



**Solicitation Information
November 18, 2014**

Addendum #2

RFP # 7549107

**TITLE: PROVIDE INTERNET ACCESS FOR PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOLS
AND LIBRARIES**

Submission Deadline: November 26, 2014 at 2:30 PM (Eastern Time)

**ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO
FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.**

**Gail Walsh
Chief Buyer**

Vendor A

1. How is the service being delivered from the head end at 235 Promenade Street in Providence or to each individual school & are we talking about regular Internet or Internet 2.

RIDE and the Library network operate a high-speed wide area network(s) through relationships with consortia serving each type of entity with equitable access to network services regardless of location for all school or library sites. It is comprised of a wide range of network circuits inter-connected to create an information network. The schools and libraries, along with RIDE, continue to be connected to the head end at 235 Promenade St. Vendors can propose either “regular” Internet and/or Internet 2.

2. I am confused on the Internet RFP. In the past the request has been to deliver a bulk Internet PIPE to RIDE at 235 Promenade. From there RIDE would use the connectivity that is place (the Ethernet circuits) back to the head ends at each school district to deliver Internet to the head end.

In reading this RFP, there is no request for a large Internet pipe, rather the spreadsheet is pretty much identical to the Ethernet connections to all the schools (which is being addressed in RFP 7549104).

Where is the Internet to be delivered (is it one big pipe at 235 Promenade) or to each individual school (which is not how it was delivered in the past)

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Vendor B

1. We respectfully request a two week extension to ensure we have the most competitive solution and pricing available to present to the State of Rhode Island.

In order for Schools and libraries to meet USAC(E-rate) filing deadlines, no extension can be allowed.

2. Will the State of Rhode Island consider pricing for access on an individual case basis?

No. The resulting MPA will be open to all schools and libraries in Rhode Island.

In order to provide the most competitive solution, the Offeror would like to evaluate all access pricing on an individual case basis (ICB). We believe this will allow the Offeror to shop for the most competitive pricing among vendors since the Offeror does not have an On-Net presence in Rhode Island. The Offeror will provide static port and usage pricing for the purpose of this RFP. Please let us know if we can move forward with our response with this consideration in mind.

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