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Request for Mini-Bid through Email

The Dale County Board of Education (DCBOE) is soliciting proposals for Networking Services for the Dale County School System.

Sealed Proposals are due on or before March 22th 2021 at 2:00 p.m, and will be opened at that time on that date at the Dale County Board of Education, 202 S. Hwy. 123 Suite E. Ozark, Alabama, 36360.

Objective

The Dale County Board of Education intends to acquire services for:

1. The installation and configuration of network switches
2. The installation of access points
3. The installation and termination of cabling, ethernet drops, and racks

The Vendor's responsibility is to propose any additional items they deem needed if not covered in the enclosed specifications. The Vendor may submit one or more proposals provided one proposal is identified as the primary proposal and other proposals are identified as alternative proposals.

Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or any portion of a proposal, and accept a primary or alternative proposal that they deem to be in the best interest of the school system. Dale County Board of Education may waive any technicality and award a contract to The Vendor who meets the proposed requirements and the proposal is deemed to be in the best interest of the Dale County Board of Education.

Contingency

The acceptance and implementation of the proposal is contingent on funding.

Schedule of Events

The following is the schedule of events for this project. The schedule may change depending on the results of the responses and a final schedule will be established prior to contracting with the successful vendor.

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
1.	Release of Proposals	March 12, 2021
2.	Deadline for submission/Proposal Opening	March 22, 2021 @ 2:00PM CST
3.	Approval	March 23, 2021

The Vendor may direct questions to Wesley Bradshaw, at 334-774-2355, or bradsdw@dalecountyboe.org. All clarifications or changes to the proposal specifications will be provided in writing to all prospective bidders.

Vendor Qualifications

A Vendor responding to this proposal must meet the following qualifications for their response to be accepted.

Each proposal will be evaluated based on criteria and priorities defined by the Dale County Board of Education. Proposals will be screened based upon compliance with the base requirements. The evaluation criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The Vendor's overall qualifications based on past performance and company qualifications and certification.
2. The Vendor's ability to meet all the requirements detailed in the proposal.
3. Best overall value and in the best interest of the Dale County Board of Education.

Response Submission

Responses to this proposal must be received through email at bids@dalecountyboe.org by 2 p.m. on the date specified in the Schedule of Events. Bids will be opened at that time. The proposal must have the vendor name as the subject line of the email.

It is the sole responsibility of the respondents to ensure that their responses arrive in a timely manner. Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to reject all late arrivals. The Vendor must submit one copy of their response along with any required supporting documentation. Proposal must be valid for 90 days after the established contract. If there are any discounts included in pricing that are time sensitive, the change in price and the deadline of the discount must be explicitly disclaimed on the bid sheet. The completed bid shall be without erasures or alterations. Signatures on the proposals shall be in longhand and executed by a person duly authorized by The Vendor to enter into a contract.

Evaluation of Responses

Dale County Board of Education may at its discretion, and at no fee to school system, invite any vendor to appear and or conference call for questioning during response evaluation for the purpose of explaining statements in their response.

Right to Reject

Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals or sections thereof when the rejection is in the best interest of the Dale County Board of Education. Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to award without further discussion. Therefore, responses should be submitted initially with the most favorable terms that The Vendor can propose. The Vendor must include in this response any limitations to their acceptance of a partial award.

Contracts will be awarded to the highest ranked vendor as determined to be in the best interest of the Dale County Board of Education. Vendors will be ranked according to the following Criteria:

Criteria	Weight
Price of Eligible Products	40%
Interoperability with existing Systems	30%
Completeness of Proposal	10%

Prior Experience with Vendor	10%
In State Vendor	5%
Warranty	5%

Evidence of Vendor Qualifications

The Vendor is asked to furnish evidence that they maintain permanent places of business of a type and nature compatible with their proposal and are in all respects a competent and an eligible vendor to fulfill the terms of this request. Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any vendor's proposal if evidence fails to indicate the Vendor is qualified to provide the items on this request.

General Specifications

Network Switches

- Any switches being replaced shall be moved to a location of DCBOE choice
- Both new and existing switches shall be stacked and configured for such at 10 gigabit link rate
- Switches shall be installed with applicable hardware for the location

Access Points

- Shall be mounted and connected to the network in a location of DCBOE choice
- Any mounting hardware or protective cages shall be provided by vendor

Cabling

- All cable used shall be Category 6a with associated equipment of matching standards
- Will include any cables, patch panels, racetracks, gang boxes or any other equipment that will connect the link from end-point to end-point
- Cabling shall be tested upon installation to insure correct operation and speeds
- All cabling shall be labeled for easy identification on both ends
- All work done shall be BICSI compliant

Include in your proposal the number of days required for delivery.

AWARD:

- The Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals.
- The award will be made in accordance with Code of Alabama 1975 Section 16-13B.
- The decision of the Dale County Board of Education will be final.
- The Dale County Board of Education may not award on the basis of low bid only.
- In the event the low bidder(s) refuses to accept the entire requirements without deviation, their bid will then be considered non-responsive. After refusal by the first bidder, the bid may be awarded to the next lowest bidder.
- Specifications are written as if in full detail. Use of specific names and numbers is not intended to restrict the bidding of any seller and/or manufacturer, but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size, and quality of materials, products, service or equipment consideration best adapted to the Board's intended use.

PRICING:

- Prices are to be quoted by the 'unit' indicated on the face of the bid sheet.
- Prices are not to exceed two (2) decimal places.
- The bidder offers and agrees to furnish all items upon which prices are quoted.

- D. Dale County Board of Education reserves the privilege to rebid or renegotiate any item(s) if price(s) are beyond amount anticipated or if negotiations are unsatisfactory.
- E. Firm prices shall be bid and include all packing, handling, shipping charges and delivery to the destination shown.
- F. In the event of extension error(s), the unit price will prevail and the bidder's total offer will be corrected accordingly. In the event of addition error(s), the bidder's total will be corrected accordingly. Bidders must check their proposal for any such errors and state the discount(s) in the proposal where applicable. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk.
- G. The Dale County Board of Education is tax exempt from all tax as found in the Code of Alabama 1975, section 40-23-4(a)(11), as amended. This statement is in no way to be construed as relieving the seller or contractor from their tax obligation.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Request that each bidder submit proposals as per the following instructions:

Proposal to contain the complete package as per the enclosed specifications.

Delivery must be to all 7 local school sites with lift gate services included.

Bid Submission

Shall be submitted to the following email address: bids@dalecountyboe.org

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School	AP Small Space	AP Large Space	Switch 12 port	Switch 24 port	Switch 48 port	Stacking Estimate	Drops	Racks	UPS
Ariton Elem	22	2			2	4 Modules 2 Cables	19		2
Ariton High	26	2	1			2 Modules 1 Cable			2
Dale County High	31	3			2	4 Modules 2 Cables	14	2 (4ft and/or 6ft enclosed)	2
Long Elem	31	4					10		2
Long High	30	2					11		2
Midland City Elem	32	3			1	2 Modules 1 Cable	12		2
Newton Elem	20	3	1		1	4 Modules 2 Cables	10		2
South Dale Middle	26	3					15		2
Armory	2			1 (x450) 1 (x440)		2 10G Fiber SFP		1 (4ft and/or 6ft enclosed)	2
Central Office					2	4 Modules 2 Cables			
Bus Barn/Maint.	1	1	1	1 (x450)					
Totals	221	23	3	3	8	20 Modules 10 Cables 2 Fiber SFP	91	3	18
Must be stackable with existing equipment									