



## TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

652 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
CHIPLEY, FL 32428

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FIBER OPTIC UPGRADES TO SUPPORT A 10 Gbps BACKBONE

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**RFP Purpose:** The School Board of Washington County, Florida solicits your company to submit a bid on the above referenced goods OR SERVICES. All terms, specifications and conditions set forth in this RFP are incorporated into your response. An RFP will not be accepted unless all conditions have been met. All RFP's must have an authorized signature in the space provided below. All RFP's must be sealed and received in the Technology Department by the RFP "Opening Date & Time" referenced above. The official clock for the purpose of receiving RFPs is located in the Technology Department. All envelopes containing sealed bids must reference the "RFP Title", and the "RFP Opening Date & Time". The School Board is not responsible for lost or late delivery of RFP's by the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services used by the Bidder. Neither faxed nor electronically submitted RFP's will be accepted. RFP's may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening unless otherwise specified.

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**RFP Release Date:** January 25, 2021

**RFP Title:** Request for Proposal for Fiber Optic Upgrades to Support a 10 Gbps Backbone

**RFP Contact:** Dewayne Geoghagan, dewayne.geoghagan@wcsdschools.com

**Deadline for Submitting Questions:** February 12, 2021, 10 a.m. CST

**Proposal Due Date and Time:** February 25, 2021, 2:00 p.m. CST

**Proposal Opening Date, Time, and Location:** February 25, 2021 at 2:05 p.m.; 652 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Chipley, FL 32428

**Tentative Award Recommendation Date:** March 5, 2021

**RFP Submission Address:** All proposals must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Fiber Optic Upgrades" and be personally delivered or mailed to:

Dewayne Geoghagan  
Washington County School District  
652 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Chipley, FL 32428

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**THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED IN INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL, AND RETURNED AS PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL. PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS FORM, SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE RESPONDER.**

COMPANY NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN):

SPIN NUMBER:

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (EXT. ) FACSIMILE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER RESPONDER SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE SAME MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, AND IS IN ALL RESPECTS FAIR AND WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. I AGREE TO ABIDE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROPOSAL AND CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE RESPONDER.

TYPED OR PRINTED NAME:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

TITLE:

DATE:

**Sealed proposals shall be received at:**

Washington County School District

652 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Chipley, FL 32428

until: February 25, 2021, 2:00 p.m. CST

Oral, telephonic (facsimile, telex), telegraphic or electronic (e-mail) proposals are invalid and will not receive consideration.

Proposals **POSITIVELY** will not be considered after the time above.

Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the opening date.

**PROPOSAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

FAX NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME – PLEASE PRINT

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED VENDOR REPRESENTATIVE

**NOTE:**

THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT VALID UNLESS THIS PAGE IS SIGNED ON THE ABOVE LINE BY AUTHORIZED VENDOR REPRESENTATIVE & RETURNED WITH PROPOSAL.

## Request for Proposal

### Fiber Optic Upgrades To Support a 10 Gbps Backbone

#### 1.0 **INTRODUCTION:**

##### Background:

The Washington County School District is seeking proposals from qualified service providers to upgrade the aging fiber optic cable backbone at district facilities.

The fiber optic upgrades are a necessary part of an ongoing project to improve the district's technology infrastructure. This project increases the network's bandwidth capacity and reduces network connectivity issues. These improvements will allow Washington County School District to increase device scope, and allow for growth of the network in general.

#### 2.0 **TIME SCHEDULE:**

The District will attempt to use the following time schedule that will result in selection of proposer(s).

**Jan 25, 2021 - RFP issued**

**February 8 – Mandatory Walk Through**

**February 12, 2021 – All written questions and inquiries are due**

**February 15, 2021 – Anticipate answers submitted in form of Addendum issued**

**February 25, 2021 - Proposals due no later than 2:00 PM CST**

**March 5, 2021 - Award letter**

#### 3.0 **RFP INQUIRIES:**

**3.1** Any questions concerning conditions and specifications must be submitted via email and received by Dewayne Geoghagan, Director of Technical Services, at [dewayne.geoghagan@wcsdschools.com](mailto:dewayne.geoghagan@wcsdschools.com) , no later than 10:00 A.M., CST, February 12, 2021. Questions received in writing by the time and date specified herein will be answered as an Addendum issued o/a February 15, 2021. Neither Mr. Geoghagan nor any employee of the District is authorized to interpret any portion of this RFP or give information as to the requirements of the RFP in addition to that contained in the written RFP document.

**3.2** Addenda issued to this request for bid/request for proposal, will be posted to the School District Website. To access go to: [www.wcsdschools.com](http://www.wcsdschools.com) .

**3.3** No verbal or written information which is obtained other than by information in this document or by addendum to this RFP will be binding on the District.

#### 4.0 **Proposal Requirements and Scope**

**4.1** The Washington County School District is seeking vendors **to upgrade cabling between building and sites located within Washington County, FL**. The majority of fiber optic cable currently installed at school sites is either OM1 or OM2 multimode fiber. These links currently run at 1 gigabit per second (Gbps). Washington County School District desires to upgrade all fiber optic backbone connections within the scope of this project to a minimum of OM3 multimode fiber with link speeds of no less than 10 Gbps. Due to the nature of the fiber optic cabling distances and physical layout, Washington County School District requires that all fiber optic cables within the scope of this project shall be replaced with multimode OM3 or better fiber optic cable. All links must be continuous runs to the MDF with no mid-span connections.

#### **4.2 Service and price quotes:**

Proposed services and equipment and their pricing must be quoted in the format provided in Attachment A. Failure to quote in this format, or omission of any of the data items can lead to rejection of the bid.

#### **4.3 Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP):**

Service provider's bid must be the Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP). The proposed pricing for services and equipment must be the LCP of similarly situated nonresidential customers for similar services. When services and equipment are delivered and charged, the price billed must be no higher than LCP of similarly situated nonresidential customers for similar services. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.500

#### **4.4 Bundled Services:**

Any E-Rate ineligible products, services, or components bundled with eligible products or services must be listed separately from the eligible products or services. Prices for these ineligible products or services must be allocated out of the price for the eligible services; failure to do so can lead to rejection of the bid. Allocations must comply with USAC rules which specify that the allocation methodology must be based on tangible criteria and reach a realistic result. The District recognizes that some portion of the listed items may be ineligible for E-rate funding. To the extent that these items are included in the bidder's proposal, the District expects to pay the full amount of any such E-rate ineligible costs. (Note: If E-Rate funding is not fully available for any reason, the District reserves the right to defer or cancel any agreements entered into at the District's discretion.)

#### **4.7 Requested Equipment Minimum Standards or Equivalent:**

If submitting a better than equivalent option, please specify in the pricing notations and provide specifications indicating justification.

