

PURCHASING AND INVENTORY DEPARTMENT

Contracting, Fixed Assets, Warehousing, Textbooks 1403 Honaker Avenue, Princeton, West Virginia **Deborah S. Akers, Ed.D., Superintendent**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #254

Broadband Service

The Mercer County Board of Education invites proposals for providing broadband service. Proposals must be in accordance with the provisions, specifications, and instructions set forth herein. Our signed bid form must be returned in an envelope clearly marked RFP #254 or in the enclosed orange envelope. Faxed copies are unacceptable.

Proposals will be opened as follows:

PLACE: Main Conference Room

1403 Honaker Avenue

Princeton, West Virginia 24740

DATE: March 24, 2016

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

Please read our enclosed proposal conditions carefully. The Board assumes no responsibility for oral instruction or suggestion by employee or representative. All official correspondence in regard to this proposal and its contents should be directed to and will be issued by the purchasing agent. Only the responding offerors will be announced at the proposal opening, not the contents of their proposal. Otherwise, no information will be given out until contract is approved by the Board. All responding offerors will be notified in writing of the Board's action to award along with details of the offeror, and contract awarded.

Regina Rarick
Purchasing Agent
Mercer County Board of Education
February 23, 2016

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Proposals and any eventual contract with the Mercer County Board of Education must meet the following minimum administrative requirements for the purpose of supplying the Board with high-speed broadband service with termination of each circuit at the Board's central office at a switch owned and maintained by the vendor.

- 1. **PERIOD THAT PROPOSALS SHALL REMAIN VALID:** After the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals, no proposal may be withdrawn for a period of **90** days.
- APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL AND FUNDING OF THIS WORK depends upon the approval of the Mercer County Board of
 Education and funding approval in accordance with the guidelines of E-Rate. Upon approval by the Board a contract will be
 signed with the awarded vendor subject to funding approval by E-Rate. E-Rate will approve the vendor and the alignment
 of funds for this project.
- 3. **REQUIREMENTS:** The successful Bidder will be required:
 - 3.1. To execute a contract including the LEA Agreement.
 - 3.2. Comply with all rules and regulations of the West Virginia Workers' Compensation Fund.
 - 3.3. Provide evidence of insurance coverage to the minimum limits required by the contract documents. (Applicable to new vendors and installations only.)
 - 3.4. Provide a performance bond and a material and labor payment bond for 100% of the contract award. (Applicable to new vendors and installations only.).
 - 3.5. All new vendors who submit proposals that include installation costs must provide a copy of their West Virginia contractor's license at the time of the proposal opening. The West Virginia Division of Labor website for information is http://www.wvlabor.com/newwebsite/pages/contractor_licensing.html, (304) 558-7890.
 - 3.6. The awarded contractor for new installations shall pay WV prevailing wage rates, if applicable as specified by WV Code §21-5A.
- 4. PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: The vendor to whom any new installation contract is awarded, shall pay for, execute and deliver to the Mercer County Board of Education within ten (10) days after award or contract by Mercer County Board of Education and before signing the contract a corporate surety performance and labor and material payment bond on AIA Document A312 (or equivalent form), to be executed by a surety company listed on the most current Federal Register, Circular 570, and which is authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia and signed or co-signed by a resident West Virginia agent, and which is satisfactory to and approved by the Mercer County Board of Education in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the contract, insuring the full and faithful performance of the work and payment in full for all material, machinery, equipment and labor, and covering all the guarantees called for in the specifications and all other obligations arising there under.
 - 4.1. The performance and payment bond provision will be waived for existing vendors and only applies to new vendors who must supply a backbone for a new broadband system.
 - 4.2. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to deliver the required bond and all other contract documents, properly executed, within ten (10) days after receipt of the Mercer County Board of Education's letter of intent to award a contract, the successful bidder shall forfeit the security deposited with his proposal as liquidated damages, not as a penalty.

5. ALLOWABLE CHARGES:

- 5.1. Installation costs.
- 5.2. Monthly service charges priced by location.
- 5.3. Federal, state, and local government charges.

6. NON-ALLOWABLE CHARGES

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- 6.1. Services that have not been requested under this contract and have not been approved by an authorized representative of the Mercer County Board of Education.
- 6.2. Overcharges.

