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Relating to both RFPs:

Q: Is this bid open to companies based outside of OR?

A: There is no requirement for the provider to be local. However, there is a requirement in the RFP for a walkthrough/tour of the schools. This helps us ensure that all RFP responses meet our needs.

Q: I saw that the term of this contract is from July 1, 2018 through June30, 2019.   If we were to successfully win this bid, would we be allowed to complete the work in a shorter amount of time?   For example, if we began the work on July 1 of this year, could we work on it directly through until it's completion – or would there be required delays between working on the sites, etc?

A: Most likely, we will need to wait until we get e-rate approval on funding before we want the work to begin. That means the work most likely won't start until sometime between November 2018 and February 2019. Once the work begins, we would like to have it finish as fast as possible.

Q: Are labs being considered for the fiber and Cat6a RFPs?

A: No, we don't need new fiber run to the computer labs. Yes, if there is a wireless access point in a computer lab, then we want Cat6A run to it as part of the Cat6A RFP.

Q: Are the RHS Wood Shop and Metal Shops part of the remodel (Will they need Cat6a and fiber)?

A: The RHS wood shop and metal shop are part of the remodel that is going on. We don't need any more fiber run to those IDFs. If there is a wireless access point in those two portables, then we want Cat6A run to them as part of the Cat6A RFP.

Q: What requirements are there for vendors with regards to e-rate paperwork?

A: All vendors who want to respond to this RFP must be e-rate vendors with a SPIN #. The only other thing that vendors must do is request payment from USAC (the agency that oversees the e-rate program) for the portion that they will be paying for. The vendor can send an invoice to the district for the district's portion of the cost. This is referred to as the SPI billing method by USAC.

Q: Do you need a price per school or for the whole RFP?

A: The total price for the RFP is what will be considered when we evaluate and score the responses. However, we need the pricing broken down by school in your response.

Q: Is Oregon prevailing wage required?

A: Yes.

Only relating to the SM to IDFs RFP (fiber):

Q: Are metal conduit and/or surface mounted raceway an acceptable fiber covering solution in finished areas?

A: Approved metal conduit and/or UL listed surface mounted raceway are acceptable cable covering solutions in finished areas. This would be preferred by the district over flexible conduit in finished spaces.

Q: Is Reynolds Learning Academy included in the fiber RFP or is this school only included in the Cat6a RFP?

A: Reynolds Learning Academy should only be part of the Cat6a RFP. No additional fiber work is required at Reynolds Learning Academy.

Only relating to the Cat6A RFP:

Q: Will existing pathway for AP cabling being installed this year, be large enough to accommodate next year's Category 6a cable, or will new raceway need to be installed to replace raceway being installed this year.

A: Of the WAPs that need raceway due to hard ceilings, roughly half have raceway that could accommodate a new Cat6A cable (in addition to what is already in it). However, there will be some places where raceway must be provided by the vendor (because it was not installed as part of the work that is currently under way).

Q: Can Alien Cross talk testing be removed as required testing requirement and replaced with standard Category 6a link testing.

A: No, all testing requirements listed in the RFP need to be followed.

Q: Is plenum cable required district wide? During the walk through, I noticed several schools that clearly non-plenum environments and plenum cable was still installed previously?

A: Yes, we wall all Cat6A installed as part of this RFP to be plenum rated.