See requested equipment a list Attachment A – Page 24

**4.8** A mandatory vendor meeting and site walk through will be conducted Monday, February 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. (CST). for any vendor who wishes to bid on this project. The meeting will begin at the district office located at 630 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chipley, FL 32428. Proposals will NOT be accepted from vendors that do not attend this mandatory meeting and walk through. A sign-in sheet will be available for the vendor representative to sign. Vendors should be prepared to take photos, measure distances, and record any other data that may be required for their proposal at this time.

#### **5.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS:**

**5.1** All proposals must be received no later than 2:00 PM on **February 25, 2021**. If a proposal is transmitted by US Mail or other delivery medium, the proposer(s) will be responsible for its timely delivery to Washington County School District, ATTN: Dewayne Geoghagan, 652 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Chipley, FL 32428. No facsimile or email proposals will be accepted.

**5.2** All responding companies must be registered certified providers in the State of Florida with the ability to supply services to Washington County School District and must register as a vendor with the District. In addition, the responding company must be in good standing with the SLD and agree to participate in the E-rate Program.

**5.3** RFP Proposal openings will be public on the date and time specified on the proposal acknowledgement form. All proposals received after the time indicated will be rejected as non-responsive. RFP's by e-mail, fax, telegram, or verbally by telephone or in person will not be accepted. The public opening will acknowledge receipt of the RFP Proposals only. Details concerning pricing or the offering will not be announced. All Proposals submitted shall become public record upon an announcement of a recommended award or thirty days after the opening date whichever occurs first.

**5.4** **One Manually signed (in blue ink) original and three (3) photocopies along with a thumb drive with a pdf copy** of the proposal, must be sealed in one package and clearly labeled **"Request for Proposal – Fiber Optic Upgrades To Support a 10 Gbps Backbone"** on the outside of the package. The legal name, address, proposer's contact person, and telephone number should also be clearly annotated on the outside of the package.

**5.5** All proposals must be signed by an officer or employee having authority to legally bind the proposer(s).

**5.6** No handwritten corrections of unit prices. This includes corrections made using correction fluid (white out) or any other method of correction.

**5.7** Proposers should become familiar with any local conditions which may, in any manner, affect the services required. The proposer(s) is/are required to carefully examine the RFP terms and become thoroughly familiar with any and all conditions and requirements that may in any manner affect the work to be performed under the contract. No additional allowance will be made due to lack of knowledge of these conditions.

**5.8** Proposals not conforming with the instructions provided herein will be subject to disqualification at the sole discretion of the School Board.

**5.9** Any proposal may be withdrawn prior to the date and time the proposals are due. Any proposal not withdrawn will constitute an irrevocable offer, for a period of 60 days, to provide the District with the services specified in the proposal.

**5.10 WARRANTY(IES):**

All goods and services furnished by the Responder(s), relating to and pursuant to the RFP will be warranted to meet or exceed the Specifications contained herein. In the event of a breach, the Responder(s) will take all necessary action, at Responder's expense, to correct such breach in the most expeditious manner possible.

**5.11 PRICING:**

All pricing submitted will include all packaging, handling, shipping charges, and delivery to any point within Washington County, Florida to a secure area or inside delivery. The School Board is exempt and does not pay Federal Excise and State of Florida Sales Taxes.

**5.12 TRANSPORTATION AND TITLE:**

(1) Title to the goods will pass to the District upon receipt and acceptance at the destination indicated herein. Until acceptance, the Responder(s) retain the sole insurable interest in the goods. (2) The shipper will prepay all transportation charges. The District will not accept collect freight charges. (3) No premium carriers will be used for the District account without prior written consent of the Director of Finance.

**5.13 PACKING:**

All shipments will include an itemized list of each packages' content, and reference the District's Purchase Order Number. No charges will be allowed for cartage or packing unless agreed upon by the District Prior to shipment.

**5.14 INSPECTION AND TESTING:**

The District will have the right to expedite, inspect and test any of the goods or work covered by the RFP. All goods or services are subject to the District's inspection and approval upon arrival or completion. If rejected, they will be held for disposal at the Responders' risk. Such inspection, or the waiver thereof, however, will not relieve the Responder(s) from full responsibility for furnishing goods or work conforming to the requirements of this RFP, and will not prejudice any claim, right, or privilege the District may have because of the use of defective or unsatisfactory goods or work.

**5.15 STOP WORK ORDER:**

The District designated Project Manager (TBD) may at any time, by written notice to the Responder, stop all or any part of the work for the RFP award. Upon receiving such notice, the Responder(s) will take all reasonable steps to minimize additional costs during the period of work stoppage. The District may subsequently either cancel the stop work order resulting in an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule, the price, or terminate the work in accordance with the provisions of the RFP terms and conditions.

**5.16 RISK OF LOSS:**

The Responder(s) assumes the following risks: (1) all risks of loss or damage to all goods, work in process, materials and equipment until the delivery thereof as herein provided; (2) all risks of loss or damage to third persons and there property until delivery of all goods as herein provided; (3) all risks of loss or damage to any property received by the Responder(s) or held by the Responder(s) or its suppliers for the account of the District, until such property has been delivered to the District; (4) all risks of loss of damage to any of the goods or part thereof rejected by the District, from the time of shipment thereof to Responder(s) until redelivery thereof to the District.

**5.17 LAWS AND REGULATIONS:**

Responder(s) will comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws, statutes and ordinances including, but not limited to the rules, regulations and standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Federal Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated under these Acts. Respondent agrees to comply with Florida's E-Verify statute to the fullest extent. Responder(s) agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, religion, color, age or national origin.

**5.18** All agreements as a result of an award hereto and all extensions and modifications thereto and all questions relating to its validity, interpretation, performance or enforcement will be governed and construed in conformance to the laws of the State of Florida in the jurisdiction of Washington County Florida.

**5.19 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:**

A Responder, person, or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted Contractor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal for a RFP to provide any goods or services to a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provide in Florida State Statute, Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted Contractor list.

**5.20 PATENTS:**

Responders agree to indemnify and save harmless the District, its officers, employees, agents, or representative using the goods specified herein from any loss damage or injury arising out of a claim or suit at law or equity for actual or alleged infringement of letters of patent by reason of the buying, selling or using the goods supplied under the solicitation, and will assume the defense of any and all suits and will pay all costs and expenses thereto.

**5.21 TERMINATION OF AWARD:**

The District may terminate all or any part of a subsequent award by giving notice of default to Responder(s), if Responder(s), (1) refuses or fails to deliver the goods or services within the time specified; (2) fails to comply with any of the provisions of this RFP or so fails to make progress as to endanger performances, hereunder, or; (3) becomes insolvent or subject to proceedings under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, or relief or debtors. In the event of termination for default, the District's liability will be limited to the payment for goods and services delivered and accepted as of the date of termination. The District may terminate for its convenience at any time, in whole or in part any subsequent award. In which event of termination for convenience, the District's sole obligations will be to reimburse Responder(s) for (1) those goods or services actually shipped/performed and accepted up to the date of termination, and (2) costs incurred by Responder(s) for unfinished goods, which are specifically manufactured for the District and which are not standard products of the Responder(s), as of the date of termination, and a reasonable profit thereon. In no event is the District responsible for loss of anticipated profit nor will reimbursement exceed the amounts paid to Responder(s) under this RFP.

**5.22 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:**

Whenever two (2) or more RFPs are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, and RFP received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program as defined by Section 287.087 Florida Statutes, will be given preference in the award process.

**5.23 PERFORMANCE:**

In an effort to reduce the cost of doing business with the District, and unless indicated elsewhere, no bid or performance bond is required. However, upon award and subsequent default by Responder(s), the District reserves the right to pursue any or all of the following remedies: (1) to accept the next lowest available RFP price or to purchase materials or services on the open market, and to charge the original awardees for the difference in cost via a deduction to any outstanding or future obligations; (2) the Responder(s) in default will be prohibited from activity for a period of time determined by the severity of the default, but not to exceeding two (2) years; (3) any other remedy available to the District in tort or law.

**5.24 AUDIT AND INSPECTION:**

The District or its representative reserves the right to inspect or audit all Responder(s) documents and records as they pertain to the products and services delivered under this RFP award. Such rights will be exercised with notice to the Responder(s) to determine compliance with and performance of the terms, conditions and specifications on all matters, rights and duties, and obligations established by this agreement. Documents/records in any form will be open to the District's representative and may include but are not limited to all correspondence, ordering, payment, inspection and receiving records, and contracts or sub-contracts that directly or indirectly pertain to the transactions between the District and the Responder(s).



#### **5.25 SAMPLES AND BRAND NAMES:**

**BRAND NAMES.** Specifications referencing specific brand names and models are used to reflect the kind and type of quality in materials and workmanship, and the corresponding level of performance the District expects to receive as a minimum. Responders offering equivalent or superior products to the brand/model referenced will: (1) reference in their proposal the manufacture's name, brand name, model or part number; (2) next to the price Responders will indicate "ALT" to reflect an alternate offering; (3) where no sample is provided with the RFP; Responders will enclose sufficient technical specification sheets and literature to enable the District to reach a preliminary evaluation; (4) the District may request and Responder(s) must agree to submit a sample or to provide its product on-trial or demonstration, whichever the District may deem appropriate, at no charge to the District; (5) the District reserves the right to determine the acceptability of any alternatives offered.

**SAMPLES.** Any sample requested by the RFP or to be provided at the Responder(s) option, should be forwarded under separate cover to the attention of the Director of Technical Services. The package or envelope will reference the RFP Number, RFP Title, and RFP Item Number and clearly marked "Samples". All samples will be provided free of charge, including transportation charges. Responder(s) are responsible for notifying and making arrangements for pick up from the District if a return of samples is expected. All samples unclaimed for thirty (30) days will be disposed of at the discretion of the District.

#### **5.26 PRIMARY EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

Primary criteria evaluated in reviewing proposals submitted in response to this RFP include, but are not limited to: total price, quality of the product, availability of the product the prior relevant experience of each Responder(s) and the responsiveness of each proposal to the specifications stated within the RFP.

#### **5.27 IDENTICAL PROPOSALS:**

Whenever two or more proposals are received by the District that are equal with respect to price, quality and service, preference will be given to the Responder whose business headquartered in the State of Florida.

#### **5.28 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS:**

All proposals which are timely submitted and in compliance with the specifications provided herein will be considered. However, the District reserves the right to reject, with or without cause, any or all proposals if deemed to be in the best interest(s) of the District. In the event the District exercises its right to reject all proposals, the District reserves the right to reissue or not reissue this RFP if deemed to be in the best interest(s) of the District.

#### **5.29 RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD:**

"Request for Proposal – Fiber Optic Upgrades to Support a 10 Gbps Backbone" RFP will tentatively be awarded on or about March 5, 2021. The District will make the winning bid available upon request for viewing at the office of Technology and Technical Services, 652 3rd Street, Chipley, FL 32438. Responders desiring to protest the award decision shall file a written notice of protest within 72 hours after the District's decision to award said RFP, shall file a formal written protest within 10 days after filing the notice of protest. At the time of filing the formal written protest, Responders desiring to protest the RFP award decision shall post with the District, a bond made payable to the District in an amount pursuant to the calculations provided for within District Policy.

#### **5.30 PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS:**

Neither the District nor its representatives will be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of a response to this proposal.

#### **5.31 AGREEMENT FORM:**

All subsequent agreement as a result of an award hereunder, will incorporate all terms, conditions and specifications contained herein, and in response hereto, unless mutually amended in writing.

#### **5.32 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

The District reserves the right to reject offers containing terms and/or conditions contradictory to those requested in this solicitation.

#### **5.33 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:**

The Responder agrees to comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations rulings, or enactments of any governmental authority. The Responder will obtain from third parties, including State and local governments, all licenses and permissions necessary for the performance of the work. In the event that any changes or updates to the laws, regulations, statutes,

rulings or enactment of any applicable governmental authority resulting in additional administrative, reporting or documentation costs will not be charged to the District during the term of this Agreement, including any additional renewals.

#### **5.34 EXAMINATION OF RECORDS:**

The Responder agrees that the District, the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the Inspector General of the Federal Sponsoring Agency, the Auditor General of the State of Florida or their duly authorized representatives will have access to, and right to examine, any directly pertinent books, papers, and records of the Responder involving transactions related to this agreement until the expiration of ten (10) years after final payment under this Agreement or such longer period as required by law.

#### **5.35 MISCELLANEOUS:**

**5.35.1** Except as it relates to any warranty provision established by this Agreement, and in addition to any and all rights by the parties in law or equity, the Responder may only terminate this Agreement upon mutual agreement between the Responder and the District following a sixty (60) days written notice submitted to the RFP Contact person listed on page 1. The District may unilaterally terminate this Agreement or subsequent renewals in writing at any time. In the event of termination, either the Responder: (a) will be responsible for the delivery of all equipment for orders received up to the date of termination, or (b) may be mutually canceled without penalty upon agreement by the parties. The District will be responsible for payment of all goods, materials, and services ordered, received and accepted prior to termination. All warranty provisions as it relates to services/parts purchased during this Agreement will survive any termination between the parties regardless of cause and the supplier agrees to be obligated to continue to provide warranty repair service when and where needed as if no termination has occurred.

**5.35.2** No work shall begin without first receiving either a Purchase Order for the specific job or receiving prior authorization to bill the work from the Contract Performance point of contact. In the event a Purchasing Card is used, no additional fees may be charged.

**5.35.3** Responder(s) must be certified E-rate provider(s), shall have a "Service Provider Information Number" (SPIN) from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company and be responsible for complying with all rules and regulations of the E-rate program. This certification must be maintained throughout the term of the Agreement. Evidence of Responder's certification and annual re-certification by the Federal Communication Commission/Schools and Library Division ("FCC/SLD") must be provided no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the start or renewal of an Agreement term. Failure of Responder to maintain this certification, re-certify annually, or have certification revoked by FCC/SLD shall constitute a material breach and be subject to immediate termination at the discretion of the District. Further, Responder shall reimburse the District for the full amount of any and all invoices resulting from the services provided by Responder under prior or current agreement terms that do not get approval for reimbursement by the FCC/SLD because of Responder's lack of certification, failure to re-certify or revocation of certification, as required by the FCC/SLD.