7. CONTRACT TERM / OPTION TO RENEW

- 7.1. Contract term shall be from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017. This contract may be renewed at the expiration of its term by agreement of both parties. Such renewal may be for an additional year not to exceed two such renewals (three years total). Any services delivered prior to receipt of the Board's written purchase order shall be at the contractor's risk.
- 8. <u>TO THE EXTENT</u> allowed by West Virginia Code, the Board reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal or proposals and to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part; to reject a proposal not accompanied by the required condition of the proposal by the bidder that is in any way inconsistent with the requirements, terms and conditions of the proposal documents; to reject any condition of the proposal by the bidder that is in any way inconsistent with the requirements, terms and conditions of the proposal documents; or to reject a proposal that is in any way incomplete or irregular.
- 9. <u>REJECTION OF PROPOSALS:</u> The Mercer County Board of Education shall have the right to reject any or all proposals and to reject a proposal not accompanied by the required proposal security, or by other data required by the proposal documents, or to reject a proposal which is in any way incomplete or irregular.
- LATE PROPOSALS: Proposals received in the purchasing department after the date and time prescribed, shall not be considered and shall be returned to the vendor.
- ANY WORK performed or any materials contracted for prior to receipt of the Board's signed contract and purchase order shall be at the vendor's risk.
- 12. **DISCLOSURE OF AWARD:** Disclosure will not be made until after the Board has acted upon a proposed recommendation. All vendors will be notified in writing of the Board's action to award. Only the responding vendors will be announced at the proposal opening, not the contents of their proposal.
- 13. <u>CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT:</u> This contract may be cancelled with a 30-day notice from the Board with no reason given. Reasons for cancellations may be:
 - 13.1. Failure to perform or non-represented service results.
 - 13.2. Inadequate resources to adequately manage the Board's account.
 - 13.3. Inability to work with school personnel or to respond to inquiries and requests.
 - 13.4. Inability to work within the school schedule.
 - 13.5. At option of the Board.
 - 13.6. Non-Appropriation of Funds, WV Code 11-8-26.
- 14. <u>ALL PROPOSALS</u> must be submitted in accordance with the proposal documents issued by the Mercer County Board of Education. Proposals shall be submitted on the proposal response form found in the proposal documents.
- 15. <u>ALTERNATE PROPOSALS:</u> Alternate proposals on items meeting or exceeding specifications may be considered providing the vendor clearly indicate what is being offered on the proposal forms or on separate pages that are properly referenced. Evaluation of alternates will be made after the evaluation of the primary specifications of this proposal. If a conclusive evaluation of the primary specifications can be made, which wholly satisfies the needs of the board, then evaluation of alternates may not be made. Such decision not to evaluate alternates will be made based upon the available

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time and personnel to conduct such evaluation, and cost required for such evaluation. Evaluation of alternates does not permit an award to vendor submitting a higher quality item than the minimum required by the purchase description unless the vendor also has the proposal price evaluated lowest in accordance with the basis of evaluation for proposals set forth in the invitation for proposal.

- 16. **EXEMPT FROM TAXES:** Vendors shall not include the federal excise tax, transportation tax, or sales tax in prices since these do not apply to the school district.
- 17. NO CONTRACTS AWARDED OR RENEWED WITH DEBTORS: WV Code §5A-3-10a requires that no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owed is more than \$1,000 in the aggregate or the debtor is in employer default. All bids, contract proposals or contracts with the state or any of its political subdivisions submitted or approved shall include an affidavit that the vendor, prospective vendor or related party is not in employer default and does not owe any debt in excess of \$1,000.
 - 17.1. All vendors must submit form GSR-01, West Virginia Request for Statement of Good Standing to the West Virginia State Tax Department. A copy of this form is shown on Page 15. The form must be faxed and a copy of the fax confirmation shall be proof of the submittal. You must provide a copy of this form along with fax confirmation with your proposal.
 - 17.2. No purchase order shall be issued by the Board until the awarded vendor supplies a Statement of Good Standing from the West Virginia State Tax Department. Failure to supply this form shall be grounds for cancellation of the award.
- 18. **FINAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS**: According to Section 26 of State Board Policy 8200 and according to WV Code §11-10-11(d), all state county, district, and municipal officers and agents making contracts on behalf of the state or any political subdivisions thereof must withhold payment in the final settlement of any contract, until the receipt of a certificate from the tax commissioner to the effect that all taxes against the contractor have been paid or provided for.

In addition, if the contract is subject to county or municipal business and occupation taxes, the payment must also be withheld until receipt of a release from the applicable county or municipal business and occupation taxes levied or accrued against the contractor have been paid.

According to WV Code §23-1-1(c), all state, county, district, and municipal officers and agents making contracts on behalf of the state or any political subdivision thereof must withhold payment in the final settlement of any contract until the receipt of a certificate from the West Virginia Insurance Commissioner to the effect that all payments, interest, and penalties accrued against the contractor related to Workers Compensation coverage have been paid or provided for.

According to WV Code §21A-2-6c all state, county, district, and municipal officers and agents making contracts on behalf of the state or any political subdivision thereof must withhold payment in the final settlement of any contract until the receipt of a certificate from the Executive Director of Workforce West Virginia to the effect that all payments, interest, and penalties accrued against the contractor related to Unemployment Compensation coverage have been paid or provided for.

19. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- 19.1. It is the intent of the Mercer County Board of Education to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder provided the proposal has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the proposal documents and does not exceed the funds available. The Board shall have the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal or proposals received. The Board shall have the right to accept the proposal or proposals, which, in its judgment, is in its own best interest.
- 19.2. The contract shall be deemed as having been awarded when formal notice of award shall have been duly served upon the intended awardee (i.e., the Vendor to whom the Mercer County Board of Education contemplates awarding the contract) by the purchasing director of the Board. If the awarded vendor is a new vendor with installation costs, the

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contract shall not be deemed to have been perfected until a satisfactory surety bond equal to 100% of the contract sum has been furnished by the successful vendor, at his own expense to the Board as a guarantee of contract performance.

