

E-RATE YEAR 15 (2012-2013) RFP
Internet Access - Internet Service Provisioning (ISP) over ATM and T1
for
Monson-Sultana Joint Union Elementary School District

470 Application #: 224880000997036

Submission Deadline: February 17th, 2012 12:00p.m. (noon)

Monson- Sultana Joint Union Elementary School District wishes to take
advantage of E-Rate funding discounts.

To that end, the applicant: the Monson-Sultana Joint Union Elementary School District (DISTRICT) is seeking proposals for the upcoming Year 15 round of E-Rate (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013). The District is seeking a one-year contract for Internet Access/Internet Service Provisioning (ISP) over existing ATM/IMA and T1 connections from a qualified service provider.

ISP Service Provider Criteria and Contract Requirements:

The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for participating in the Federal E-Rate program.

Prices must be held firm for the duration of the E-Rate Year 15 fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 or until all work associated with the project(s) are complete (including any SLD approved extensions)

These projects and services depend on partial funding from the E-rate program.

- Applicant expects the Service Provider to make themselves thoroughly familiar and compliant with any rules or regulations regarding the E-rate program and service provider requirements. <http://www.usac.org/sl/default.aspx>
- All contracts entered into as a result of this RFP will be contingent upon the specific funding of the FRN at the percentage rate submitted for.
- The maximum percentage the Applicant will be liable for is the pre-discount amount minus the funded amount as shown on the form 471 Block 5. The Service Provider will be responsible for invoicing the Schools and Libraries Division for the funded amount.
- NO billing or work can take place before July 1, 2012.
- In the event of questions during the E-Rate audit process, the successful vendor is expected to reply within 3 days to questions associated with their proposal.

- The contractor is responsible for providing a valid SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number) at the time the bid is submitted
- Proposals must include FCC Registration Number.
- All work is subject to the 100% approval of the project or purchase by the FCC under the E-rate discount program of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- All Service Providers will be responsible for procuring the discounted amount from the SLD. Applicant will not provide the form 472 Bear form reimbursement process as a funding mechanism.

Scope of Contract:

The DISTRICT is seeking an Internet Service Provider Provisioning point (ISP) for its ATM/IMA and T1 (also know as "COPPER") connectivity procured under separate contract via the CalNet II State Master Agreement.

1. Be it known that the district has issued an RFP seeking a multi-year contract for internet access connectivity via lit fiber beginning in Erate year 15 (2012-2013) which would replace the CalNet II COPPER connectivity.
 - a. It is expected that if a viable contract is executed for fiber connectivity; there would be a change out of the ISP provisioning from the existing T1 and ATM/IMA connectivity service provider to the newly contracted fiber connectivity ISP service provider at some point in the funding year.
 - b. To that end, the ISP executing this contract must be prepared to deliver connectivity for the life of the ATM/IMA and T1 (COPPER) connection of the funding year ONLY. Once the change out to the new Fiber connection occurs, this ISP service contract will be terminated and the contract for the Fiber ISP provisioning will begin.
 - c. There is an understanding that there may be a short term overlap of ISP provisioning during the transition between the COPPER and FIBER connections contracted for. In the event that no viable fiber connectivity is obtained in Erate Year 15 (2012-2013), the contract secured under this RFP would continue to provision the internet via the existing T1 and ATM/IMA COPPER connection for the duration of the Erate funding year.
2. Service Provider will provide Internet Service Provider Access Points (also know as provisioning) for the school district via ATM-IMA and T-1 Digital Transmission Services obtained under separate contract.

- a. District is responsible for obtaining all telecommunications DTS lines and ports under a separate contract and to maintain all equipment at District MPOE or connectivity. This contract is for the provisioning point of access to the Internet.
- b. Internet Access Point provisioning must be capable of at least 6Mbps of bandwidth which is the ATM-IMA's maximum transmission rate.
- c. Service Provider is responsible for all telecommunications transfer costs incurred as a result of change of service from present provider of access point provisioning.
- d. Service Provider must provide all service and support for maintenance of access point established including configuration of District's router and termination point.
- e. Term of service for contract is: July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.

Proposal Evaluation:

It is anticipated that a contract will be made with the provider whose proposal is determined to be in the overall best interest of the DISTRICT. The main evaluation considerations are price, industry experience, and qualifications. A copy of the bid evaluation matrix is available on request.

Proposals must be submitted in writing. Digital signatures are acceptable.

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Deliver by email, hand or common carrier to:

Monson-Sultana Joint Union Elementary School District

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Late proposals will not be accepted.

All requests for information (RFI) should be made via e-mail to Vicki Worthley at

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