



Solicitation Information
October 5, 2020

Addendum #1

RFP #7608809

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

Submission Deadline: October 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM (ET)

Please Note Important Changes:

1. Attached are vendor questions with State responses. No further questions will be answered.
2. Names of respondents to this RFP will be read aloud via Zoom Meeting.
Details are attached to this posting.
3. The requirement for paper copies is omitted. Send only one paper response marked "Original". Please send original CD-R and four (4) CD-R copies of both your technical and cost response. Your CD-R copies will be the basis for your proposal evaluation; please make sure they are identical to the original.

Section 7. Proposal Contents Items 4 and 5 are omitted and superseded by the following language:

4. Technical Proposal - describing the qualifications and background of the applicant and experience with and for similar projects, and all information described earlier in this solicitation. The technical proposal is limited to six (6) pages (this excludes any appendices and as appropriate, resumes of key staff that will provide services covered by this request).

- a. **One (1) Electronic copy on a CD-R, marked "Technical Proposal - Original".**
- b. One (1) printed paper copy, marked "Technical Proposal -Original" and signed.
- c. **Four (4) electronic copies on CD-R's each marked "Copy".**

5. Cost Proposal - A separate, signed and sealed cost proposal reflecting the hourly rate, or other fee structure, proposed to complete all of the requirements of this project.

a. One (1) Electronic copy on a CD-R, marked "Cost Proposal -Original".

b. One (1) printed paper copy, marked "Cost Proposal -Original" and signed.

c. Four (4) electronic copies on CD-R's each marked "Copy".

Gail Walsh
Chief Buyer

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Vendor Questions with State Responses

Please note that this solicitation includes a zip file which lists the sites and their current bandwidth. The file name and the references in the solicitation refer to the attachment as Appendix A. This is separate from the Appendix A reference for the ISBE proposal.

Vendor A

Could we get a bit more detail on the scope of the project? For example, is there a bill of materials? How many buildings are there? How big are each of the buildings in sq ft? Kindly speaking, if we can get some more detail in the scope of work to be completed, we should be able to provide a quote.

ANSWER: Refer to Appendix A included in the zip file (separate from the ISBE Appendix A). Qualified vendors on the created MPA will set contractual durations and obligations with specific schools and libraries seeking their services.

Vendor B

(Vendor) would like to bid on this RFP. However, we need the locations you want connected.

ANSWER: Refer to Appendix A included in the zip file (separate from the ISBE Appendix A).

Vendor C

- 1) Will RIDE accept proposals that do not include a firewall as part of the solution?
- 2) What term is RIDE looking for on these Internet circuits?

ANSWER: Qualified vendors on the created MPA will set contractual durations and obligations with specific schools and libraries seeking their services. Including all qualified services such as firewalls.

Vendor D

- With the recent government-imposed safety measures and restrictions implemented at national and local levels to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 Virus and the potential delays that may occur with a physical package delivery due to the implemented safety measures, would the State consider accepting soft copy only submissions to ensure safe and timely delivery of responses and prevent the possibility of spreading COVID-19?
- Section C – ISBE Proposal: This section mentions Appendix A contains required forms to be completed and included with our response however no forms can be found alongside the list of addresses/locations. Can the State please provide these forms?

- Have funds been made available for purchases under this solicitation? If not, when does the Division of Purchases anticipate that funds will be available?

ANSWER: Section 8 of the RFP specifies Proposal Submission. The ISBE form is on page 16 of the RFP document. Qualified vendors on the created MPA will set contractual durations and obligations with specific schools and libraries seeking their services. Including all qualified services such as firewalls.

Vendor E

- 1) Is Appendix B requesting internet bandwidth, or does that denote the requested transport speed?
- 2) Is Static IP an option RIDE would consider as a more stable connection for schools?

ANSWER: Appendix A included in the zip file (separate from ISBE Appendix A) lists schools and libraries current bandwidth.

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Division of Purchases is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Time: Oct 23, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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