

BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WIRELESS AP LICENSES 470 E-RATE 2020-21

The Benton County School wishes to receive bids for wireless access point management/support licenses for our current Xirrus access point fleet to be used in the school sites listed in the table below. The quantities are specified by each school site.

| Entity Name | Access Points |
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| Ashland Elementary School | 30 |
| Ashland High School | 40 |
| Hickory Flat Attendance Center | 50 |
| Benton County Regional Vocational Center aka Career Technical Center | 10 |
| Central Office | 5 |
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Xirrus software licensing, upgrades, patches, and 8x5 TAC, L1, L2 and L3 support for:

- Cloud Based Controller
- 135 Wireless Access Points

Manufacturer support to include unlimited phone support and all upgrades, regular health checks for best practice and optimization.

Proposal Binding Period

Prices quoted in the vendor's response for all services and equipment will remain in effect for a period of 3 years from the award date. The vendor must understand that the customer will use E-Rate discounts for these services, in which case, within applicable filing window for submitting the response to the RFP, the customer will submit form 471 for funds based upon the pricing submitted by the vendor. The SLD funding cycle may take as long as 12-18 months. In the event funding is not available, the RFP will become void. The District also reserves the right to decrease quantities if needed to stay within the C2 budget.

Responses/Proposals/Quotes

Responses to this RFP must be submitted to:

Glossie Terry, Technology Coordinator
231 Court Street
Ashland, MS 38603

Do not fax or email responses. All responses must be mailed to the above address or hand delivered by 4:00PM CST March 23, 2020. The responses will be opened publicly on March 24, 2020. All responses/proposals/quotes must contain a notation that the chosen E-Rate billing method is Service Provider Invoice, also known as SPI. All responses should be sealed and clearly marked with the following:

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Basis of Award:

In keeping with the guidelines of USAC, this RFP will be awarded to the most cost effective provider that meets other bid guidelines contained in the RFP. Pricing will be the primary factor, but not necessarily the sole factor, in evaluating the RFP's. Other factors of consideration may be prior experience with the Benton County School District, past performance, and support personnel proximity to district. The Benton County School District does not guarantee any award of contract by an RFP submission.

Vendor Registration with the Schools and Libraries Corporation

The vendor must provide proof of registration with the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) for reimbursement under E-Rate guidelines. If the vendor fails to file the appropriate forms with the SLD or fails to receive an SLD Vendor Number, the Benton County School District is not responsible for the discounted portion of the vendor's bill. The vendor must generate an invoice for the USF portion of the bill in accordance with SLD regulations. Vendor is responsible for supplying SLD Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) with the RFP.

Universal Service Administrative Company Invoicing

USAC requires the Benton County School District to pay our share of the approved E-Rate discounted invoice, submitted by the vendor to USAC, within 90 days of the due date stated on the vendor's invoice. The awarded vendor will provide a copy of such invoice to/or notify in writing to The Benton County School District, prior to their invoicing USAC, for School Board approval.