- 20. <u>CHANGE ORDERS:</u> If the awarded vendor must complete a new installation, then all requests for changes from the approved contract specifications must be submitted on **AIA G701** form and approved by the Board prior before any additional work can proceed that would result in changes from the contract specifications that otherwise would result in claims for compensation or days added to the contract.
- 21. **BOARD OF EDUCATION INSPECTIONS:** Should construction/installation be required, the Mercer County Board of Education reserves the right to visit project at intervals deemed necessary to observe the progress of the project.
- 22. <u>CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE (APPLICABLE TO NEW VENDORS AND INSTALLATIONS ONLY)</u>
 - 22.1. In furtherance of Article II of the General Conditions, each contractor furnishing labor and materials shall furnish insurance in the following categories and for the stated minimum amounts. All insurance shall be written to show evidence of the following:
 - 22.2. Worker's Compensation / Employer's Liability
 - 22.2.1. Statutory-State of West Virginia-Compensation through approved WV insurance carrier.
 - 22.2.2. Employer's Liability Limits Required:
 - 22.2.3. \$500,000 each employee, accident, aggregate
 - 22.3. Contractor's Public Liability Insurance:
 - 22.3.1. \$2,000,000 General Aggregate
 - 22.3.2. \$1,000,000 Products Complete Operations Aggregate
 - 22.3.3. \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Limit
 - 22.3.4. \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit
 - 22.4. Automobile Liability Insurance
 - 22.4.1. \$1,000,000 Per Accident, Provide "Any Auto" Coverage
 - 22.5. Excess Liability Insurance
 - 22.6. \$2,000,000 Combined Single Occurrence
 - 22.6.1. \$2,000,000 Aggregate
 - 22.7. Certificate of Insurance:
 - 22.7.1. The Certificate shall be prepared on "Acord" Form 25-5 (7/90) or an equivalent form.
 - 22.7.2. <u>The Certificate</u> shall indicate that the Mercer County Board of Education is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED** under to Contractor's policy. The Contractor shall be named insured. The Certification shall be countersigned by a licensed WV Resident Agent.
- 23. <u>PERMITS AND LICENSES:</u> For the Mercer County Board of Education's records, submit copies of permits, licenses, certifications, inspection reports, releases, notices, receipt for fee payments, correspondence and records established in conjunction with compliance with standards and regulations bearing upon performance of the work established by the city, county or state authorities.
- 24. SUBMITTAL OF INVOICES: Invoices are to be sent to:

Accounts Payable
Mercer County Board of Education

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PO Box 5489
Princeton, WV 24740
Inquiries for payment can be directed to 304-487-1551, ext.1217.

- 25. **WORKMANSHIP WARRANTY**: The contractor shall warrant all work performed and materials used under these specifications to be free of defects for a period of one year.
- 26. <u>DISCLOSURE</u>: Vendor's response to the solicitation and the resulting contract are considered public documents and will be disclosed to the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act found in West Virginia Code §29B-1-1 et seq. http://www.legis.state.wv.us/wvcode/Code.cfm?chap=29b&art=1 and Mercer County Board of Education Policy D-04.
 - 26.1. Requests must be in writing and addressed to Mercer County Board of Education Superintendent.

27. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM ALL VENDORS

- 27.1. Three copies of the proposal
- 27.2. Proposal Response Form
- 27.3. Affidavit of Non Collusion
- 27.4. Purchasing Affidavit
- 27.5. WV Statement of Good Standing
- 27.6. Drug Free Workplace Conformance Affidavit
- 27.7. Debarment Statement
- 27.8. LEA Agreement
- 27.9. Sample copy of vendor's contract
- 27.10. Price Sheet

28. ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR NEW VENDORS AND INSTALLATIONS

- 28.1. Contractors' License
- 28.2. Subcontractors List

29. CONTRACT FORMS FOR ALL VENDORS

- 29.1. Agreement Between Board and Vendor
- 29.2. LEA Agreement

30. ADDITIONAL CONTRACT FORMS REQUIRED FOR NEW VENDORS AND INSTALLATIONS

- 30.1. Certificate of Insurance (Acord Form 25)
- 30.2. Performance Bond and Payment Bond (A312)
- 30.3. List of Subcontractors and Major Equipment/Materials Suppliers
- 30.4. Change Order (G701)

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SCOPE OF WORK

Mercer County School District is soliciting a Request for Proposal for the installation of Wide Area Network service commencing with E-rate funding year 2016 as indicated below. The existing WAN contract expires on June 30, 2016. The County reserves the right to modify the project as deems necessary. This RFP and the winning bidder's response shall become an integral part of the resultant contract. The project must include termination of each circuit at a switch owned and maintained by the vendor at each termination location (Mercer County School District buildings).

The proposal shall include initial installation (non-recurring charges) and monthly recurring service charges that shall be priced separately for each service location.

