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RFP 2019-115 Cabling Fiber Optic Infrastructure 4 Sites E-rate YR 22

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1. I believe it was discussed on the site walk that night shift would be permitted during school session after school release. The RFP page 4 states “Work will NOT be permitted when school is in session.” I know Rocklin High will have to be installed when school is not in session due to the compacted conduits. Will it be possible to pull over the existing fiber at the other sites that have large conduits and minimal existing infrastructure during school session, but after school hours?

A: “Night shift” work while school is in session is not preferred. Work should be planned during school breaks. If the Contractor/Vendor must work after hours on a school day to meet certain project deadlines then a schedule and justification should be provided to the District/owner for consideration. Please review the District annual calendars posted on the District website for greater detail. The District is willing to be flexible to accommodate after hours and weekend work to meet deadlines, however this should be kept to a minimum, clearly justified, and without interruption of services during the school day.

See Site Accessibility and Work Hours on page 6 of the RFP.

2. Question #1 leads into my second question which is for the other 3 school sites, do you want to leave the legacy fiber in place for future needs or backup? We would recommend that you leave it in case you need it in the future. A lot of fire alarm can't run over single mode (SM) as it uses multimode (MM).

A: The Scope of Work and plan calls for “rip-and-replace.” If the Contractor/Vendor recommendation is to leave the existing fiber, then provide an alternate proposal, additive or deductive, by line item for district/owner consideration. The original Scope of Work and criteria for the RFP and Addenda issued must be met for proposal consideration.

3. Can you please provide an updated list for the two high school sites, so we know how the cabling is to be run? We found out on the site walks that some of the IDF's daisy chained off of other IDF's. These smaller use areas may or may not need 24-strands of SM fiber. If they all do, then that makes it easy. If they don't, please advise how many strands are required per IDF.

A: See ADDENDUM #1 re: Campus Maps and Estimated Takeoffs with Notes. This was issued after the job walk-through to reflect new discoveries and greatest knowledge to date. As stated, there are no accurate as-build's for pathway for the four (4) schools in the RFP so it is the responsibility of the submitting Contractor/Vendor to provide a proposal based on the estimated information provided and the site job walks.

Regarding less than 24-strands of SM fiber to daisy chained IDF's: If the Contractor/Vendor is recommending a solution that is an alternative to the Scope of Work and Specifications called for in the RFP and Addenda, then provide an alternate proposal, additive or deductive, by line item for district/owner consideration. The original

Scope of Work and criteria for the RFP and Addenda issued must be met for proposal consideration.

4. As indicated above, the Rocklin High School campus has compacted conduits. Is trunking and splicing of the fiber allowed? Example: Taking a larger strand count fiber to building C and then a smaller strand count to snack bar and a smaller strand count to the press box.

A: "Home-run" or single piece of non-spliced fiber from each IDF to MDF is preferred. If the Contractor/Vendor is recommending a solution that is an alternative to the Scope of Work and Specifications called for in the RFP and Addenda, then provide an alternate proposal, additive or deductive, by line item for district/owner consideration. The original Scope of Work and criteria for the RFP and Addenda issued must be met for proposal consideration.

5. Will the district put a contingency allotment for each contractor to add for unforeseen conditions? This would only to be used if agreed upon by the district. This contingency would probably only apply to Rocklin HS but could apply to other sites as well if the fiber runs were drastically longer than the estimates due to conduit routing underground. This could result in additional material and labor costs for route discovery and fiber installation. At the site walk, we were unable to verify exact conduit location or route. The contingency could also be used to repair crushed conduits or overfull pathways that weren't able to be seen on the site walk. We suggest a set allotment for each site so it's applies to applies for all bidders or a flat 10% of each bidder's bid total.

A: See ADDENDUM #1 re: Contract, Owner Allowance/Contingency Cost

6. The District states that it does not intend to use the Bear Form process. You request a project timeline starting July 1, 2019. This would be applicable assuming the confirmation of available federal funding at least two months prior to the July 1st start date. We need time to order and receive material as well as schedule manpower during our busiest time of year. May we have confirmation that a delay in federal funding will also delay the requested start date and that there is an estimated 60-day window between the funding notification and the official project start date?

A: "The proposal and the contract negotiated implementing this proposal, are conditional and subject to full E-Rate funding by the SLD." **See page 17 of RFP.** The District will notify the Contractor/Vendor as soon as possible after receiving notification (or denial) of funding from USAC. The District has no control over the date of funding approval notice, and is also fully aware the Contractor/Vendor will need some lead time to procure materials and schedule resources. The District expects work to start as soon as possible based on all conditions. Please also review the "5. Early Funding Conditions", Category 2 information under the **Responder Service Provider Acknowledgements section in the RFP, pages 9-10 in the RFP.** If there will be a delay in the start date, specifically due to a delay in funding notification, the Contractor/Vendor is expected to identify the schedule impacts and to present to the District, ideally with options to help mitigate the impacts.

7. Are there any preferred evaluation criteria for local bidders or are all bidders on the same points scale for anything within the 300-mile radius described in the RFP? There is a lot of benefit in having a local contractor with local employees with a vested interest in the community and a quick response time.

A: For the purposes of this RFP, a 300-mile radius is considered close enough for the Contractor/Vendor to provide adequate response time. Vested community interest is always valued and appreciated, however not a preferred evaluation criterion of this RFP. **See Evaluation Criteria on page 12 of the RFP.**

8. Can you confirm that no MDF's or IDF's will be changed out under this RFP?

9. A: There are no plans to change out MDF's or IDF's under this RFP. The District has identified seven (7) IDF cabinets at Rocklin High School that will be relocated prior to the start date, **See ADDENDUM #1 re: Campus Maps and Estimated Takeoffs with Notes.** Should unforeseeable work be required to complete the project, the Owner Allowance/Contingency called for in Addendum #1 may be used.

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