**5.35.4** During the course of the Agreement, including renewals, should the District encounter performance issues in the execution of this RFP, the District will begin documenting information concerning those instances. After three (3) instances are recorded within an Agreement Term, a meeting will occur involving representative from the Responder in question, the and the Director of Technical Services or his/her representative to address these issues. If performance does not improve in accordance with the established benchmarks from the joint meeting, the District reserves the right to terminate the Agreement. Should an instance be of such severity that the District has reasonable concern for the safety or viability of the operational ability, then the District reserves the right to request an immediate meeting to address the issue without waiting for three (3) documented records.

**5.35.5** Responder agrees to hold pricing and proposal terms following award through the issuance of Funding Commitment Decision Letters ("FCDL") by USAC. In the event that the District does not receive a positive funding commitment letter through initial submission or following an appeal or that the funding for this request is discontinued, the District will have sole and exclusive right to revoke the award or proceed in advance of a positive



FCDL. In the event that the District wishes to proceed with the goods and services with an alternate payment source, the Responder and District will negotiate any changes separately.

#### **6.0 CONTRACTOR CONDUCT WHILE ON SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY:**

**6.1** Contractor shall be responsible for the supervision and direction of work performed by its employees, agents and/or subcontractors. Washington District Schools shall not exercise any control or supervision over contractor's employees.

**6.2** Contractor's employees shall observe the rules and policies of Washington County School District while working on Washington County School District premises. Hours of work will be mutually agreed upon by site of work Manager and Contractor.

**6.3** Contractor's employees/subcontractors will refrain from smoking or use of tobacco in any facility, property. Any person wishing to use tobacco products must leave the school grounds to do so.

**6.4** Contractor's employees shall not operate in any method, school computers, telephones or other equipment. However, limited local emergency telephone calls may be completed.

**6.5** Contractor's employees shall refrain from the use of vulgarities while on school district property.

**6.6** All employees of and/or subcontractors shall wear proper attire for the work required. Clothing shall have no vulgarities, sexually suggestive graphics, or emotionally inflammatory content.

**6.7** Employees of and/or contractors shall not have contact with District staff outside of appointed staff and/or administrator's hours as determined necessary by the facility managers.

**6.8** At no time shall any employee of the contractor or a subcontractor be deemed an employee of Washington County School District. The contractor will accept full and exclusive responsibility and liability for compliance with all laws and regulations related to the payment of withholding taxes, tax contributions, expenses, commissions and benefits including, but not limited to, Social Security contributions, workers' compensation fees, and health care premiums.

**6.9** Washington County School District retains the right to require the contractor to dismiss any employee deemed incompetent, careless, insubordinate, or otherwise objectionable, or any personnel whose actions are deemed to be contrary to public interest or inconsistent with the best interest of Washington County School District in connection with contractor's performance under the contract. Dismissed personnel are restricted from and shall not be allowed to return to any district site (s) without the submission of a written request from the contractor asking for approval from the district for the employee(s) to return to service. The contractor will not be responsible to the District for damages resulting out of bodily injury or damages to property which the contractor can establish as being attributable to the sole negligence of the District, its respective agents or employees.

#### **7.0 AWARD:**

**7.1** The School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

**7.2** The School Board reserves the right to waive any irregularities and technicalities and may, at its sole discretion, request a clarification or other information to evaluate any or all proposals.

**7.3** The School Board reserves the right, before awarding the contract, to require proposer(s) to submit evidence of qualifications or any other information the School Board may deem necessary.

**7.4** The School Board reserves the right to cancel the RFP or portions thereof, without penalty.

**7.5** The School Board prefers to award to only one firm, however, reserves the right to: (1) accept the proposals of any or all of the items it deems, at its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the District; and (2) the School Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all items proposed or award to multiple proposers.

**7.6** The School Board reserves the right to further negotiate any proposal, including price, with the highest rated proposer. If an agreement cannot be reached with the highest rated proposer, the School Board reserves the right to negotiate and recommend award to the next highest proposer or subsequent proposers until an agreement is reached.

## **8.0 INVOICING FOR WORK/PROGRESS BILLING**

**8.1** The normal terms of payment will be Net 30 Days from receipt and acceptance of goods or services and Responder's invoice. Itemized invoices, each bearing the Purchase Order Number must be mailed on the day of shipment. Invoicing subject to cash discounts will be mailed on the day that they are dated.

**8.2** Invoices must be detailed as specified in **EVALUATION AND AWARD, Proposal Submission Format section**. Invoices submitted more than sixty (60) days after project completion or service period may be deemed waived and not subject to payment. Audits will be conducted at the discretion of the District. Responder agrees that all documentation necessary to validate pricing listed on invoice will be provided to the requesting District representative within ten (10) business days of the written request. In the event additional time is required to obtain the necessary documentation, the successful Responder will notify the District designee within five (5) business days of the District's written request and provide a specified date that the documentation will be ready, which will not exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the written request. Further, the Responder agrees that payment for the invoice in question will be held, without penalty to the District, until the requested documentation has been provided and reviewed by the District, which will not be unreasonably delayed.

## **9.0 TERM OF CONTRACT:**

### **9.1 TERMS OF AGREEMENT:**

The term of this contract shall be from Award through Completion, estimated to be no later than June 30, 2022, and may, by mutual agreement between the District, and the awardee, be extended due to unforeseen circumstances or Acts of God.

### **10.0 CANCELLATION OF AWARD/TERMINATION:**

**10.1** In the event any of the provisions of this proposal are violated by the proposer(s), the Superintendent or designee will give written notice to the proposer(s) stating the deficiencies and unless the deficiencies are corrected within ten (10) days, recommendation will be made to the School Board for immediate cancellation. Upon cancellation hereunder, the School Board may pursue any and all legal remedies as provided herein and by law.

**10.2** The School Board reserves the right to terminate any contract resulting from this RFP, at any time and for any reason upon giving 90 days prior written notice to the other party. If said contract should be terminated for convenience as provided herein, the School Board will be relieved of all obligations under said contract. The School Board will only be required to pay to the proposer(s) that amount of the contract actually performed to the date of termination. Access to any and all workpapers will be provided to the School Board after the Termination of the contract.

**10.3** The awardee(s) will have the option to terminate the contract upon written notice. Such notice must be received at least 90 days prior to the effective date of termination.

**10.4** Cancellation of contract by awardee may result in removal from bidders/proposer list for a period of three years.