Any questions related to the technical aspects of this document should be directed to Brent Murphy, or Paul Karas at mercer.2016@naa.com

- The vendor must quote a turn-key solution that will be installed, tested, fully operational, and accepted by Mercer County Schools within ninety (90) days after issue of purchase order. This should occur in order to start services by July 1, 2016. Billing should only begin once all circuits have successfully completed testing and turn-up.
- In case of service interruption, the vendor must include in their quoted service price a four-hour "back in service" response time from the time of notification by an authorized Mercer County Schools representative during regular business hours.
- The vendor must include an explanation of the capabilities of their centralized network testing, trouble correction system, and procedures utilized during the service outage. In addition, the vendor must allow the Mercer County Schools representative to monitor the utilization of bandwidth and traffic flow at all switch ports at the NOC through a web interface. Please provide screen shots of the interface.
- All circuits in this RFP response will transport full quoted bandwidth for Mercer County Schools use only.
- Preference will be given to the provider who can offer county-wide services via a turn-key WAN proposal rather than via subcontracting services or lease/resale. Please specify in detail the extent if any of services that are intended to be provided by a subcontractor or through lease/resale.
- Mercer County School District reserves the right to award to multiple vendors, selecting portions of the vendors' solutions best suitable for County's needs.
- Vendors must include a copy of their service agreement with their proposal.

The vendor's proposal price shall be for 1 year with up to two (2) voluntary 1-year renewals. Vendor must agree to sign contract agreement addendum. (See Attachment A).

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- Mercer County School District will select the most cost effective, most qualified, and most responsive and responsible bidders when making the award. The evaluation of each proposal will have the heaviest weight assigned to price (40%), (complete installation costs, all other one-time costs, and monthly recurring costs for a period of the contract duration). Evaluation will also be based on prior experience of Mercer County Schools with the respondent, technical capability and quality of work performed in other networks, qualification of personnel, and environmental factors (30%). Additionally, the evaluation will be based on the ability of the vendor to deliver a complete array of optional data transfer rates (20%), the ability to provide a turn-key solution (5%), and the ability of the district to monitor bandwidth usage and traffic flow through a web portal (5%).
- The winning vendor will be required to have or obtain a SPIN number before the start of service and submit a Service Provider Invoice Form directly to USAC pursuant to E-rate procedures established by the federal government. The winning vendor will be required to comply with all applicable E-rate rules and regulations.
- The vendor must sign a Purchasing Policies and Procedures for local Education Agencies Agreement Addendum which will be sent to the vendor upon selection. This document notifies vendors of State laws and procedures. See Attachment A.
- The vendor shall provide a physical and logical Network Drawing of proposed network in Visio format and PDF format.
- Each year, during the renewal process, price drops should be included as part of the renewal process, as applicable, and included in signature documents for renewal.

CIRCUIT SPECIFICATIONS

- One 1 Gb/s, and 2 Gb/s connection from the Mercer County Board of Education Central Office at 1403 Honaker Avenue, Princeton, WV, 24740 to the K12 network located at Building 6 at WV State Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV, 25311. Please provide separate pricing for all options.
- Mercer County School District requires the network to be configured with one Network Operations Center (NOC) located at the Mercer County Board of Education Central Office at 1403 Honaker Avenue, Princeton, WV, 24740.
- If the vendor provides a hub in their network, each circuit shall also have an appearance at the Mercer County Board of Education Central Office location at a quoted bandwidth.
- The vendor may place their hub at the Mercer County Board of Education Central Office utilizing their own core switch and then one 1 or 2 Gb/s connection is provided to the Mercer County Board of Education Central Office.
- Minimum 20, 50, 100, 200, 400, 500 Mb/s and 1 Gb/s connection from all schools and NIFs listed below to the Mercer County Board Of Education Central Office or a hub. Please provide separate pricing for the options listed in the table on pages 10-11 and 21 options.
- Mercer County Schools reserves the right to change any circuit to any speed specified in this RFP and in the

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vendor's response any time during the life of the contract with a 30 day notice to the vendor. All quoted transfer rates will be available for the life of the contract.

• If a facility of the Board should close, Mercer County Board of Education reserves the right to cancel a circuit without termination charges or penalties during the course of the contract.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF LOCATIONS REQUIRING SERVICE. PLEASE PROVIDE PRICING FOR EACH OPTION AT EACH LOCATION.

