

RFP – ERATE 2015

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARDEE COUNTY
DISTRICT OFFICE MIS / TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
P.O. DRAWER 1678
WAUCHULA , FLORIDA 33873**

PROPOSAL

**Telecommunications – Site connectivity
District WAN**

**Opening date:
March 13, 2015
2:00 P.M. E.S.T.**

RFP: E-RATE FY 2015

**School District of Hardee County
MIS and Technology Department**

Process:

Proposals may be written and sent via email: tmarkel@hardee.k12.fl.us

U.S. Postal Service: P.O. Drawer 1678
Wauchula, Florida 33873

All inquiries can be made by contacting: Mr. Todd Markel,
Coordinator of MIS and Technology.

All proposals must be submitted no later than:
March 13, 2015 1:00 P.M. E.S.T.

All questions related to this RFP must be
submitted by March 6th, 11:00 A.M. EST.

Vendor or service provider questions that may potentially affect
an equal playing field for the process of this RFP will be added
as an addendum via the district website. Once again, all
questions related to this RFP must be submitted by March 6th,
11:00 A.M. Eastern standard time.

Specifications for Telecommunication connectivity between schools, departments, and district office

-One EVC Metro-Ethernet (or functionally similar) connection coming into the district office of 2-4gbps full duplex. Please provide pricing options for 2, 3, 4, and 5 gbps full duplex connections.

-One connection from district office splitting into six EVC Metro-Ethernet (or functionally similar) links to the school sites with speeds of 500mbps full duplex to 2gbps full duplex. Please provide pricing options for 500mbps, 1gbps, & 2gbps full duplex connections.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

Vendor shall have the following qualifications:

-Be registered as a service provider with the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD), have a Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN), and comply with all SLD service provider requirements.

-Have highly qualified technicians on staff, who can diagnose problems quickly and provide solutions in a timely manner.

-Vendor expected to provide quality of service reflecting 99.99% uptime.

-Vendor outages exceeding 4 hours will result in vendor paying liquidated damages of 20% of monthly cost per incident up to a maximum of 60% of monthly charges.

***Vendor must acknowledge this statement in proposal.**

Respondent is responsible for including all addendums in their proposal to Hardee District Schools.

Item 1: Additional information:

- A. Hardee District Schools will not accept any installation charges as part of vendors' proposal.
- B. Vendor is responsible for all installation costs to provide services requested in RFP.

Item 2: Rules / Regulations:

- A. All of Hardee District Schools, Hardee County and State of Florida procurement rules and regulations apply to this RFP.

Item 3: Onsite walkthrough

- A. If onsite DMARC or point of presence information is requested, Hardee District Schools will perform a walkthrough at the 7 locations where service has been requested.
- B. HCSB will provide the day and time upon request by respondent.
- C. Jessica Lunsford act restrictions require that any personnel involved in the onsite walkthrough be approved for school sites via stated act.
- D. No other walkthroughs will be performed unless deemed necessary by Hardee District Schools.

Item 4: FAQ

1. Bandwidth specifications:

Q1. Does the listed speeds mean for example at a primary site which may be listed as 500mbps is actually a 250mbps full duplex connection?

A1. No, more specifically the speeds in the RFP should be full duplex speed at the stated amount. Example: If the speed requested is 500mbps that means 500mbps full duplex or 500 up and 500 down simultaneously. This applies to all speeds listed in the RFP unless explicit adjustment is approved by HCSB.

2. Communication: Questions regarding RFP

Q2. What is the appropriate means to communicate with HCSB about this RFP?

A2. All communication must be via email to tmarkel@hardee.k12.fl.us to ensure a fair and equal playing field for all respondents.