### **11.0 FUNDING OUT & CANCELLATION:**

**11.1** Florida Laws prohibit Washington County School District from creating obligations in anticipation of budgeted revenues from one fiscal year to another without year-to-year extension provisions in the agreements. It is necessary that fiscal funding out provisions be included in all proposals in which the terms are for periods longer than one (1) year. The following funding out provisions are an integral part of this proposal and shall be agreed to by all respondents:

**11.1.1** Washington County School District shall, at any time during the contract period, terminate or discontinue the services specified herein and/or at the end of the current fiscal year upon the issuance of a sixty (60) day prior written notice to the successful respondent.

**11.1.2** A Funding Out statement must be included as part of any agreement. No agreement shall be considered that does not include this provision for "funding out, with such notice clearly defining reasons for said termination. Upon receipt of this written notification shall immediately and thereafter release Washington County School District of all further obligations as related to the services specified and required herein

**12.0 DEFAULT:** In the event that the awarded proposer should breach this contract, the School Board reserves the right to seek remedies in law and/or in equity.

### **13.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL:**

**13.1** In order to maintain comparability and enhance the review process, it is requested that proposals be organized in the manner specified below. Include all information in your proposal.

**Title Page:** Show the RFP number, subject, the name of the proposer, address, telephone number and the date.

#### **Letter of Transmittal – Limited to one or two pages and:**

- A. Briefly state the understanding of the proposer regarding the work to be done and make a positive commitment to perform the work within the specified time period;
- B. Give the names of the persons who will be authorized to make representations for the proposer, their titles, addresses and telephone numbers; and
- C. Give the Federal taxpayer identification number of the proposer.

**Proposal Acknowledgement Form (Page #2 of RFP):** with all required information completed and all signatures as specified.

*NOTE: On the proposal submission marked “Original”, signatures should be original and while a **blue ink** signature is preferred, failure to sign in **blue ink** on the “Original” proposal submission will not, by itself, be a disqualifying factor:*

Completed and signed “470 Request for Proposal” acknowledgement - Page 2

Indemnification/Hold Harmless Agreement – Page 17

Drug Free Workplace – Page 20

Completed and signed “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions” – Page 21

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form – Page 22

Completed and signed “E-rate Certification Form” – Page 23

#### **PRICE:**

Pricing from Attachment A.

Indicate if additional/replacement equipment will be necessary for the performance of this 470 Project and include equipment specifications and cost. Separate pricing by E-Rate eligible and ineligible.

#### **WARRANTY/REPAIR/RESPONSE:**

What preventative maintenance actions are routinely undertaken by the Respondent? Provide brief description and frequency.

Describe response priority in relation to other entities. After emergency operations and hospitals, where would the District fall for the expectation of returning to service, bearing in mind the expectation that schools functioning as storm shelters would receive priority.

#### **STATEMENT OF WORK:**

The District seeks to have this project operational no later than June 30, 2021. Submit a Statement of Work detailing proposed completion/operational date which may be subject to potential penalties which may, at the District’s discretion include termination or financial penalties if delay is due to Responder, if not operational by the Responder-provided timeline. The plan should include information on how the Responder proposes to ensure a seamless transfer from the existing equipment with minimum downtime and no additional costs. The timeline should reflect information and planning in the event the project is disrupted due to severe weather or other Force Majeure events. Also indicate if there is any lead-time required from issuance of Purchase Order to start of project. Lastly, in the event of contract termination, describe the phase-down process to concurrently run services until transition is complete.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Indicate acceptance of SPI, Service Provider Invoicing.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Submit a maximum of three (3) references for similar services within the last five (5) years for school districts or public entities with equal to or greater than the District's requested numbers. Each reference must be for a separate entity/location and contain; name, title, phone number, email, brief explanation of type of work completed and when. If references are submitted, Responder agrees the submission of contact information serves as permission to contact and receive information from references.

Indicate if the District will be provided a dedicated Point of Contact and if so, provide his/her contact information

**Provide a brief (maximum two pages) overview of the company to specifically address:**

- Number of years in business as a telephone service provider
- Insurance held
- Number of employees in company
- Any past, current or pending suspension and/or debarment from participating as an E-Rate provider
- What sets your company apart as a provider of telephone services
- Indicate if subcontractors will or are expected to be utilized in the performance of this service. If subcontractors will be used, describe extent of involvement as well as the company names and type of work they would be contracted to perform if utilized.
- Indicate the level of assistance to be provided by District personnel (i.e., dedicated Point of Contact, disconnect/reconnect of District owned equipment (if allowed for in response, etc.).

Provide a sample invoice that will be used during the term of this proposal. At a minimum, the invoice should clearly identify the name and location of the Responder and include:

- Date of invoice
- Date(s) of service
- FRN #
- Detailed description of goods/services provided
- Clearly identify the breakdown of eligible/ineligible charges (as applicable)
- Responder SPIN #
- Statement certifying the invoice is accurate with Responder authorized signature

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE:** Provide proof of your company's insurance as required in Section 24.0 of this RFP or submit a letter of your intention to have the required insurance within ten days of notification by the District.

**14.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS:**

**14.1** Proposals are received and publicly opened. Only names of Responders and whether the correct number of submissions are included are read at this time.

**14.2** An Evaluation Committee will review, convene and evaluate all proposals submitted based on the factors set forth in the RFP. The District reserves the right to waive any irregularities and technicalities.

**14.3** The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to interview any or all Responders and to require a formal presentation with the key people who will administer and be assigned to work on the RFP before recommendation of award. This interview is to be based upon the written proposal received. The District will not be liable for any costs incurred by the Responder in connection with such interviews (i.e., travel, accommodations, etc.). The District also has the right to require Responders to submit additional evidence of qualifications or any other information the District may deem necessary. Such information will not materially change the original proposal response nor serve to allow the addition of new information that was not originally expressed or referenced.

**14.4** All proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified in this document. Information derived by investigation and overall due diligence of District staff will be considered. Based on the proposals received, the District may elect to proceed based on any of the following options, but will not necessarily

be limited only to these options: (1) award to the best initial proposal without any further discussion or negotiation; (2) negotiate with the highest ranked Responder; or, (3) allow the top ranked Responders to make oral presentations.

**14.5** The District reserves the right to negotiate out unacceptable clauses or restrictions incorporated within an otherwise acceptable proposal. In the event that a mutually acceptable Agreement between the District and the selected Responder(s) cannot be successfully negotiated and executed, then the District reserves the right to discontinue negotiations with such Responder(s) and to negotiate and execute a contract with the next-ranked Responder(s).

**14.6** The District reserves all rights, in its sole discretion, not to issue an award to any Responder, to cancel this RFP at any time, to reissue this RFP for any reason, or a combination of any or all of the above. The District will not be liable to any Responder for any costs incurred in connection with this RFP as a result of any of the above stated actions taken by the District.

