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### Request For Proposals Addendum

**Addendum Number: 1 RFP Questions & Answers** 

Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025

### RFP #16-ERCAT2-0126 E-Rate CAT 2 Form 470 #260000322

To: All Prospective Vendors

The following is the link to the Pre-Proposal Meeting held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM CST for RFP #16-ERCAT2-0126.

Recap: RFP #16-ERCAT2-0126: Pre-Proposal Meeting Tuesday, October 21 | Meeting | **Microsoft Teams** 

The following questions were sent in response to the referenced solicitation for further clarification. Questions and answers are listed below.

**Question 1:** Please provide a part number for the reCommScope 9ft blue patch cable?

**Answer:** The reCommScope 9ft blue patch cable part number is UC1BBB2-0ZF009, or equivalent.

**Question 2:** Would you happen to have the Eaton model number for this bid?

**Answer:** The Eaton model number for this bid is 9PX3000RT-L and 5P550R, or equivalent.

**Question 3:** I saw the bid was released for your school. I have a quick question; do you plan on using a network card with the 5P550R UPS units? I see the NMC quantities are more than the UPS, so I just want to be certain.

**Answer:** Yes, the quantities are for both 9PX3000RT-L and 5P550R UPS (or equivalent) units.

Question 4: Do you currently have any type of Management platform you are using (ie: Catalyst Network Manager)?









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**Answer:** Yes, we do currently have a Management platform.

**Question 5:** I noticed the Access Points are for the Meraki Cloud....do you use the Meraki Portal for Switch management / monitoring as well?

**Answer:** Yes, we do use Meraki Cloud.

**Question 6:** Do you have any information about the closets at each site? How many closets per site? How many switches per closet? Speed of Site backbone (Core/MDF to IDF speed - 10Gig? 25 Gig?) Type of Fiber (multimode or singlemode)?

### Answer:

- How many closets per site? Closets per site vary. But we have an average of 5 per
- How many switches per closet? Switches per closet vary. However, we average 4 switches per closet.
- Speed of Site backbone (Core/MDF to IDF speed 10Gig? 25 Gig?) 10G
- Type of Fiber (multimode or singlemode)? Multimode

**Question 7:** Will two post rack kits be required for any of the UPS units in the Bill of Material?

**Answer:** No, two post rack kits will not be required for any of the UPS units in the Bill of Material.

**Question 8:** Could the district provide maps and square footage of buildings that require Wireless Surveys?

**Answer:** Due to safety and security concerns, maps will not be publicly available. However, the awarded vendor will receive copies of any diagrams post award.

**Question 9:** What type of fiber is being used in the building for requested LRM optics?

**Answer:** Multi-mode is the type of fiber is being used in the building for requested LRM optics.









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**Question 10:** Are additional stacking power cables being requested for SAN and Phase 1 campuses?

**Answer:** No, additional stacking power cables are not being requested for SAN and Phase 1 campuses.

**Question 11:** The Cisco Access points in the RFP are mGig capable. However, the requested Cisco 9300 switches do not have any mGig ports. Is there a reason for this that you can share?

**Answer:** We are not implementing mGig at this moment.

**Question 12:** We've submitted a vendor application for the online portal but currently are in pending status. I spoke to Humberto Hinojosa who advised me to submit a question here.

Can we have clarification on the license and support terms being requested in the spreadsheet? Currently both 3 and 5 vr terms are called out for multiple different line items.

**Answer:** Our current environment consists of a hybrid network consisting of Cisco Catalyst and Cisco Meraki. We are looking for an EA Licensing Model (or equivalent) to address the various models and the multiple line items to account for all the different device types.

### **Question 13:** Hello,

I am was hoping you could provide an idea of the size of the UPS required for this 470 for IDEA Public Schools (470# 260000322)

Are these all going to be rack mounted UPS?

### **Answer:**

Eaton 9PX3000RT-L (or equivalent)

o Height: 3.41 in o Width: 17.32 in

o Depth: 23.82 in

Eaton 5P550R (or equivalent)

o Height: 1.7 in o Width: 17.2 in







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o Depth: 14.3 in

o Are these all going to be rack mounted UPS? Yes, they will be rack mounted.

