

**Department of Materials Management
Division of Procurement
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
45 W. Gude Drive, Suite 3100
Rockville, Maryland 20850**

August 31, 2022

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**The following are questions and responses regarding
Form 470 Application Number 230000617**

Question 1: I just want to confirm that you are only looking for Internet access for the 5 sites and not WAN connectivity among the sites.

Answer: MCPS is seeking proposals for Metro Ethernet for approximately 5 sites.

Question 2: Clarification on "Existing facilities in the requested MCPS locations or existing right-of-entry: no last mile installation." in the Specifications section of the RFP. Should we include any work from the RoW into the DEMARC or not?

Answer: Please refer to the Bid Spec Sheet for this information.

SPECIFICATIONS

This service needs to provide high speed data network services of a minimum 1Gbps, direct Layer-2 connectivity between a remote MCPS site and the MCPS Data Center located at 45 West Gude, Rockville, MD 20850, and Point-to-Multipoint service for expandability to multiple sites using 45 West Gude as the hub point for five locations. Existing facilities in the requested MCPS locations or existing right-of-entry: no last mile installation. Bidder must provide pricing for 1G and include pricing in 1G increments up to 5G.

Question 3: Is this prevailing wage and is it required for work on District owned property?

Answer: MCPS is seeking bids on a service and vendors need to bid what they can do. MCPS is committed to an open and competitive bidding process and will be selecting the most cost-effective vendor that meets the needs of MCPS.

Question 4: Please confirm if the RFP is for both point to point and point-to-multipoint options from listed site locations (Attachment A) back to MCPS Data Center located at 45 West Gude, Rockville, MD from 1G to 5G in 1G increments?

Answer: Please refer to the Bid Spec Sheet for this information.

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Question 5: For the 5 site point-to-multi point is there a need to have any of the spoke sites pass traffic directly between them, or does everything go back to the HUB site and the District will handle routing to individual spoke sites?

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Question 6: Please clarify interest in initial term options. On page 1 "INTENT" "(MCPS) is seeking proposals for Metro Ethernet for approximately 5 sites for an initial term of four years with the option for up to (5) one-year renewals" or will only 1 year initial term contracts be considered pursuant to "Article 11 Term of Contract"?

Answer: MCPS is seeking proposals for Metro Ethernet for approximately 5 sites for an initial term of four years with the option for up to (5) one-year renewals.

Question 7: Will the service require multiple VLAN's?

Answer: Please refer to the Bid Spec Sheet for this information.

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Question 8: Will the UNI handoffs be EPL vs. EVPL?

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Question 9: Will the HUB (45 W Gude Drive, Rockville MD 20850) require greater bandwidth than the spoke sites?

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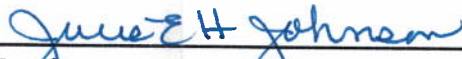
Question 10: Will the proposed network require physical diversity?

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All responses to the Form 470 must be submitted in writing to Julie E. Johnson, Buyer II, Montgomery County Public Schools, Procurement Unit, 45 W Gude Drive, Suite 3100, Rockville, MD 20850, via fax at 301-279-3173 or email to [Julie E Johnson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Julie_E_Johnson@mcpsmd.org). Deadline for vendor proposals is 2:00 pm Eastern, September 19, 2022. MCPS reserves the right to reject late submitted proposals.



Julie E. Johnson, Buyer II, Procurement Unit

Please indicate your acceptance of this notice by signing below and returning with your response to the Form 470 or under separate cover.

Accepted:

Name and Title

Company Name

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