## **15.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

The Evaluation Committee shall review all proposals received which meet the submittal requirements. The following factors will be considered in ranking the proposals received:

NOTE: On the proposal submission marked "Original", signatures should be original and while a blue ink signature is preferred, failure to sign in blue ink on the "Original" proposal submission will not, by itself, be a disqualifying factor:

- Completed and signed "470 Request for Proposal" acknowledgement
- Completed and signed "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions"
- Completed and signed "E-rate Certification Form"
- Drug Free Workplace
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
- Indemnification/Hold Harmless Agreement

**PRICE** (30 points maximum):

**WARRANTY/REPAIR/RESPONSE** (26 points maximum):

**STATEMENT OF WORK** (20 points maximum):

**SEPARATED ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE SERVICES** (14 points maximum):

**ADMINISTRATIVE** (10 points maximum):

## **16.0 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**16.1** It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to be knowledgeable of all federal, state, county and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that in any manner affect the items covered herein which may apply. Lack of knowledge by the proposer(s) will in no way be a cause for relief from responsibility.

**16.2** Proposer(s) doing business with the District are prohibited from discriminating against any employee, applicant, or client because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex or age with regard to but not limited to the following employment practices, rates of pay or other compensation methods and training selection.

## **17.0 DISCRIMINATORY VENDOR LIST:**

An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplies, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity. Complete attached form.

## **18.0 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:**

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract or provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, any may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017., for category two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Complete attached form.

## **19.0 PREFERENCE FOR A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:**

Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality and service are received, preference shall be given to a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes. In order to receive preference, a signed certification of compliance must be submitted with the bid response.

## **20.0 LEVEL 2 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS:**

The following provisions which implement the requirements of Florida Statute 1012.465, 1012.467 and 1012.468 shall be added as additional terms and conditions of the contract:

### **a) Finger Printing and Background Check:**

The vendor/contractor agrees to comply with all requirements of Florida Statutes # 1012.465 (Also known as the Jessica Lunsford Act) by certifying that any/all employees who will be on schools grounds shall/will have completed this mandatory background screening as required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes and or meet any/all requirements of the District. These certifications will be provided to Washington District Schools, in advance of the vendor/contractor providing any/all services as required herein. The vendor/contractor will bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required and any/all fees imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and or the District to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to vendor/contractor and its employees.

The vendor/contractor will follow procedures for obtaining employees background screening as established by the Washington County School District Human Resources Department.

### **b) Firearms & Weapons:**

The procession of any/all weapons, firearm and or any other device is strictly prohibited on any/all District properties as per **Florida Statutes # 790.115**

### **c) Drug Free Workplace:**

All vendors/contractors will be required to have a Drug Free Work Program for the duration of the contract period, as per **Florida Statutes 287.087.**

### **d) Building Security:**

The Contractor shall coordinate building entry and exit procedures with the designed person from the Washington County School District Technology Department to assure that building security is maintained.

### **e) Unauthorized Personnel:**

At no time shall Contractor allow any people into the building other than bona fide employees of the contractor. At no time shall contractor allow family members, friends, etc. to be on the grounds or parking lot of the facility during working hours, other than to pick-up or drop-off an employee.

## **21.0 FEDERAL AND STATE TAX:**

The District is exempt from federal and state taxes for tangible personal property.

## **22.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

**22.1** Any award there under is subject to provisions of chapter 112, F.S., all bidders must disclose – with their bid – the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the Washington County School District, Washington County Florida. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any Washington County School District employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder's firm or any of its



branches. Affirmation of such will be by signature on the Conflict of Interest form (attached).

**22.2 COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES:** The Responder warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingency fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Independent Contractor for purposes of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the District will have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability, or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingency fee.

**23.0 CONE OF SILENCE:**

Responders to this RFP or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the RFP and the end of the 72-hour period following the District posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturday, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee member, or official of the District concerning any aspect of the RFP. Any Responder or persons acting on their behalf who violates this provision may cause their proposal to be considered non-responsive and therefore ineligible for award.

**24.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

The proposers shall furnish to the Board proof by Certificate of Insurance for each type of insurance listed below. Each Certificate of Insurance shall state that the Board, its members, officers, elected officials, employees, and agents are additional insured under the policy or policies.

- A. **Professional Liability Insurance.** The proposer should present evidence of Professional Liability Insurance for the life of this audit and two years thereafter. This insurance shall provide coverage against such liability resulting from this audit. The minimum limits of such coverage shall be \$1,000,000 with a deductible not to exceed \$100,000. The deductible will be the responsibility of the insured.

Professional liability policies shall include an endorsement whereby The Auditor and his insurance carrier shall hold harmless The Board and each officer, agent, and employee of The Board for any and all claims against them arising from the negligent performance of professional services or caused by an error, omission or negligent act of The Auditor or anyone employed by The Auditor. Such coverage shall not be suspended or modified except after prior written approval of The Board. Certificates of Insurance meeting this requirement shall be forwarded to The Risk Management Department and approved prior to the start of any work.

- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** The Contractor shall secure and maintain during the life of this Agreement Workers' Compensation insurance for all of his employees employed at the site of the project or on any connected with the work, including supervision, administration or management, of this project and in case any work is sublet, with the approval of the Washington County School District. The Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workers' Compensation insurance for all employees employed at the site of the project and such evidence of insurance shall be furnished to the Washington County School District not less than ten (10) days prior to the commencement of any and all sub contractual agreements which have been approved by the Risk Management Department.

Such insurance shall comply with the Florida Workers' Compensation Law.

No class of employee, including the Contractor himself, shall be excluded from the Workers' Compensation insurance coverage. The Workers' Compensation insurance shall also include Employer's Liability coverage and shall include Broad Form All States Endorsement.

Coverage shall include a waiver of subrogation clause in favor of Washington County School District. Also, this endorsement must be indicated on all Certificates of Insurance.

- C. **Business Automobile and Public Liability Insurance.** The Contractor shall maintain Business Automobile Liability insurance coverage throughout the life of this Agreement. The insurance shall include owned, non-owned and hired motor vehicle coverage.

The Contractor shall carry other public liability insurance against all other bodily injury, property damage and personal and advertising injury exposures. The coverage shall include both on- and off-premises operations, contractual liability, Broad form property damage. General liability policy shall not exclude care custody or

control of the building and generator.

All liability insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis and shall not be written on a claim-made basis. If the insurance is issued with an aggregate limit of liability, the aggregate limit of liability shall apply only to the locations included in this Agreement. If, as the result of any claims or other reasons, the available limits of insurance reduce to less than those stated in the LIMITS OF LIABILITY, the Contractor shall notify the School District representative in writing. The Contractor shall purchase additional liability insurance to maintain the requirements established in this Agreement. Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance can be purchased to meet the Limits of Liability specified in this agreement.