	Entity Name	Physical Address	Bandwidth	Prices
	Mercer County Board of		100, 200	
1	Education	1403 Honaker Ave., Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Athens Elementary		100, 200	
2	School	Route 20, Athens, WV 24712	Mb/s	
			100, 200	
3	Bluefield High School	535 W. Cumberland Rd., Bluefield WV 24701	Mb/s	
	Bluefield Intermediate		100, 200	
4	School	1301 Southview Drive, Bluefield, WV 24701	Mb/s	
			100, 200	
5	Bluefield Middle School	2002 Stadium Drive, Bluefield, WV 24701	Mb/s	
	Bluewell Elementary	205 Bluewell School Road & Route 52,	100, 200	
6	School	Bluefield, WV 24701	Mb/s	
	Brushfork Elementary		100, 200	
7	School	140 Brushfork School Road, Bluefield, WV	Mb/s	
	Ceres Elementary		100, 200	
8	School	3716 Maple Acres Road, Bluefield, WV 24701	Mb/s	
		1734 Glenwood Park Road, Princeton, WV	100, 200	
9	Glenwood School	24739	Mb/s	
	Lashmeet/Matoaka		100, 200	
10	School	Route 10, Matoaka, WV 24736	Mb/s	
	Melrose Elementary		100, 200	
11	School	2121 Athens Road, Princeton, WV 24739	Mb/s	
	Memorial Elementary		100, 200	
12	School	319 Memorial Ave., Bluefield, WV 24701	Mb/s	
	Mercer Co. Early			
	Learning Center -		100, 200	
13	Princeton	821 Broadway St., Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Mercer Co. Tech. Ed.		100, 200	
14	Center	1397 Stafford Dr., Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Mercer Elementary		100, 200	
15	School	1200 Mercer St., Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Montcalm Elementary		100, 200	
16	School	Rt. 2, Box 35, Rock, WV 24747	Mb/s	

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		710 Simmons River Road, Montcalm, WV	100, 200	
17	Montcalm High School	24737	Mb/s	
	Oakvale Elementary	2503 Goodwins Chapel Road, Princeton, WV	100, 200	
18	School	24739	Mb/s	
			100, 200	
19	Pikeview High School	3566 Eads Mill Road, Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Princeton Sr. High		100, 200	
20	School	1321 Stafford Dr., Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
			100, 200	
21	Princeton Middle School	300 N Johnson St., Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Princeton Primary		100, 200	
22	School	180 Tiger Drive, Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Spanishburg Elem		100, 200	
23	School	8544 Beckley Road, Spanishburg, WV 25922	Mb/s	
	Straley Elementary		100, 200	
24	School	810 Straley Ave, Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Whitethorn Elementary		100, 200	
25	School	1919 Maryland Ave., Bluefield, WV 24701	Mb/s	
	Sun Valley Elementary		100, 200	
26	School	5281 Hinton Road, Lerona, WV 25971	Mb/s	
	Mercer Early Learning	3318 E. Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV	100, 200	
27	Center Bluefield	24701	Mb/s	
	Mercer Co. Physical		100, 200	
28	Plant	301 Princeton Ave., Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Mercer Co. Dept. of	Box 209 Old Bluefield-Princeton Rd.,	100, 200	
29	Transportation	Princeton, WV 24740	Mb/s	
	Mercer Co. Acad. Of			
	Adult Learning -	195 Davis Street, Suite 108, Princeton, WV	100, 200	
30	Princeton	24740	Mb/s	
	Mercer Co. Acad. Of			
	Adult Learning –	1610 Maryland Avenue		
31	Bluefield	Bluefield, WV 24701	20, 50 Mb/s	
			200, 400,	
32	Pikeview Middle School	3560 Eads Mill Road, Princeton, WV 24740	500 Mb/s	
	(NOC/Hub) Connection			
	to South State K-12			
	Network Point of			
33	Presence	1900 Kanawha Blvd, Charleston, WV 25305	1, 2 Gb/s	

• Questions regarding this proposal and proposal procedures are to be directed to the Purchasing Agent, rrarick@k12.wv.us, (304) 487-1551, extension 1240.

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1. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:

- 1.1. Vendors are invited to submit three copies of their proposals to include a description of the following topics:
 - 1.1.1. COST:
 - 1.1.2. Submit a total cost for installation, all one-time charges, and monthly recurring charges for the including USF and other fees for the duration of the contract period. These costs should be listed separately in your proposal.
 - 1.1.3. Submit first year total cost to include installation, one-time costs, and monthly cost.
 - 1.1.4. Optional Data Transfer rates as per the Scope of Proposal.

2. **DEMONSTRATED CAPABILITY OF VENDOR** Specifically include:

- 2.1. Description of the Vendor's commitment to meet the minimum requirements as per the scope of proposal.
- 2.2. Prior experience with the Mercer County Board of Education
- 2.3. References that can attest to the quality of technical capability and workmanship in other networks the vendor have installed.
- 2.4. Personnel qualification showing certification and years of experience.
- 2.5. Any environmental factors that enhance the vendor's proposal.
- 2.6. An explanation of the capabilities of your centralized network testing, and trouble correction system and procedures utilized during the service outrage as an explanation to the four hour "Back in Service" response time.

3. EVALUATION AND BASIS OF AWARD OF PROPOSALS

A selection committee will review and evaluate all proposals submitted in response to this Reguest for Proposal. The committee will evaluate the proposals deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required, rank such firms in order of preference, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation and scope of products and service offered. The selection committee shall evaluate each proposal on the basis on their response to the Scope of Proposal. Each factor is weighted as shown below.

