

Answers to questions regarding e-rate RFP DTS FY2014 Rev 1

Question 1: “What are the addresses of the locations for which the RFP is requesting connections?”

Answer: The four elementary schools must connect to the OSD backbone and ISP at the OSD District Office.

Cairo Elementary
531 Highway 20/26
Ontario, Oregon 97914

Alameda Elementary
1252 Alameda Drive
Ontario, Oregon 97914

May Roberts Elementary
590 NW 8th Street
Ontario, Oregon 97914

Pioneer Elementary
4744 Pioneer Road
Ontario, Oregon 97914

OSD District Office
195 SW 3rd Avenue
Ontario, Oregon 97914

Question 2: “Is the RFP only for four locations, or would you also consider a proposal offering connectivity to all of the district buildings?”

Answer: The RFP is only for the four OSD elementary school locations listed in the answer to Question 1 above. OSD already owns and manages the fiber connecting all other locations.

Question 3: “The RFP states the connection must be delivered via fiber. What method are these schools currently connected-- is it via fiber optic, T1, or wireless?”

Answer: The schools are currently connected via fiber optic.

Question 4: “What are the current connection speeds for the schools listed in the RFP?”

Answer: The schools are currently connected synchronously at 40Mbps.

Question 5: “The RFP states that installation must be completed by July 1. Is the district agreeable to gap service in the interim if construction took longer than July 1?...”

Answer: Yes, as long as there is no service disruption, no additional cost, and compliance with all e-rate requirements is strictly maintained.

Question 6: “Section 5.1.6 states 'the bidder must agree to provider substitutions if requested by the OSD, and must comply with the requirements for a service substitution under the e-rate program,' what does this mean, and can you provide an example where the district would ask for a service substitution?”

Answer: Although unlikely to be required in this case, Section 5.1.6 of the RFP simply alerts bidders in general to the fact that e-rate rules must be followed if the applicant (or service provider) determines changes are needed to “technical components (whether products or services or both) specified in the Item 21 Attachment for an FCC Form 471, Block 5 Discount Funding Request.” See USAC reference <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/before-youre-done/service-substitutions.aspx>

Question 7: “The schools not included in the RFP, does the district own and manage the fiber themselves?...”

Answer: Yes.