Public liability coverage shall be endorsed to include following:

- On and Off premises – Operation liability
- Occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability
- Independent Contractors Liability
- Blanket Broad Form Contractual Liability, including the indemnification set out in the General Conditions and all other contracts relative to the project
- Personal Injury Liability Insurance
- Broad Form Property Damage Liability Insurance (including
- Completed Operations)

**Limits of Liability.** The insurance required shall be written for not less than the following or greater if required by law and shall include Employer's liability with limits as prescribed in this contract:

Type	Limit
Workers' Compensation	
State	Statutory
Employer's Liability	\$1 Million Each Accident
Comprehensive Automotive Liability Insurance	\$500,000 Each Occurrence (A Combined Single Limit)
General Liability	\$1 Million Each Occurrence (School District as Additional Insured)
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$250,000

**Notice of Claims or Litigation.** The Contractor agrees to report any incident or claim that results from performance of this Agreement. Within ten (10) days of the Contractor's knowledge, the County representative shall receive written notice describing the incident or claim. In the event such incident or claim involves injury or property damage to a third party, verbal notification shall be given the same day the Contractor becomes aware of the incident or claim. A detailed written report is to be made within ten (10) days.

**25.0 INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:**

Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold the School Board of Washington County Florida, its officers, and employees completely harmless from and against any and all liabilities, demands, suits, claims, losses, fines, or judgments arising by reason of the injury or death of any person or damage to any property including all reasonable costs from investigation and defense thereof (including but not limited to attorney fees, court costs, and expert fees), of any nature whatsoever arising out of or incident to this contract or Contractor's officers, employed, agents, contractors, subcontractors, licensees or invitees regardless of where the injury, death or damage may occur; unless such injury, death or damage is caused by the sole negligence of the County. The School District shall give Contractor reasonable notice of any such claims or actions. Contractor, in carrying out its obligations hereunder, shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the School District. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this contract.

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**BIDDER'S COMPANY NAME**

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (MANUAL)**

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**PHYSICAL ADDRESS**

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (TYPED)**

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**MAILING ADDRESS**

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**TITLE**

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**CITY, STATE, ZIP**

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**EMAIL ADDRESS**

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**PHONE NUMBER**

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**FAX NUMBER**

**26.0 PUBLIC RECORD LAW:**

**CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES.** Pursuant to Section 119.0701, F.S., CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all public records laws.

The Washington County School District takes its public records responsibilities as provided under chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Article I, Section 24 of the Florida Constitution, very seriously. If respondent considers any portion of the documents, data or records submitted in response to this solicitation to be confidential, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Florida Constitution or other authority, respondent must also simultaneously provide the District with a separate redacted copy of its response. This redacted copy shall contain the District's solicitation name, number, and the name of the respondent on the cover, and shall be clearly titled "redacted copy." The redacted copy shall be provided to the District at the same time respondent submits its response to the solicitation and must only exclude or obliterate those exact portions which are claimed confidential, proprietary, or trade secret.

Respondent shall be responsible for defending its determination that the redacted portions of its response are confidential, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure. Further, respondent shall protect, defend, and indemnify the District for any and all claims arising from or relating to respondent's determination that the redacted portions of its response are confidential, proprietary, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure.

If respondent fails to submit a redacted copy with its response, the District is authorized to produce the entire documents, data or records submitted by respondent in answer to a public records request for these records.

**27.0 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT AND/OR PAYMENT:**

**27.1** This contract or agreement is personal to the parties herein and may not be assigned, in whole or in part, by the proposer without prior written consent of the School Board.

**27.2** The proposer herein shall not assign payments under this contract or agreement without the prior written consent of the School Board.

**28.0 AGREEMENT:**

A purchase order and/or a contract will be released, after award, for any work to be performed as a result of this RFP. The proposal, negotiated term, agreement if applicable, and the corresponding purchase order will constitute the complete agreement between proposer and the District. If proposer requires an additional contract, then proposer should include their sample contract as an attachment to the proposal submitted for review.

**29.0 JOINT PROPOSAL:**

In the event multiple proposers submit a joint proposal in response to the RFP, a single proposer shall be identified as the Prime Vendor. If offering a joint proposal, Prime Vendor must include the name and address of all parties of the joint proposal. Prime Vendor shall provide all bonding and insurance requirements, execute any Contract, complete the RFP Cover Sheet shown herein, and have overall and complete accountability to resolve any dispute arising within this contract. Only a single contract with one proposer shall be acceptable. Prime Vendor responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, performing of overall contract administration, preside over other proposers participating or present at District meetings, oversee preparation of reports and presentations, and file any notice of protest as described herein. Prime Vendor shall also prepare and present a consolidated invoice(s) for services performed. The District shall issue only one check for each consolidated invoice to the Prime Vendor for services performed. Prime Vendor shall remain responsible for performing services associated with response to this RFP.

**30.0 VIEWING OF RFP TABULATIONS:**

**30.1** "Fiber Optic Upgrades" RFP tabulations will be made available for review by interested parties, in the Washington County School District Technology Department, 652 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Chipley, FL 32428. The recommended award information for this RFP will be available for view upon request on or about March 5, 2021. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, will constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter

120, Florida Statutes. Any proposer who is adversely affected by the recommended award may file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes.

**30.2** These documents constitute the complete set of specifications, requirements, and/or proposal forms.

**30.3** All terms and conditions of this RFP, any addenda, proposer's submissions and negotiated terms, are incorporated into the contract by the reference as set forth herein.

**30.4** Document files may be examined, during normal working hours, ten days after proposals have been opened.

**DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**  
**Section 287.087 Florida Statutes**

Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process.

Established procedures for processing tie bids will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employees will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by an employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Vendor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

### Lower Tier Covered Transactions.

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage section of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations (13CFR Part 145).
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not due if it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the ineligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

### Certification

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant will attach an explanation to this proposal.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

**Conflict of Interest/Disclosure:** Proposer **must** execute either Section I or Section II hereunder relative to Florida State Statute 112.313(12). Failure to execute either section may result in rejection of this proposal/proposal.

### SECTION I

I hereby certify that no official or employee of Washington County School District requiring the goods or services described in these specifications has a material financial interest in this company.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Official (Type or Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP Code

### SECTION II

I hereby certify that the following named Washington County School District official(s) and/or employee(s) having material financial interest(s) (in excess of 5%) in this company have filed Conflict of Interest Statements with the Supervisor of Elections, 1331 South Blvd., Suite 900, Chipley, FL 32428, prior to proposal opening.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title or Position

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Date of Filing

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Signature

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Company Name

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Print Name of Certifying Official

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Business Address

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City, State, ZIP Code

## E-RATE CERTIFICATION FORM

Responder(s) must be a certified E-rate provider, shall have a "Service Provider Information Number" (SPIN) from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company, and be responsible for complying with all rules and regulations of the E-rate program. Evidence of this certification will be demonstrated by the return of the most recent Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC-Form 473) along with the SPIN information.

This certification must be maintained throughout the term of the contract. Evidence of Responder's certification and annual re-certification by the Federal Communication Commission/Schools and Library Division ("FCC/SLD") must be provided as part of the proposal submission and no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the renewal of an Agreement term.