Attachments: Pre-Proposal Conference PowerPoint Slides

### **END OF ADDENDUM**





# IDEA Public Schools Request for Proposals (RFP) For 16-ERCAT2-0126 E-Rate Category 2– Form 470 #260000322

Pre-Proposal Meeting
Tuesday, October 21 @ 10:00 AM CST

Felicia Black, Procurement Analyst





# Recording

This meeting will be recorded and transcribed for future reference

Please type your name, title, phone number, email address, and organization in the chat

### Pre-Proposal Agenda

- Welcome
- Agenda & Solicitation Overview
- Proposal Submission & Selection
- Project Scope and Overview
- Q&A
- Wrap-up





### Point of Contact (POC)

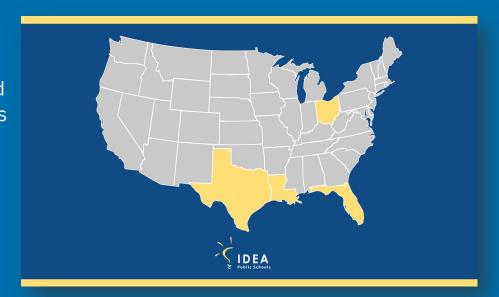
All inquiries regarding this solicitation should be directed to IDEA's:

Procurement Department solicitations@ideapublicschools.org



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# Solicitation Overview (TX & OH)

**Purpose:** This Request for Proposal ("RFP") solicits proposals for the provision of structured cable LAN networks, racks, network electronics, uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), as applicable. These services will encompass the installation, configuration, and ongoing maintenance of the devices throughout the E-Rate funding period. The primary objective is to establish a fully managed and robust network infrastructure that effectively meets both current and future requirements while ensuring compliance with E-Rate guidelines.

- Vendor must agree to participation in the Universal Service Support Mechanism for Schools and Libraries (known as the "E-Rate" Program) as provided for and authorized under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Reference 47 U.S.C. § 254, "Universal Service"). Vendor must ensure compliance with all applicable E-Rate rules, requirements, regulations, and mandates.
- ✓ Vendor shall submit with its proposal a valid Service Provider Identification Number ("SPIN"), a valid Federal Communications Commission Registration Number ("FCCRN"), and a statement regarding if vendor is currently on "Red Light Status" or not.

The detailed scope of work can be found in <u>Part II - Scope and Specifications of the Proposal</u>.



### **Sites**

Campus Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Longitude	Latitude		
IDEA INGRAM HILLS	3115 Majestic Dr	San Antonio	TX 70820		-98.595313	29.467999		
IDEA BURKE	10434 Marbach Rd	San Antonio	TX	78245	-98.696297	29.413333		
IDEA KYLE	640 Philomena Dr	Kyle	TX	78640	-97.863715	29.997238		
IDEA PFLUGERVILLE	1901 E Wells Branch Pkwy	Pflugerville	TX	78660	-97.621243	30.421848		
IDEA RIO VISTA	210 N Rio Vista Rd	Socorro	TX	79927	-106.285795	31.654506		
IDEA EDGEMERE	15101 Edgemere Blvd	El Paso	TX	79938	-106.19517	31.7985		
IDEA LOS ENCINOS	5400 S Ware Rd	McAllen	TX	78503	-98.26997	26.16154		
IDEA ROBINDALE	3802 E Ruben Torres Sr. Blvd	Brownsville	TX	78521	-97.45554	25.94821		
IDEA Brownsville	4395 Paredes Line Rd	Brownville	TX	78526	-97.4866981	25.9687896		
IDEA McAllen	201 N Bentsen Rd	McAllen	TX	78501	-98.2713688	26.2104061		
IDEA Pharr	600 E Las Milpas Rd	Pharr	TX 78577		-98.1925391	26.113254		
IDEA Weslaco	2931 E Sugarcane Dr	Weslaco	TX	78599	-97.975804	26.184712		
IDEA North Mission	2706 N Holland Ave	Mission	TX	78574	-98.3282786	26.2365921		
IDEA Henry	5820 Briarwood Ave	Midland	TX	79707	-102.182747	32.021282		

The information regarding the sites can be found in *Appendix A: Sites* of the RFP.

▲ Services are necessary to be effective starting on July 1, 2026, which represents the expiration of the current service.



# **Required Proposal Format**

Respondents must follow the required proposal format detailed in *Part III – Proposal Submission & Requirements* when preparing and submitting a Proposal. <u>Each section of the proposal must be clearly marked.</u>

Failure to follow all the proposal's organizational requirements may result in disqualification.

### 6. Required Forms- ALL FORMS REQUIRING SIGNATURE MUST BE SIGNED AS INDICATED

Attachment A – Title Page. This form must be completed and included as the cover sheet for Proposals submitted in response to this RFP.

