



<p align="center">CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS</p>	<p align="center">INVITATON FOR BIDS NO: 173-19013</p>
<p align="center">REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS SERVICES</p>	<p align="center">REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INTERNAL CONNECTIONS SERVICES</p>
<p align="center">RFP RELEASE DATE: January 15, 2019</p>	<p align="center">RFP RESPONSE DATE: February 12, 2019</p>
<p align="center">ADDENDUM # 1</p>	

This Addendum #1 is intended to address questions or clarify District requirements on the above referenced project. This and all addenda must be acknowledged herein and returned with your company's proposal.

Addendum:

Please see the attached five pages of questions and the corresponding answers received and provided by the district.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum #1 below and include these pages in your company's response.

AuthorizedSignature _____ Company _____ Date _____



YEAR 22 E-RATE (2019-2020)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FORM 470 APPLICATION NUMBER: 190014392 (ITB No. 173-19013)

- Q1. Based on the fact that this [Form 470/RFP] was filed, the District will not be looking to use NCDPI 470 for these rfp's?
- A1. Cumberland County School District will not be using the NCDPI 470 for RFPs 173-19013.**
- Q2. Question regarding line item one. What is the required Length per reel of fiber?
- A2. Required length per reel of fiber should not exceed 1000 feet.**
- Q3. I am inquiring to Bid 173-19013, do you consider manufacturers who can fulfill bids partially?
- A3. No partial/subsets of the equipment solicitation will be accepted for RFP 173-19013.**
- Q4. Red Light Status: can you provide a website link to where a Service Provider can go to find out this information?
- A4. The link below will take you to late payments on the USAC website and within that information should be a link to Red Light Status. You can also call the Client Services Bureau at 888-203-8100.**
<https://www.usac.org/cont/late-payments/default.aspx>.

Q5. For the fiber patch cables, what OM rating, length, and connectors (lc to lc) do you require?

A5. OM rating is OM4. The rest of the information has been provided – please reference the pricing spreadsheet with the following description: Corning - LC/LC Fiber Patch Cable 2-meter 50mm.

Q6. For the cat6e cables – c2g has Cat5e, Cat6, or Cat6a – would any of these work?

A6. Please quote Category 6a cables in place of Category 6e if Category 6e cannot be quoted.

Q7. Can we schedule an onsite walk for the cabling?

A7. No, an onsite walk for the cabling is not necessary. As noted on page 14 of the RFP “The District is requesting pricing for the items listed in the included spreadsheets. No installation will be required. Pricing will be for one bulk delivery of all items.”

Q8. Will you accept alternatives to the Corning and Hubbell specified items?

A8. Yes, as notated on page 16 of the RFP “Any equivalent brand products and services, if bid, will be considered by the District.”

Q9. Who is your preferred copper cabling/mod jack manufacturer?

A9. The District does not have a particular (or preferred) copper cabling/mod jack manufacturer.

Q10. Will you allow any exceptions to your Terms and Conditions?

A10. In your company’s response to the RFP, please clearly note any exceptions to the Terms and Conditions listed, so that they may be reviewed by the District prior to the award of this RFP. Any exceptions given, will be negotiated prior to the signing of a contract between the awarded service provider and the District.

Q11. Is there a color preference for the Cat6E 2ft patch cables?

A11. No, no preference.

Q12. Is there a color preference color jacket on the 4209 2ft patch cables c6?

A12. No, no preference.

Q13. On the 2 ft patch cable is there a particular color jacket that they want to use for this patch cord? It makes a difference on the part #.

A13. No, no preference.

Q14. Can you let me know if CCS will be ordering the entire amount all at once?

A14. Yes, please see the information provided on page 16: "Pricing will be for one bulk delivery of all items."

Q15. The [copper] cable has to be ordered in 1000 ft putups. [Can the cable be rounded up to the nearest 1000'?]

A15. Yes, cabling is requested to be shipped in reels of cable that should not exceed 1000 feet.

Q16. Since all the items are exactly the same pricing can we supply price per each and you insert evaluate the pricing based on what the components are per each instead of attempting to fill in each individual school spreadsheet?

A16. Please fill out the School Site Totals spreadsheet and each school spreadsheet will need to be completed. Please see the information provided on the Directions page of the pricing spreadsheet provided: "Each school spreadsheet must have individual pricing listed."

Q17. Will post all question on eprocurement when you have them next Monday is that correct?

A17. Questions and Answers will be available on the NC Interactive Purchasing System and the E-Rate website after the close of the Q&A deadline.

Q18. Should the Corning 6 strand 50um plenum rated fiber be armored or non-armored?

A18. Non-armored.

Q19. Should the Corning 6 strand 50um plenum rated fiber be indoor plenum or indoor-outdoor plenum?

A19. Indoor Plenum.

Q20. Should the Corning 6 strand 50um plenum rated fiber be OM2, OM3, OM4 or OM5?

A20. OM4.

Q21. Should the Corning 6 strand 50um plenum rated fiber be laser optimized?

A21. Laser optimized.

Q22. Category 6 cable no longer has an associated cable standard. Can you supply a specification sheet for a cable type or equivalent to allow accurate quoting and meets the district needs?

A22. Please quote category 6a cables in place of category 6e if category 6e cannot be quoted.

Q23. Please confirm that district would like to use category 6A where it previously stated category 6E. If the district is looking at a particular cabling specification, could that also be provided to ensure accurate quoting?

A23. The District does not have a particular cabling specification for the Category 6e or 6a cabling requested.

Q24. Please clarify if the district is requesting modular jacks, crimp on modular plugs, or assembly modular plugs? Not all manufactures have a compliant modular plug.

A24. Crimp on modular plugs.

Q25. Will the 2FT patch Cord also be the same cable category listed in quote?

A25. Yes.

Q26. Will the cable, patch cords and Modular plugs need to be of the same manufacture?

A26. Not required.

Q27. The RFP is requesting bulk delivery, will the fiber still need to be cut per school as listed in price list?

A27. No.

Q28. Will The copper cable need to be separated by school or as a bulk quantity, cable reels are typically in 1000' quantity?

A28. The pricing for each item will need to be separated by school. The ordering and shipping will be done as a bulk quantity-cabling is requested to be in reels of cable that should not exceed 1000 feet.

Q29. Can the cable be rounded up to the nearest 1000', it typically comes on 1000' reels[sic]?

A29. Yes.

Q30. Will the preferred billing be SPI or BEAR?

A30. Service Provider Invoice (SPI) –discounted billing is preferred.

Q31. Will [the district] be utilizing NC DPI contract number 10 WIFI for applicant share?

A31. The district will not be using the NCDPI contract number.

Q32. Will different line items be awarded separately?

A32. No partial bids/subsets of the equipment solicitation will be accepted for RFP 173-19013.

Q33. Since SLD will not pay a service provider for uninstalled goods, what is the projected completion date for the Applicant's installation of all of the bulk-purchased cabling materials?

A33. Project Completion date will be the end of the E-Rate year-which is September 30, 2020.

Q34. Will these and other questions be posted in a formal addendum, then shared with everyone who is bidding?

A34. Yes, these and all other questions and responses will be posted with the Form 470/RFP Record after the Q&A time has closed.