

# Helix School District 1-R

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Form 470 #25000136

Category 1

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## Single Point of Contact (SPC)

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### SUBMIT QUOTES TO:

Electronic Submission Portal

<https://erate.imesd.k12.or.us/submission?key=8IS9sDOfccZMI4znmzy>

**Proposal Due Date:** November 15, 2024, by 4:00 pm PST

### Scope of project

Helix Charter School is issuing this Request for Quotes to connect a newly acquired AG Science Building to their Wide Area Network (WAN) for the delivery of internet access.

Proposers are encouraged to schedule an onsite appointment with the SPC listed above, to gain a better understanding of the scope of the project.

District is not advocating or mandating any preconceived network design or construction route and leaves this decision up to Proposer to present their best, most cost-effective solution while recognizing the cited termination locations. Any proposed solution must be able to provide a **minimum 10Gbps bandwidth**. See **Attachment A\_Cost Proposal Form** for site information.

Proposal should include monthly recurring transport service cost (**MRC**) for 1- and 3-year terms, non-recurring installation costs (**NRC**) and special construction costs as defined below.

### Special Construction

In E-rate terminology, special construction refers to the upfront, non-recurring costs associated with the installation of new fiber to or between eligible entities. If no new fiber is being installed, then any installation costs are considered standard non-recurring costs (NRC). For leased fiber solutions requiring special construction, this means that the costs associated with building the fiber are considered special construction and the costs associated with the equipment required to activate the service are a standard NRC. Special construction and service eligibility for reimbursement have changed starting funding year 2016. See the Federal Communications Commission E-rate modernization order 2 (WC Docket No. 13-184) (<https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-releases-order-modernizing-e-rate-21st-century-connectivity>) for more information. Special construction charges eligible for Category One support consist of three components:

1. construction of network facilities
2. design and engineering
3. project management

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## **Bidding Instructions**

- Proposals **must** be submitted using the electronic **Bid Submission** portal listed above.
- Proposal must include **Attachment A – Cost Proposal Form**
- Proposer shall include the total monthly **other fees** and charges (i.e., cost recovery fees, service charges, etc.) that are not taxes or charges assessed by government authorities. Other fees and charges are factored as part of eligible costs evaluation.
- Proposer shall include the estimated total monthly customer assessed or reassessed **taxes and fees** as established by government authorities (i.e., USF fees, franchise fees, taxes, etc.). Estimated assessed taxes and fees *will not* be factored as part of eligible costs evaluation.
- All Proposals will be evaluated based on a 5-year total cost of ownership. The proposed solution meeting all minimum requirements with the lowest total cost of ownership will be selected.
- All Proposers must be capable of providing telecommunication services under the Universal Service Support Mechanism, be a registered service provider with USAC, and have a USAC issued 498 ID (Service Provider Identification Number - SPIN).
- All Proposals considered must follow State Procurement Laws.
- District will follow the purchasing policies of the District Board, State procurement laws and regulations, and requirements and procedures of the FCC's E-rate program as administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company to be eligible for all available funding. The implementation of any associated Contracts resulting from this competitive bid process will be dependent on District's issuance of a written Notice to Proceed. E-rate funding notification alone will not signify Notice to Proceed. The District will have the right to allow any associated Contracts to expire without implementation if appropriate funding does not come available.
- All Contracts awarded are contingent on E-rate funding and Universal Service Administrative Company approval.
- Service Providers must be and remain in compliance of requirements issued by the SLD throughout the contractual period.
- Pursuant to ORS 279B.100, District may reject any or all Proposals in-whole or in-part, or may cancel this RFQ at any time when the rejection or cancelation is in the best interest of the State or District, as determined by District. Neither the State nor any State agency is liable to any Proposer for any loss or expense caused by or resulting from the delay, suspension, or cancelation of the RFQ or a Contract award, or the rejection of any Proposal.
- Proposals should not include marketing or advertising material or other materials not essential to the utility and clarity of the Proposal (i.e. mass marketing emails) and should be straightforward and address the request. Proposals containing excessive marketing will be considered non-responsive.
- SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid responses and will be disqualified from consideration
- Lowest Corresponding Price - Proposers should propose their Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) (as required by the SLD 1996 Universal Service Order, 12 FCC Rcd 87, 383, para. 540).

## **Questions**

All questions should be submitted directly to the SPC listed. **To protect the integrity of the competitive bidding process, phone calls will not be accepted.** Unsolicited sales inquiries for services not explicitly requested in this RFP will not be addressed.

## **Disqualification Factors**

- Late Submission
- Not SLD Compliant
- Proposal Not Relevant to Services Requested
- District reserves the right to disqualify any bid that does not follow the Bidding Instructions listed above.
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