Failure of Responder to maintain this certification, re-certify annually, or have certification revoked by FCC/SLD shall constitute a breach of contract. Further, Responder shall reimburse the District for the full amount of any and all invoices resulting from the services provided by Responder under the pending or current contract that is not reimbursed by the FCC/SLD because of Responder's lack of certification, failure to re-certify or revocation of certification, as required by the FCC/SLD.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Responder's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's SPIN \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last certification \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment A  
Pricing for Fiber Optic Upgrades

Listed below are current fiber runs and known details, additional details on fiber runs, locations, etc. will be provided at the mandatory walk-through

Chipley High School

1545 Brickyard Road

Chipley, FL 32428

Chipley High School has five (5) outlying building IDF's that will require fiber runs to the main building where the MDF is located.

Roulhac Middle School

1535 Brickyard Road

Chipley, FL 32428

Roulhac Middle School has seven (7) outlying building IDF's that will require fiber runs to the main building where the MDF is located.

Vernon High School

3232 Moss Hill Road

Vernon, FL 32462

Vernon High School has five (5) outlying building IDF's that will require fiber runs to the main building where the MDF is located.

Vernon Middle School

3190 Moss Hill Road

Vernon, FL 32462

Vernon Middle School has four (4) outlying building IDF's that will require fiber runs to the main building where the MDF is located.

Washington Academy of Varying Exceptionalities

934 Tiger Loop

Chipley, FL 32428

Washington Academy for Varying Exceptionalities MDF will require fiber run to Roulhac Middle School where the MDF is located.

Washington Institute for Specialized Education

680 Second Street

Chipley, FL 32428

Washington Institute for Specialized Education has one (1) outlying building IDF that will require a connection to the main building where the MDF is located. Alternative connection options are listed below, please list pricing in proper area.

**This form MUST be used to submit your bid**  
 Bid must have E-Rate Eligible separated from Ineligible

Bidder: I propose to provide the following:

<b>Chipley High School</b> 1545 Brickyard Road Chipley, FL 32428	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Individual Cost</b>	<b>E-Rate Eligible Total</b>	<b>E-Rate Ineligible Total</b>
Fiber Optic Cable				
Enclosure for Splice Tray				
Splice Tray				
Cable Connectors for Enclosure Entry				
Sliding Fiber Drawer				
Adapter Panel Biscuit				
Other (Please List Individually)				
Installation				
<b>Total</b>				

<b>Roulhac Middle School</b> 1535 Brickyard Road Chipley, FL 32428	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Individual Cost</b>	<b>E-Rate Eligible Total</b>	<b>Non E-Rate Eligible Total</b>
Fiber Optic Cable				
Enclosure for Splice Tray				
Splice Tray				
Cable Connectors for Enclosure Entry				
Sliding Fiber Drawer				
Adapter Panel Biscuit				
Other (Please List Individually)				
Installation				
<b>Total</b>				

<b>Vernon High School</b> 3232 Moss Hill Road Vernon, FL 32462	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Individual Cost</b>	<b>E-Rate Eligible Total</b>	<b>Non E-Rate Eligible Total</b>
Fiber Optic Cable				
Enclosure for Splice Tray				
Splice Tray				
Cable Connectors for Enclosure Entry				
Sliding Fiber Drawer				
Adapter Panel Biscuit				
Other (Please List Individually)				
Installation				
<b>Total</b>				

<b>Vernon Middle School</b> 3190 Moss Hill Road Vernon, FL 32462	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Individual Cost</b>	<b>E-Rate Eligible Total</b>	<b>Non-E-Rate Eligible Total</b>
Fiber Optic Cable				
Enclosure for Splice Tray				
Splice Tray				
Cable Connectors for Enclosure Entry				
Sliding Fiber Drawer				
Adapter Panel Biscuit				
Other (Please List Individually)				
Installation				
<b>Total</b>				



<b>Washington Academy of Varying Exceptionalities</b> 934 Tiger Loop Chipley, FL 32428	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Individual Cost</b>	<b>E-Rate Eligible Total</b>	<b>Non-E-Rate Eligible Total</b>
Fiber Optic Cable				
Enclosure for Splice Tray				
Splice Tray				
Cable Connectors for Enclosure Entry				
Sliding Fiber Drawer				
Adapter Panel Biscuit				
Other (Please List Individually)				
Installation				
<b>Total</b>				

<b>Washington Institute for Specialized Education</b> 680 Second Street Chipley, FL 32428	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Individual Cost</b>	<b>E-Rate Eligible Total</b>	<b>Non-E-Rate Eligible Total</b>
Fiber Optic Cable				
Enclosure for Splice Tray				
Splice Tray				
Cable Connectors for Enclosure Entry				
Sliding Fiber Drawer				
Adapter Panel Biscuit				
Other (Please List Individually)				
Installation				
<b>Total</b>				

Washington County School District is exploring some additional Options for District Sites this will be discussed during the walk through that will be held **February 8, 2021**. See additional option request and price according to each Option.

<b>Washington Institute for Specialized Education</b> 680 Second Street Chipley, FL 32428		<b>Price</b>		
<b>Fiber (Pull/and-or Bore/Trench)</b>		<b>Pull</b>	<b>Bore</b>	<b>Trench</b>
Option 1	District Office to WISE Building 1, South – Full Pull			
Option 2	Data Center to Wise Building 1, South – South Hall			
Option 3	Data Center to WISE Building 2, North – North Hall			
Option 4	Chipley Bus Barn to WISE Building 2, North			
<b>Wireless Bridge (Connecting Back To MDF/IDF)</b>				
Option 7	WISE Building 1, South to WISE Building 2, North			
Option 8	Chipley Bus Barn to WISE Building 2, North			

<b>Data Center</b> 680 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Chipley, FL 32428		<b>Price</b>
<b>Fiber (Pull)</b>		
Option 1	District Office to Data Center	

<b>Chipley Bus Barn</b> 1359 Watts Avenue Chipley, FL 32428		<b>Price</b>		
<b>Fiber (Pull/and-or Bore/Trench)</b>		<b>Pull</b>	<b>Bore</b>	<b>Trench</b>
Option 1	District Office to Chipley Bus Barn			
<b>Wireless Bridge (Connecting Back To MDF/IDF)</b>				
Option 2	District Office to Chipley Bus Barn			

<b>Commercial Vehicle Driving</b> 661 Rustin Drive Chipley, FL 32428		<b>Price</b>		
<b>Fiber (Pull/and-or Bore/Trench)</b>		<b>Pull</b>	<b>Bore</b>	<b>Trench</b>
Option 1	Chipley Bus Barn to Commercial Vehicle Driving			
<b>Wireless Bridge (Connecting Back To MDF/IDF)</b>				
Option 2	Chipley Bus Barn to Commercial Vehicle Driving			
Option 3	PAEC Tower to Commercial Vehicle Driving			

<b>Maintenance</b> 680 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Chipley, FL 32428		<b>Price</b>		
<b>Fiber (Pull/and-or/Bore/Trench)</b>		<b>Pull</b>	<b>Bore</b>	<b>Trench</b>
Option 1	Data Center to Maintenance			
Option 2	WISE Building 1, South to Maintenance			
<b>Wireless Bridge (Connecting Back To MDF/IDF)</b>				
Option 3	WISE Building 1, South to Maintenance			