

**Department of Materials Management
Procurement Unit
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
45 W. Gude Drive, Suite 3100
Rockville, Maryland 20850**

December 20, 2018

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**The following are questions and responses regarding
Form 470 Application Number 190008368**

Question 1: Internet Access for Schools – 26 -70 schools
Which schools?

Answer: Please refer to the 470 RFP MO19 Bid Spec and site list that is included with the Form 470.

Internet Access for Schools

MCPS requires internet access capable of a minimum 150Mbps and a maximum of 1000Mbps download for between 26 to 70 school sites. Existing facilities in the requested MCPS locations or existing right-of-entry: no last mile installation. The High Schools (including Thomas Edison) will be first priority followed by Middle Schools.

Question 2: Internet Access for Schools – 26 -70 schools
Are you looking for broadband?

Answer: Please refer to the Bid Spec Sheet for this information.

Question 3: Internet Access for Schools – 26 -70 schools
Are they currently serviced by Comcast Cable modem service today?

Answer: The district is seeking bids on a service and vendors need to bid what they can do. The district is committed to an open and competitive bidding process and will be selecting the most cost effective vendor that meets the needs of the district.

Question 4: Point to Point
Are these current connections completed via VPN over the cable modems currently in place?

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Question 5: Point to Point
I read the requirements as a minimum of 150 Mb up. Is that correct?

Answer: Please refer to the Bid Spec Sheet for this information.

Point-to-Point

This service needs to provide connectivity using existing vendor or carrier provided infrastructure at the school or office site and to allow a data connection (virtual or physical) between that site and the data center at 45 West Gude Drive, Rockville, Maryland. A synchronous or asynchronous connection is required with a minimum of 150Mbps download and 150Mbps up to/from each location and a maximum of 1000Mbps download and 1000Mbps up to/from each location. Service is currently provided to 222 MCPS schools and office sites, and may increase based on MCPS' needs.

Question 6: Re: Internet Access for Schools – would we be able to build into 45 W. Gude, or are we constrained to use the existing last mile through RCN/FiberNet??

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Question 7: Appears that we could build into W. Gude for the PTP network, correct?

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Question 8: Would MCPS be open to a PTP design other than hub & spoke, i.e. multiple hub sites, dark fiber daisy chain connectivity?

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Question 9: What is the actual average PTP bandwidth? You mention 150MB – 1GB for each location, same with Internet?

Answer: Please refer to the Form 470 RFP MO19RFP Bid Spec Sheet for this information.

Question 10: Please clarify 26-70 schools for Internet access? 70 is the maximum number of facilities for Internet? The rest are for PTP?

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Question 11: Is MCPS looking at Maintenance for wireless access points as a standalone contract through a Wireless provider?

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Question 12: Are you confined to bundling internet and firewall deployments, or will you considering separating the providers?

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Question 13: When are you looking to have everything installed?

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Laurie Checco, CPPB, Buyer II, Procurement Unit

Please indicate your acceptance of this notice by signing below and returning with your RFP or under separate cover.

Accepted: _____
Name and Title

Name of Company _____