

HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT 1-R

E-Rate FY26 – 2023-24

Request for Quotes

HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT (District) is seeking bids and quotes for Category 1 Network Equipment, under the Schools and Libraries Division E-rate Program.

Please see the Associated document **2025_HELIX SD_AG SCIENCE BLDG_Network Equipment List** for details.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE

February 11, 2025 by 12:00 PM PST

In the event that too few bids are received in the 28-day window, applicant may extend that timeline with appropriate vendor notice.

Single Point of Contact (SPC)

Melinda Miller, E-Rate Program Manager
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Term

The term of the contract shall commence no earlier than April 1, 2025 and shall be valid until September 30, 2026.

Proposal

The District is seeking proposals for Category 1 Network Equipment in the event a Dark Fiber or Self-Provisioned solution is chosen for a WAN circuit linking two annex buildings.

All proposed equipment must be compatible with current environment of Cisco switches. Installation will be performed by the district.

The hardware (or equivalent) and components are provided as a minimum recommendation for the network equipment.

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit proposals using the Electronic Bid Portal here:
<https://erate.imesd.k12.or.us/submission/OvEE8TY5buXIPcZYn1PN>
- SPIN should be plainly displayed on quote
- E-rate eligible and ineligible costs **must** be separated.

- A manufacturer's multi-year warranty for a period up to three years that is provided as an integral part of an eligible component, without a separately identifiable cost, may be included in the cost of the component.
- Include an estimate of freight charges based upon all items quoted.
- All products are required to be new (no grey market products) with original manufacturer's warranty. Service provider must be an authorized reseller of the represented manufacturer.
- Bidders should propose their Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP) (*as required by the SLD 1996 Universal Service Order, 12 FCC Rcd 87, 383, para. 540*).
- All proposals considered must follow State Procurement Laws
- The District reserves the right to solely determine equivalency and compatibility.
- All future orders are contingent on E-rate funding and Administration approval at the discretion of the District, who reserves the exclusive right to deny any or all proposals associated with this RFP, even with E-rate funding approvals. All quantities are approximate.
- Service Providers must be and remain in compliance of requirements issued by the SLD throughout the contractual period.
- Per USF National Security Rule [FCC 19-121](#) barring the use of USF funding to purchase equipment for E-rate purposes, Service Providers are certifying that the proposed equipment is not from a company with an FCC Designation as a National Security threat.
- The proposal should not include marketing or advertising material or other materials not essential to the utility and clarity of the proposal and should be straightforward and address the request.

QUESTIONS

To ensure the integrity of the Competitive Bidding process, questions and inquiries **must** be specifically submitted in writing through email correspondence. Questions/inquiries will not be taken verbally by phone. All questions should be submitted directly to the Single Point of Contact listed. Correspondence to any other agent will not be responded to. 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
- Proposal includes equipment from a company with an FCC Designation as a National Security Threat.
- Mass marketing materials
- The Applicant has the right to disqualify any proposal that does not comply with the Bidding Instructions above.
- SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid responses and will be disqualified from consideration