

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

E-Rate proposal 470 240004753-Campus Core switches and supporting equipment

The following questions have been submitted concerning the E-Rate proposal shown above. All questions received by the posted deadline of 5:00 PM, CST, Thursday, December 7, 2023 are provided verbatim from what was received and have been answered, which are highlighted.

It will be the responsibility of the proposer to determine what, if any, information from the Questions and Answers provided herein will be applicable in the submission of a proposal. As stated in Section V (Evaluation Criteria), Letter C (Proposal Evaluation Process and District's Rights and Reservations): "The submission of a proposal will be prima facie evidence that the Responder has full knowledge of the scope, nature, quantity and quality of work to be performed; the detailed requirements of the specifications; and the conditions under which the work is to be performed."

No Amendment to the Proposal will be issued and the Opening Date remains unchanged.

Question #1:

We are interested in bidding on this proposal but we have a question or two. On page 26 of this proposal it's talking about an E-RATE CERTIFICATION and a SPIN number. Can you please explain to us what those are and how we obtain this E-Rate certification?

Answer #1:

The solicitation provides information on what the District is intending to purchase through participation in the E-rate program, as administered by USAC. For information on becoming a Service Provider in order to be eligible to submit a proposal, please visit: <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/> to obtain more information and to complete any necessary steps.

Question #2:

Are you mostly interested in Aruba switches, APs, and connectors? Would you want to see offers from CISCO, Meraki, Extreme ... etc. I see Aruba or equivalent on the 470 but just want to know if you have a preference.

Answer #2:

Requested equipment is detailed in Section VII. If offering an alternative item, sufficient technical specifications must be submitted to show equivalency of, and integration with, existing Aruba solution. Sufficient technical specifications must also include any additional software, licensing, or hardware to provide a seamless operating experience.