Total Cost	40%
Complete installation costs, all other one-time costs, and monthly recurring of	costs for the period of the contract
duration)	
Prior experience of Mercer County Schools with the respondent, technical capability	and quality of work performed in
other networks, qualification of personnel, and environmental factors	30%
Ability of the vendor to deliver a complete array of optional data transfer rates	20%
Ability of the vendor to provide a turn-key solution	5%
Ability of the district to monitor bandwidth usage and traffic flow through a web portal	5%

Based upon the results of the Selection Committee's evaluation, Vendors may be invited to make oral or written presentations to the Selection Committee for the purpose of obtaining additional information or clarifications to the submitted proposal. At the time the proposed contract is being negotiated, the Vendor and the Selection Committee may negotiate any changes desired in the Request for Proposal if deemed in the best interest of the Board. If in the opinion of the Selection Committee a single vendor cannot be selected to fulfill necessary Proposal requirements, then multiple awards may be made to fulfill requirements of the Proposal for providing services to the Board of Education.

If the selection committee is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm(s) considered to be the most qualified, then that negotiation will be formally terminated. The selection committee will then undertake negotiations, following the same procedures, with the next ranked firm. This procedure will be continued thereafter until an agreement is reached and will submit their recommendation to the Mercer County Board of Education for approval.

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PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORM

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Sealed proposals subject to terms and conditions of this invitation will be received at 1403 Honaker Avenue, Princeton, West Virginia, 24740, on opening date and time specified, and then publicly opened for furnishing services specified therein by the Vendor.

TO: The Mercer County Board of Education:

The undersigned, hereinafter called the Vendor, being familiar with and understanding the Proposal Documents hereby proposes to furnish services listed in the Scope of Proposal.

Return Proposal Response to:

Leslie Wellman
Purchasing Director
Mercer County Board of Education
1403 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, West Virginia 24740

Opening date/time

March 24, 2016

1:00 p.m.

The Vendor understands that to the extent allowed by West Virginia Code, the Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any Proposal or Proposals and to reject any or all Proposals in whole or in part; to reject a Proposal not accompanied by data required by the Proposal Documents; to reject any condition of the proposal by the Vendor that is in any way inconsistent with the requirements, terms and conditions of the Proposal Documents; or to reject a Proposal that is in any way incomplete or irregular.

BY:(Signature, in ink)	I received addendums
NAME:	
TITLE:	Vendors with installation cost
FIRM NAME:	Attach a copy of your:
ADDRESS:	WV Contractor's license WV Workman's Compensation Certificate
EMAIL:	Insurance Certificate, Acord Form 25
TELEPHONE:	
FAX:	
DATE:	

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AFFIDAVIT of NON-COLLUSION

State of	, County of		_	
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sworn (Name of Authorized Individual I				
does depose and say that he is authorized	to act as an agent or Attorney-Ir	n- Fact for:		
Name of Bidder				
Business Address			_	
City	State	Zip	_	
Proposal; that no person, firm or corpor The bidder further attests that this Proposany person, firm, or corporation making a all respects fair and without collusion or official of the Board of Education of the Ga partner, stockholder, or in any manner in Other persons or firms sharing an interest None, so state)	al was made without any unders a Proposal for the same work or fraud. The bidder further cov. County of Mercer is or shall becen the work or materials for which was a supplied to the work or materials.	tanding, agreement or content materials, and that this Prenants that no member, come interested directly or his Proposal was submit which this Proposal was su	roposa employ indirect itted.	n with al is in ee, or ctly as
Name			_	
Business Address City				
Signature of Authorized Individual				
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _	day of	20		
Notary Public				
My commission expires:				

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Purchasing Division PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

MANDATE: Under W. Va. Code §5A-3-10a, no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. Code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

DEFINITIONS:

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Employer default" means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers' fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers' compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers' compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

"Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

AFFIRMATION: By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (*W. Va. Code* §61-5-3) that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:

Vendor's Name:	
Authorized Signature:	Date:
State of	
County of, to-wit:	
Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this day of	, 20
My Commission expires, 20	
AFFIX SEAL HERE NOTARY PUBLIC	
Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 08/01/2015)	

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DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

Federal Funds

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Department and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989, <u>Federal Register</u> (pages 4722-4733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.

- 1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. have not within a three-year period preceding this Proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 1.b. of this certification; and
- d. have not within a three-year period preceding this application/Proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- 2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this Proposal.

Organization Name		Proposal Number/Name
Name and Title of Authorized Representative		
Signature	Date	

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LIST OF PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS, EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

List below each major branch of work and major equipment/material category for this proposal and the subcontractor or supplier proposed for that portion of work. Also, provide the contractor's license number for each subcontractor as required by the "West Virginia Contractor Licensing Act.." If the branch of work is to be completed solely by an equipment/material supplier, indicate by notation below in the contractor license number column. The bidder may be requested to change an unsatisfactory subcontractor or equipment/material supplier. The contractor is responsible for selecting or changing subcontractors and/or equipment/material suppliers. The Owner may indicate their concerns about any entity listed that they have reason to believe past experience indicates poor performance may be expected. The Contractor has full responsibility for satisfactory execution of all work in accordance with the contract documents. Any change of proposed subcontractors or material suppliers shall be at no additional cost to the Owner, as the Contractor has full responsibility for execution of the work.

