



Request for Proposal (RFP)

Internet Access

Morgan County School District RE-3

715 West Platte Avenue

Fort Morgan, CO 80701

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The Morgan County School District (MCSD) invites vendors to submit proposals in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal for Internet access bundled with transport services. We seek pricing for symmetrical bandwidth with speeds of 2, 3, 5, 10 Gbps with dedicated internet access (guaranteed throughput) to the District's head-end located at Morgan County School District Re-3 Support Center at 715 West Platte Avenue, Fort Morgan, CO 80701. This internet connection will support the operations of the Morgan County School District and Morgan County Government. The handoff is located at the District's head-end. E-rate will be applied for the portion of this contract that the school district allocates. The Morgan County Government will reimburse district for its portion without E-Rate reimbursement.

The start of this service is July 1, 2021. Please provide laddered pricing for 3 and 5 year agreement from 2, 3, 5, 10 Gbps in all bids and contracts. Bidders are advised that this project will be contingent upon the successful obtaining of E-Rate Funding. Since MCSD uses Google for email and students use the Google Chromebooks platform, ISPs with Google peering will be given extra points in the evaluation process.

We will require 2 - /27 blocks of public IPv4 addresses (one for Morgan County School District and one for Morgan County Government). Please have this price separately because it is not e-rate reimbursable. Provide individual or block pricing for additional addresses to account for potential growth during the term of the contract.

Your proposal must include any service provider owned onsite equipment to handoff service to the District's head-end equipment and you should describe your proposed hand-off as part of your response.

Each respondent must provide a proposed Service Level Agreement (SLA) with their response. The proposed SLA must include a description of the services provided, and where applicable, describe how these services will be measured. At a minimum, the SLA should describe what reasonable efforts take place to ensure 99.99% network availability. The company should provide frame/packet loss, network latency, and network jitter statics for their current networks. Additionally, each SLA should describe 24X7X365 trouble-reporting procedure and commitments with regard to the time to repair outages, and describe provisions offered in the event of chronic trouble. The services described in the SLA shall be maintained to the specifications of these comments throughout the term of the contract, and the selected vendor shall remediate any deficiencies at no cost to the District. Additional features, such as resiliency, basic firewall services, and DDoS protection should also be described.

We will consider multi-year contracts to increase our savings on internet services. The purchase of the above goods or services are contingent upon available funding. A Colorado constitutional amendment prohibits public schools and libraries from entering into multiple-year financial obligations, such as multi-year contracts, without pre-allocation of the funds unless the local voters have previously approved such an obligation. (Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20(4)(b)). However, funding agreements, including multi-year contracts, that are subject to annual appropriations by a governing board, such as a school board, generally are allowed and are not subject to this constitutional provision since the governing board decides

each year to make a particular expenditure. Copy of contracts should consider the above information.

Response Format

All bids must include the following information:

1. A description of services with detailed information including a timeline for completion of every phase of work necessary to demonstrate service delivery can be completed by July 1, 2021.
2. Complete pricing for the services described herein. Your proposal must clearly indicate non-recurring costs, recurring costs, and fees for the service being proposed, for each speed tier. Including information about your access to Google Peering.
3. Proposed Service Level Agreement.
4. Three (3) reference sites where your company has performed a similar service, including business name, Contact Name, and Contact Information. It is preferable that at least one reference should be a district within 150 miles of MCSD.
5. E-Rate Spin Number (You must have a current SPAC form on file with USAC and be in good standing).
6. Services providers must comply with the FCC rules for Lowest Corresponding Price ("LCP"). Further details on LCP may be obtained at USAC's website: [https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/#:~:text=Lowest%20corresponding%20price%20\(LCP\)%20is,%C2%A7%2054.500.](https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/step-2-responding-to-bids/lowest-corresponding-price/#:~:text=Lowest%20corresponding%20price%20(LCP)%20is,%C2%A7%2054.500.)
7. A ready-to-execute contract which includes the proposed requirements.
8. Bids are accepted electronically at bamack@morgan.k12.co.us

Evaluation Criteria

The District's review of information will be based on the following matrix separated by speed:

50% Pricing – Vendors will be ranked from 1 – Highest Price

Total Number of vendors that responded – Lowest Price

30% Google Peering -- 1 – Lowest does not have Google Peering

5 – Highest – Direct connect with Google

20% Completeness of proposal -- 1 – Lowest – Missing information requested

5 Highest – Meets all requests for information

TimeLine:

470 Filed: January 26, 2021

Bids Due: February 24, 2021

Anticipated selection of Vendor: February 25-26, 2021

Point of Contact:

Any proposals, bids, or questions concerning technical requirements must be directed to:

Brian Amack, Director of Technology

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