Attachment B - Vendor Acknowledgement

Attachment C – Evidence of Insurance

Attachment D - Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace

Attachment E - Non-Collusion Statement

Attachment F - IDEA Conflict of Interest Form

Attachment G - Texas Ethics Commission Form CIQ

Attachment H - Child Support Certification

Attachment I - Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination

Attachment J - Felony Conviction Disclosure Statement

Attachment K - Certification Regarding Lobbying

Attachment L – Debarment or Suspension Certificate

Attachment M - Contract Provisions for Contracts Involving Federal Funds

Attachment N - Reference Sheet

Attachment O - Criminal History Review of Vendor/Contractor Employees

Attachment P - Litigation, Termination, Claims

Attachment Q - Proposed Pricing

Attachment R – IRS Form W-9

Attachment S - Deviations and Exceptions

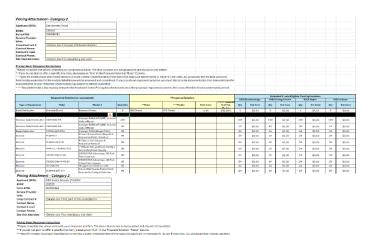
- 7. Appendix A Sites
- 8. Appendix B Vendor E-Rate Service Provider Number Requirement
- 9. Appendix C Checklist
- Additional Documentation (Optional) Additional documents may be submitted in instances where additional documentation is needed and not already captured.



# **Proposed Pricing**

Respondents <u>must</u> provide pricing utilizing IDEA's Proposed Pricing Attachment. IDEA will not review or consider pricing provided in an alternative format. Refer to the *Price Sheet Response Instructions* within the Excel file.

▲ Texas: Attachment Q: Proposed Pricing – E-Rate CAT1 Consortium for Direct Internet Access – Form 470 #260000068



Requested Solution (or equivalent)			*Proposed Solution			Extended E-rate Eligible Cost by Location									
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### **Request for Proposals Tentative Timeline**

### Timeline:

All dates and times are tentative and subject to change.

First Advertisement Date/Issue Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Second Advertisement Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Pre-Proposal Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ 10:00 AM CST

Respondent Question Cut-Off Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025, NO Later than 12:00 PM CST

Questions Response from IDEA: Wednesday, October 29, 2025, NO Later than 12:00 PM CST

Proposals Due by Date & Time: Friday, November 28, 2025, NO Later than 2:00 PM CST

Anticipated Evaluation Period: Thursday, December 4, 2025 – Thursday, December 11, 2025

Anticipated Board Meeting & Approval: January 30, 2026

Initial Proposed Contract Term: July 1, 2026-September 30, 2027

Renewal option #1: July 1, 2027-September 30, 2028



### **Submittal Procedures**

### Due: Friday, November 28, 2025 @ 2:00 PM CST

**Proposal Submission:** Proposals may be submitted using the <u>Public Purchase</u> or <u>Self-Service</u> website, or by sending One (1) clearly identified hard copy ORIGINAL of the Proposal to:

IDEA Public Schools
RFP # 16-ERCAT2-0126 Texas

Attn: Purchasing Department-E-Rate CAT 2 for Texas Form 470 # 260000322

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Proposals MUST be received by IDEA by the specified due date and time outlined in the timeline. Each proposal MUST be sealed and marked with the relevant information; failure to do so may result in the proposal not being considered. Please ensure that all submissions are received by IDEA by the designated due date and time.

Note: Faxed or emailed Proposals will not be accepted. Acceptance Period is 120 days from the date of the proposal submission deadline unless otherwise stated in writing.

# **Evaluation Criteria**

Evaluation Criteria	Weight	Description
	(Points)	·
Cost of E-Rate eligible	26	Vendor's proposed price of E-Rate eligible products and/or services.
Products and/or services		
Technical & Functional	20	The extent to which the proposed goods or services meet the district's
Suitability (Meets Needs)		needs. This includes, but <u>not</u> limited to technical specifications, functional requirements, and service expectations as outlined in the RFP.
Reputation & Reliability	14	<u>Vendor's</u> demonstrated reliability and reputation as evidenced by past performance, industry references, third-party evaluations, overall standing in the marketplace, and previous working relationship with the district
Total Cost of Ownership	10	Total long-term cost to acquire the vendor's goods and/or services. This includes the total <u>ineligible</u> cost to the district for acquiring and maintaining the proposed goods and/or services throughout the full duration of the agreement.
Quality of Proposed Goods and/or Services	10	The quality of the proposed goods and/or services based on the RFP requirements.
Terms & Conditions	10	Offeror's proposed contract terms and conditions.
Completeness of Proposal	5	Evaluators will ensure that all required elements of the proposal have been included and meet the specified submission guidelines.
Responsiveness of Offeror	5	Proximity of vendor offices/staff; local vendor representation.
Impact on the ability to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses.	0	Pass / Fail. Offeror should provide documentation which demonstrates commitment to minority and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBE).
Total Possible Score	100	

▲ A detailed explanation of the evaluation criteria can be found on **Part IV – Evaluation Criteria** of the RFP.





# ANY QUESTIONS?

# Closing

If you haven't done so already, please type your name, title, email, phone number, and organization in the chat.