<i>I</i>		represen	ting	
	(Signature of Responsible Contrac	ctor)	(Company Na	me)
sup per sup sub the pla bei	oppliers for your review and or forming work or supplying oppliers listed are approved occurractors listed below, with Owner. I further agree that used on probation, unless in its contractors in the contractors in the original or the contractors.	comment. Thi materials for V for use by the ll be used in the if non-approved its reasonable defined.	s is the final and completendor. I agree that once Owner, no other subseted performance of the condition of subcontractors or supplementation, the Owner det	bcontractors and major material ete list of companies who will be the subcontractors and material contractors or substitute for any ntract without written approval of iers are used my company shall be ermines otherwise. As a result of thited from bidding projects for a
1.	Branch of Work/ Material Category		e Name and Address ntractor/Supplier	Contractor License Number
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ATTACHMENT A PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

In the event of conflict between this addendum and the agreement, this addendum shall control:

- 1. **DISPUTES** Any references in the agreement to arbitration or to the jurisdiction of any court other than the Circuit Court of the county in which the Agency is located are hereby deleted. The parties may agree to nonbinding mediation prior to litigation.
- 2. HOLD HARMLESS Any provision requiring the Agency to indemnify or hold harmless any party is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- GOVERNING LAW The agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia. This provision replaces any references to any other State's governing law.
- 4. **TAXES** Provisions in the agreement requiring the Agency to pay taxes are deleted. As a State entity, the Agency is exempt from Federal, State, and local taxes and will not pay taxes for any Vendor including individuals, nor will the Agency file any tax returns or reports on behalf of Vendor or any other party.
- 5. **PAYMENT** Any references to prepayment are deleted. Payment will be in arrears.
- 6. INTEREST Any provision for interest or charges on late payments is deleted. The Agency has no statutory authority to pay interest or late fees.
- 7. NO WAIVER Any language in the agreement requiring the Agency to waive any rights, claims or defenses is hereby deleted.
- 8. **FISCAL YEAR FUNDING** Service performed under the agreement may be continued in succeeding fiscal years for the term of the agreement, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being available for this service. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for this service, the agreement shall terminate without penalty on June 30. After that date, the agreement becomes of no effect and is null and void. However, the Agency agrees to use its best efforts to have the amounts contemplated under the agreement included in its budget. Non-appropriation or non-funding shall not be considered an event of default.
- STATUTE OF LIMITATION Any clauses limiting the time in which the Agency may bring suit against the Vendor, lessor, individual, or any other party are deleted.
- SIMILAR SERVICES Any provisions limiting the Agency's right to obtain similar services or equipment in the event of default or non-funding during the term of the agreement are hereby deleted.
- 11. **ATTORNEY FEES** The Agency recognizes an obligation to pay attorney's fees or costs only when assessed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any other provision is invalid and considered null and void.
- 12. **ASSIGNMENT** Notwithstanding any clause to the contrary, the Agency reserves the right to assign the agreement to a State agency or another local governmental agency, board or commission of the State of West Virginia upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Vendor and Vendor shall obtain the written consent of Agency prior to assigning the agreement.
- 13. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY** The Agency, as a political subdivision of the State, cannot agree to assume the potential liability of a Vendor. Accordingly, any provision limiting the Vendor's liability for direct damages to a certain dollar amount or to the amount of the agreement is hereby deleted. Limitations on special, incidental or consequential damages are acceptable. In addition, any limitation is null and void to the extent that it precludes any action for injury to persons or for damages to personal property.
- 14. **RIGHT TO TERMINATE** Agency shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Vendor. Agency agrees to pay Vendor for services rendered or goods received prior to the effective date of termination. In such event, the Agency will not be entitled to a refund of any software license, subscription or maintenance fees paid.
- 15. **TERMINATION CHARGES** Any provision requiring the Agency to pay a fixed amount or liquidated damages upon termination of the agreement is hereby deleted. The Agency may only agree to reimburse a Vendor for actual costs incurred or losses sustained during the current fiscal year due to wrongful termination by the Agency prior to the end of any current agreement term.
- 16. **RENEWAL** Any reference to automatic renewal is deleted. The agreement may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.

 INSURANCE Any provision requiring the Agency to purchase insurance for Vendor's property is deleted. The Agency is insured through the Board of Risk and Insurance Management, and will provide a certificate of property insurance upon request.
- 17. **RIGHT TO NOTICE** Any provision for repossession of equipment without notice is hereby deleted. However, the Agency does recognize a right of repossession with notice.
- 18. ACCELERATION Any reference to acceleration of payments in the event of default or non-funding is hereby deleted.

 CONFIDENTIALITY -Any provision regarding confidentiality of the terms and conditions of the agreement is hereby deleted. Governmental contracts are public records under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
- 19. **AMENDMENTS** All amendments, modifications, alterations or changes to the agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. No amendment, modification, alteration or change may be made to this addendum without the express written approval of the Agency.

