

Request For Proposals Addendum

Addendum #1: Vendor Questions & Answers & Pre-Proposal Meeting Slides

Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2026

RFP #3-CAT1WAN-0127 Florida E-Rate CAT 1 WAN Services – Form 470# 270000091

To: All Prospective Vendors

The following vendor-submitted questions were received in response to the referenced solicitation. Responses are provided below for the benefit of all prospective respondents.

Question 1: Will your slide presentation be available for review?

Answer: Yes, please see below.

Attachments:

- IDEA Public Schools Pre-Proposal Meeting Slides

END OF ADDENDUM

IDEA Florida, Inc.
RFP #3-CAT1WAN-0127 Florida
E-Rate CAT 1 WAN Services –
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Pre-Proposal Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 10:30 AM CST

Presented by: Humberto Hinojosa, 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:

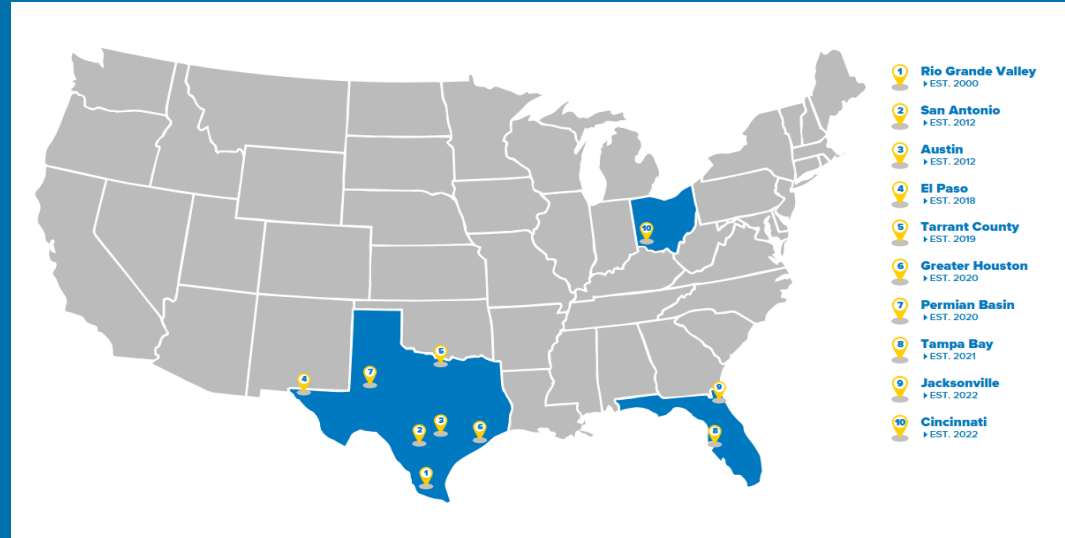
Procurement Department

solicitations@ideapublicschools.org



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Solicitation Overview

IDEA Florida, Inc. is seeking **leased lit Wide Area Network (WAN)** services or equivalent to connect multiple locations within IPS Florida as they can connect intrastate to Texas hubs. The services must be designed to be resilient and scalable, providing **1 Gbps dedicated, and symmetrical transport bandwidth**. The WAN must connect two HUB locations, (1) **IDEA Health Professions in Austin, Texas**, and (2) **IDEA Headquarters in Weslaco, Texas** to all satellite (Z) locations specified in RFP's *Appendix B*.

IDEA Health Professions (HUB)	5816 Wilcab Rd, Austin, TX 78721	30.273604, -97.675087
IDEA Headquarters (HUB)	2115 W Pike Blvd Weslaco TX 78596	26.169384, -98.011783

*The detailed scope of work can be found on page 6 in **Part II – SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL***

RFP Tentative Timeline

Timeline:

All dates and times are tentative and subject to change.

