

E-RATE YEAR 15 (2012-2013) RFP
Internet Access - Internet Service Provisioning (ISP) over Fiber
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 multi-year contract for Internet Access/Internet Service Provisioning (ISP) over a newly contracted fiber connection. Contract period runs from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017.

ISP Service Provider Criteria and Contract Requirements:

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

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 or connectivity 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 and the SLC 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 the new fiber connection procured under separate contract by a service provider who is yet to be determined.

1. The district has issued an RFP seeking a multi-year contract for internet access connectivity via fiber beginning in Erate year 15 (2012-2013) which would replace the existing ATM/IMA and T1 connectivity already in place. That contract period is July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017.
2. 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 ISP service provider to the newly contracted fiber ISP service provider named in this contract on July 1, 2012, or at some point during the funding year.
 - a. To that end, the ISP executing this contract must be prepared to deliver connectivity at the time that the FIBER connection is actually made available for the remaining portion of the funding year. The start date for fiber ISP provisioning can only occur once the fiber connectivity is established.
 - b. In the course of the change out to the new Fiber connection, the ISP service contract with the ATM/IMA and T1 ISP will be terminated and the this contract for Fiber ISP provisioning will begin service.
 - c. There is an understanding that there may be a short term overlap of ISP provisioning services during the transition between the COPPER and FIBER connections. It may be necessary for the provider to prorate the contracted cost of the ISP service to coincide with the actual service start date. A prorate provision should be included in the contract.
 - d. The contract sought under this RPF is conditional on the district procuring a fiber connection between the DISTRICT and the internet service provider (ISP). In the event that no viable fiber connectivity can be provided in Erate Year 15 (2012-2013), the ATM/IMA and T1 internet service provider would continue to provision the internet via that existing T1 and ATM/IMA COPPER connection for the duration of the Erate funding year and this contract would become null and void.
3. Service provider will provide an Internet Service Provider Access Point for the school district via Fiber provided under separate contract.
 - a. District is responsible for obtaining all fiber lines and ports and to maintain all equipment at District MPOE under a separate contract .
 - b. The Internet Access Provisioning Point (service) must be capable of 100Mbps of bandwidth to the world wide web.
 - c. Service Provider must provide all service and support for maintenance of the access point provisioning including any configuration of District's router and termination point necessary.

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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Late proposals will not be accepted.

All requests for information (RFI) should be made via e-mail to Vicki Worthley at admin@msschool.org. Be aware that all parties will be copied on the questions and responses.