ACCEPTED BY:

Local Education Agency:	Company Name:
Signed:	Signed:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

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West Virginia Request for Statement of Good Standing West Virginia State Tax Department

West Virginia

		Taxpayer I	dentification Nun	nber	
Complete Busine	ss Name				
Business Location	n				
Mailing Address _		PO 12-19-1			
	Street	City		State	Zip
	TYPE OF B	USINESS	(CHECK O	NE):	
Partnership	Sole Ownership		Corporation/LL	.c 📮	Other
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Taxpayer Signatu	ure	Title		Date	
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CPA/Attorney Sic	anature	Title		Date	
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State of West Vir County of This day appeare acknowledge und	ginia, to-wit, ed before me, the undersigned note der oath the signature above.	ary public			, who
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West Virginia State Tax Department	(304) 558-0678	
Excise & Support Tax Unit - 1st Floor	(304) 558-8695	
PO Box 885	(304) 558-1114	
Charleston, WV 25323-0885	(304) 558-0659	
Fax # (304) 558-8643		



State of West Virginia DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CONFORMANCE AFFIDAVIT West Virginia Code §21-1D-5

STATE OF						
cou	NTY OF, TO-WIT:					
I, state	as follows:					
1.	I am an employee of; and, (Company Name)					
2.	I do hereby attest that(Company Name)					
	maintains a valid written drug free workplace policy and that such policy is in compliance with West Virginia Code §21-1D-5.					
The a	above statements are sworn to under the penalty of perjury.					
	(Company Name)					
	Ву:					
	Title:					
	Date:					
Taker	n, subscribed and sworn to before me this day of					
Ву Со	ommission expires					
(Seal)					
	(Notary Public)					
COM	AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID IN ORDER TO PLY WITH WV CODE PROVISIONS. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THE DAVIT WITH THE BID SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF BID.					

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Price Sheet RFP 254

		Requested	Bandwidth								
	Entity Name	Bandwidth Pricing	Price		Price		Price	Price		Price	Price
			10 MB/s	20 Mb/s	50 Mb/s	100 Mb/s	200 Mb/s	400 Mb/s	500 Mb/s	1 Gb/s	2 Gb/s
1	Mercer County Board of Education	100, 200 Mb/s									
2	Athens Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200 Mb/s									
3	Bluefield High School	Mb/s 100, 200									
4	Bluefield Intermediate School	Mb/s 100, 200									
5	Bluefield Middle School	Mb/s 100, 200									
6	Bluewell Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
7	Brushfork Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
8	Ceres Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
9	Glenwood School	Mb/s 100, 200									
10	Lashmeet/Matoaka School	Mb/s 100, 200									
11	Melrose Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
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12	Memorial Elementary School Mercer Co. Early Learning Center -	Mb/s 100, 200									
13	Princeton	Mb/s 100, 200									
14	Mercer Co. Tech. Ed. Center	Mb/s 100, 200									
15	Mercer Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
16	Montcalm Elementary School	100, 200 Mb/s 100, 200									
17	Montcalm High School	100, 200 Mb/s 100, 200									
18	Oakvale Elementary School										
19	Pikeview High School	Mb/s 100, 200 Mb/s									
20	Princeton Sr. High School	Mb/s 100, 200									
21	Princeton Middle School	Mb/s 100, 200									
22	Princeton Primary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
23	Spanishburg Elem School	Mb/s 100, 200									
24	Straley Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
25	Whitethorn Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
26	Sun Valley Elementary School	Mb/s 100, 200									
27	Mercer Early Learning Center Bluefield	Mb/s 100, 200									
28	Mercer Co. Physical Plant	Mb/s 100, 200									
29	Mercer Co. Dept. of Transportation	Mb/s 100, 200									
30	Mercer Co. Acad. Of Adult Learning - Princeton	Mb/s 100, 200 Mb/s									
31	Mercer Co. Acad of Adult Learning - Bluefield	20, ,50, Mb/s									
32	Pikeview Middle School	200, 400 500 Mb/s									
33	(NOC/Hub) Connection to South State K- Network Point of Presence	12 1, 2 Gb/s	-								

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PURCHASING AND INVENTORY DEPARTMENT

Contracting, Fixed Assets, Warehousing, Textbooks 1403 Honaker Avenue Princeton, West Virginia (304) 487-1551 Fax (304) 425-5011 Deborah S. Akers, Ed.D., Superintendent

Request for Proposal 254 Broadband Service

To assist us in obtaining good competition on our Request for Proposals, we ask that each firm that has received an invitation, <u>but does not wish to Proposal</u>, <u>state their reason(s) below and return in the enclosed envelope.</u> This information will not preclude receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the Vendors' List by so indicating below, or do not return this form or bonafide Proposal.

Unfortunately, we must offer a "No Proposal" at this time because:
1. We do not wish to participate in the Proposal process.
2. We do not wish to Proposal under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal document. Our objections are:
3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
4. We cannot submit a Proposal because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.
5. We do not wish to sell to the district(s).
Our objections are:
6. We do not sell the items/services on which Proposals are requested.
7. Other:
- <u></u> -
FIRM NAME
SIGNATURE
We wish to remain on the Vendors' List We wish to be deleted from the Vendors' List.

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