First Advertisement Date/Issue Date:	Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Second Advertisement Date:	Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Pre-Proposal Meeting:	Wednesday, September 16, 2026 @ 10:30 AM CST
Respondent Question Cut-Off Date:	Wednesday, September 30, 2026, NO Later than 12:00 PM CST
Questions Response from IDEA:	Wednesday, October 7, 2026, NO Later than 12:00 PM CST
<u>Proposals Due by Date & Time:</u>	<u>Wednesday, November 04, 2026, NO Later than 2:00 PM CST</u>
Anticipated Evaluation Period:	November 5, 2026 – November 19, 2026
Anticipated Board Meeting & Approval:	January 30, 2027
Initial Proposed Contract Term:	July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2030

Required Proposals Format

Respondents **must** follow the format instructions detailed on page 13 in *Part III – PROPOSAL SUBMISSION & REQUIREMENTS* when preparing and submitting a Proposal. Each section must be clearly marked.

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

- **Cover Page (Attachment A)**
- **Section I – Executive Summary**
- **Section II – Summary of Experience & Qualifications**
- **Section III - Response to Evaluation Criteria**
- **Attachment A – Title Page.**
- **Attachment B – Vendor/Contractor Certification & Non-Collusion Statement**
- **Attachment C – Insurance or Bonding Requirements**
- **Attachment D – IDEA Conflict of Interest Form**
- **Attachment E – Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace**
- **Attachment F – Contract Provisions for Contracts Involving Federal Funds**
- **Attachment G – Criminal History Review of Vendor/Contractor Employees**
- **Attachment H – Reference Sheet**
- **Attachment I – Litigation, Terminations, Claims**
- **Attachment J – Proposed Pricing**
- **Attachment K – Deviations and Exceptions**
- **Appendix A – Sites**
- **Appendix B – RFP Completion Checklist**
- **Additional Required Forms**
- **Additional Documentation (Optional)**

Submittal Procedures

Due: Wednesday, November 04, 2026 @ 2:00 PM CST

Proposal Submission: Proposals must be submitted using the [Public Purchase](#) or by sending one (1) clearly identified hard copy ORIGINAL of the Proposal to:

IDEA Florida, Inc. In C/O IDEA Public Schools
RFP #3-CAT1WAN-0127 Florida
E-Rate CAT 1 WAN Services –
Form 470# 270000091
Attn: Procurement Department
2115 West Pike Blvd, Weslaco, TX 78596

Proposals must be in a sealed envelope marked with the RFP Number and Title (RFP #3-CAT1WAN-0127 Florida: CAT1 WAN Services) and include:

- One (1) clearly identified **hard copy ORIGINAL** of the Proposal response.
- One (1) copy of the Proposal on a **FLASH DRIVE**, marked with the Respondent's name.

Proposals must be submitted by Wednesday, November 04, 2026 no later than 2:00 PM CST

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 (Points)	Description
Cost of E-Rate Eligible Products and/or Services	30	Respondent's proposed price of E-Rate eligible products and/or services.
Technical & Functional Suitability	26	The extent to which the proposed goods or services meet IDEA's needs. This includes, but is not limited to technical specifications, functional requirements, and service expectations as outlined in the RFP.
Reputation & Reliability	14	Respondent's demonstrated reliability and reputation as evidenced by past performance, industry references, third-party evaluations, overall standing in the marketplace, and previous working relationship with other K-12 public charter schools.
Total Cost of Ownership	10	Total long-term cost to acquire the Respondent's goods and/or services. This includes the total ineligible cost to IDEA for acquiring and maintaining the proposed goods and/or services throughout the full duration of the agreement.
Terms & Conditions	10	Respondent'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.
Service Response & Support Capability	5	Evaluation will be based on the Respondent's demonstrated ability to provide timely support, troubleshooting, incident management, service escalation procedures, and onsite technical assistance when required. Respondents must submit a service response plan detailing response times, escalation procedures, support resources, and expected onsite response capabilities.
Total Possible Score	100	



ANY QUESTIONS?

Closing

If you haven't already, please type name, title, contact information, and organization in the chat

