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ADDENDUM # 3

RFI: 7550806

**TITLE: E-Rate Modernization: Options for Improvements to
Broadband and Internet Services for School and Libraries**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 17, 2016 at 1:00 PM (ET)

Notice to Vendors:

BELOW ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES.

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Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be posted.

Responses to questions received regarding RFI #7550806

1. Would the state consider extending the RFI response date by 1 week? This would be helpful to us as a provider.

**The RFI submission deadline has been extended to Wednesday August 17, 2016
@ 1:00 PM EST**

2. Is there a committee reviewing this response?

Yes.

3. If so, who are the committee members that were appointed by RIDE for the purposes of this RFI? Please include their positions/titles within the State of RI. This would help us to frame our responses to the teams technical expertise

This information is not necessary to provide responses to the questions posed. For informational purposes, there is no vendor participation on this committee. RIDE is gathering information to help inform its future direction in this area. Responses should not be limited based on a determination of technical expertise.

4. Will these committee members be responsible for setting the course of action for RIDE's telecommunications initiatives when it comes to making technical recommendations on behalf of all of the schools in the State of RI?

RIDE is responsible for determining the course of action for its telecommunications initiatives on behalf of schools and public libraries.

5. What is RIDE's role in the acceptance of any newly constructed service? How much will RIDE manage any new/different Internet and/or WAN service?

RIDE is looking for the best ideas from the marketplace and has not placed any boundaries on the ideas it seeks.

6. Is there a preference to lit versus dark fiber or combined IP and Transport?

We are looking for the best ideas from the marketplace and have no preference at this time. If you have further information that we should be aware of as a provider on these services, please share it in your responses.

7. Will RITEAF funding still be available in the application of a converged solution of transport and IP serves (regarding question 3).

Currently RIDE uses the RITEAF funding toward the telecommunication lines. We are open to using these funds in another manner should RIDE's ultimate decision result in a new direction. We are open to your ideas.

8. With respect to content filtering and firewall services; are the schools and libraries aware of the implications of procuring and managing each of these services independently?

No decisions have been made at this time. Once direction is ultimately determined, appropriate communications will take place. At this time this is simply a request for information seeking the best ideas from the vendor community.

9. Please clarify the need for a relay station located at 9 Greenhouse Road.
 - a. (Above is in relation to question 5).

Question 5 describes what exists and is essentially looking for alternate ways to provide services if the requirement to route network traffic through 235 Promenade Street were removed.