (SPIN) and have filed a current FCC Form 473 Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC) for FY2022.

Bids may be disqualified for the following:

1. Late Submitted Bids: bids are due by 12:00 PM CST on the Allowable Contract Date. The due date may be extended by the applicant as a result of unforeseen circumstances.
2. 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.
3. Proposals that do not include name of the applicant, date of submission, FCC Form 470 number to which you are responding, will be considered non-responsive.
4. Bidders that do not provide a 498 ID#(SPIN), nor evidence that they have a current FCC Form 473 (SPAC

## Evaluation

% Weight	Criteria
30	<b>E-rate eligible recurring and one-time circuit costs<sup>1</sup></b>
20	Ability to support requirements of this RFP <sup>2</sup>
15	Proposed Contract terms and conditions <sup>3</sup>
15	Service reliability and dedicated infrastructure <sup>4</sup>
15	E-rate ineligible recurring or one-time costs <sup>5</sup>
5	Complete bid submission <sup>6</sup>

### 1. Criteria Explanation

1. E-rate eligible costs: the total cost of ownership for the eligible components of the proposed service. Total cost of ownership takes into account all one-time and recurring costs. Note that E-rate eligible costs refers to the pre-discount cost of the solution, not the post-discount portion of costs that are the responsibility of the Applicant. This criterion must be the highest weighted per E-rate program rules.
2. Ability to support requirements of this RFP: proposed solution clearly meets Applicant's requirements and needs
3. Proposed contract terms and conditions: Proposed contract has flexibility and terms desired by Applicant
4. Service reliability and dedicated infrastructure: Solution provides dedicated infrastructure for Applicant's service with no shared equipment or routing of traffic through aggregation hubs.
5. E-rate ineligible costs: Any costs of the proposed service that are not eligible for E-rate funding. This does not refer to the post-discount portion of eligible costs that are the responsibility of the Applicant.
6. Complete bid submission: Bids concisely address Applicant's requirements, as set forth in the RFP, and do not contain a significant amount of corporate boilerplate marketing information