

I. Request for Proposal: Telecommunications & Site Connectivity

II. SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARDEE COUNTY
MIS & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
P.O. DRAWER 1678
WAUCHULA, FL 33873

III. Provide WAN services for multiple Hardee County Public School sites:
(a) One EVC metro-Ethernet connection to the district office of 2-10 Gbps full duplex.
(b) One connection from district office splitting into a total of six EVC metro-Ethernet links to school sites with speeds of 500 Mbps full duplex to 2 Gbps full duplex. Four primary school sites with bandwidth of 500 Mbps full duplex to 1 Gbps full duplex & two secondary school sites with bandwidth of 1 Gbps full duplex to 2 Gbps full duplex. All listed speeds should reflect synchronous full duplex speeds.

IV. Service provider is expected to provide quality of service reflecting 99.99% uptime or better. Service provider is expected to have highly qualified technicians on staff who can diagnose problems quickly and provide solutions in a timely manner. Service provider must be registered with SLD (Schools and Libraries Division), have a SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number), and comply with all SLD service provider requirements.

V. Hardee District Schools will not accept any installation or hardware charges as part of vendor proposal. Vendor is responsible for all installation & hardware costs required to provide services related to this proposal.

VI. Please provide the following contract options:
(a) 1 year / 12 months contract option.
(b) 2 year / 24 months contract option.
(c) 3 year / 36 months contract option.
(d) 4 year / 48 months contract option.
(e) 5 year / 60 months contract option.

All service options should begin with fully functional service on July 1, 2016 and will conclude on June 30 of the appropriate year depending on the contract term selected by Hardee District Schools.

VII. Service shall be billed at a normalized or equal amount each month over the course of the contract to provide clear and succinct billing reports.

VIII. All Hardee District Schools and State of Florida procurement rules and regulations apply.

IX. If onsite information or walk-through is required by service provider this will be scheduled prior to proposal submission date of April 7, 2016. Hardee District Schools will provide the day and time upon request by respondent. All inquiries will be answered in an addendum and posted to the district website to ensure a fair and equal playing field for all respondents.

X. Proposals may be sent via email to: tmarkel@hardee.k12.fl.us

U.S. Postal service: P.O. Drawer 1678
ATTN: Todd Markel
Wauchula, FL 33873

All inquiries can be made by contacting Mr. Todd Markel, Coordinator of MIS and Information Technology. All proposals must be submitted via email or received no later than April 7, 2016 @ 3:30p.m. (ET).

XI. All proposals will be reviewed by April 8, 2016. Contract award notification will be sent via email as well as posted to the district website within 2 weeks of final contract confirmation. Hardee District Schools intends to award this RFP to a single proposer & reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received.

If a proposer desires to protest the RFP award, the proposer must file with Bob Shayman, Deputy Superintendent, the following: a written notice of intent to protest within seventy-two (72) hours (3 business days) of the posting of the award and a formal written protest by petition within ten (10) calendar days of the date the notice of protest was filed.

*120.57(3), Florida Statutes- "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes."