Accelerate Progress for Students

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RFP NUMBER: 23-059 RR
RFP TITLE: E-Rate Core Top of Rack Switch Upgrade
ADDENDUM NUMBER: 1

Please refer to the updated information for the Appendix A Pricing Sheet which has been updated for the following:

- Page 20 of the RFP asks for 5 years of SmartNet, but the pricing sheet asked for 3 years. The request is for 5 years of SmartNet.

- The pricing sheet did not identify the quantity of each SKU required.

Please Refer to the Questions and Answers below:

1.) Question: Must have at least 48 ports of 1/10/25-Gbps and 6 ports of 40/100-Gbps.
   a. Do we need to quote actual optics and what are the counts?

   Answer: If bidder is proposing Cisco products then the current optics and cables are in place. If the bidder is proposing a different manufacturer that would require different optics, then the bidder needs to propose the different optics including labor to change out the current optics and cables.

2.) Question: Must support a minimum of 1,792,000 IP address entries.
   a. Why are so many IP addresses required for a top of rack switch?

   Answer: This is the minimum specification required of any switches proposed by bidders based upon information APS received from our consultants.

3.) Question: Must support at least EIGRP and OSPF routing protocol.
   a. EIGRP eliminates all other vendors except Cisco since EIGRP is proprietary.
   b. Should this say "or" instead of "and"?

4.) Must support Virtual Port-Channel.
   a. VPC is Nexus/Cisco Proprietary, but it is simply Port-Channel. which we support.

   Answer: These Top of Rack switches need to connect to the District's existing environment, which includes Cisco 7K switches. If the bidder wishes to propose a different manufacturer then they must also include the cost to modify the District's current infrastructure to operate with the new switches.

5.) Question: Must be able to support ACI, Application Centric Infrastructure.
   a. What is the use case for ACI?
   b. ACI came out in 2014 is APS currently using it?

   Answer: The District does not use ACI currently but does want to include the option to use ACI in the future.

6.) Question: Is Front to Back or Back to Front Air Flow needed on these switches?

   Answer: The District does not currently have hot and cold aisles in our data centers so whatever equipment is purchased in accords to this RFP will be mounted according to the manufacturer's specifications

ACKNOWLEDGE ADDENDUM WITH SUBMITTED PROPOSAL:
Addenda not signed and returned may consider the RFP non-responsive and may be rejected.

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