

## Category 2

### Questions and Answers: #1

Please find below a list of questions regarding the East Carroll Parish School District (ECPSB) bid for E-rate Category 2 Equipment and Services.

- On the 10 gig at the fan out panel at the rack, is it okay to have ST to LC?  
**Please review any plans, layout, allowances or adjustments referenced in the RFP. Variation in fiber connectors will be included.**
- How many active drops do you want replaced per site, per location? Please include # of WAP's and wall drops per end user.  
**Adhering to the Eligible Internal Connection List, RFP observations during walk through will determine.**
- Do you want to replace the infrastructure with Cat6?  
**We would like to replace Category 5 wiring with Category 6**
- Does the firewalls need to be replaced?  
**Firewall is not included in the RFP**
- Will you need anti-virus software for end users?  
**As per the Anti-Virus Software – Software that meet the guidelines and is needed to ensure the best functionality of the devices.**
- Where is the locations of the firewall, routers, switches and WAP's (wireless access points) that need to be “reconfigured” located?  
**Location: ECPSB Media Center and school sites. You could have possibly discovered them in your walk through.**
- During the walkthrough, we noticed that there are switches and racks that were inoperable. (example: GTA Rm126) Will these be removed or replaced?  
**The RFP makes describes provisions for replacement of switches. (I am not sure of the location for the acronym used for the school name). Determine if inoperable switches are needed to reach the desired outcome outlined in the RFP.**
- What is the windows of operation? Will we be able to work overnight?  
**Window of operation will depend on the award season. Scheduling will be defined. (See page 5.)**
- Who's responsible for the disposal of equipment and packaging?  
**District guidelines and procedures for discarding equipment will be followed. Please reference page 8 of the RFP(clean up.)**
- Will we have access to the previous Technology Usage Policy and security setups and configurations? **Security best practices are a priority. You will have access to the Technology Usage Policy and any configurations that are available.**
- Do you need an I.T. consultant to review policies AND train students and staff?  
**See page 1 of the RFP for training required.**
- Are these proposals open to modifications?  
**See page 6 of the Category 2 RFP**

- What are the deliverables in the multi-year agreement reference under the Contract Term and Modifications - Due to anticipated supply chain delays, Applicant prefers a multi-year agreement (term dates April 1, 2023 - September 30, 2025). An initial award term of April 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024, with one optional renewal to align with an extended E-rate service delivery deadline is also acceptable.  
**Deliverables- any supplies or equipment that is needed to meet the needs of the project and cannot be acquired timely. May possibly be extended to the length time for approved E-rate funding.**
- How many switches and routers are needed per location?  
**Please view 'Proposal Pricing Worksheet' (Cat. 2 RFP supporting document) (Also see page 5 concerning quantities.)**

**Questions and Answers: # 2**

1. For your switches – we are assuming L3 for core with L2 in the access layer closets is that correct? **Please view Proposal Pricing Worksheet (RFP supporting document) for recommendation for switches or compatible.**
2. Does any sites require more than a single fiber aggregation location/switch?  
**Multi-fiber aggregation is optional.**
3. For core and/or aggregation switching...does the district require N+1 core/aggregation switching functionality using diverse IDF uplinks? **Yes**
4. RFP page 1 states: Cat 6 Cabling **to replace** replaced... can you please clarify this statement? Are you requesting that all current cabling to be replaced? **Yes.**
5. RFP page 1 states: Replacements or existing wiring rack with enclosed cabinets... are you able to tell me how many and also the size of enclosures you need? 6U / 12U, etc. Wall Mount / Floor Mount? **Approximately 23- 6U - Wall**
6. Are we able to come onsite and view current IDF / MDF closets to be able to give more detailed response? **Last day to RSVP site visits was January 26, 2023.**