

Vendor Questions and Answer RFP # 2017-001

Question 1: If awarded, the work can start after July 1st but I don't see a completion deadline, is there a completion deadline?

Answer: Depending if and when funding gets awarded, the district would prefer the projects to be completed before the start of the new school year on August 8th, 2018.

Question 2: Would Pierce Joint USD consider 120V UPS devices as functioning equivalents as favorable responses?

Answer: Yes, The RFP is listing UPS devices that require 230V. This unfortunately was a mistake in the RFP. Pierce Joint Unified is requesting UPS devices with the same functionality listed in the RFP with 120V.

Question 3: How would you like to see labor identified for installing the AP's? Include in the cost or alone somehow?

Answer: Please list labor for the installation of the Wireless Access Points as a separate item on the proposal but part of the total cost.

Question 4: Who is responsible for configuring the switches for the AP's on you LAN network? This is for both school access and guest access across your whole District.

Answer: Pierce Joint USD will be responsible for configuring the switches for the wireless access points on our network.

Question 5: Does wireless Internet traffic need to be tunneled back to D.O. MDF and who is responsible for completing this?

Answer: No, Wireless internet Traffic will be utilizing existing backbone network connections within Pierce Joint Unified

Question 6: What is the sign-off procedure for completing the **wireless** install if the District is responsible for all LAN configurations?

Answer: All wireless connections within Pierce Joint USD need to be fully functional before sign-off will take place. IT staff at Pierce Joint USD can assist in testing wireless network connectivity per location with end devices.

Question 7: What is the sign-off procedure for completing the **wired** install if the District is responsible for all LAN configurations?

Answer: Pierce Joint USD requires TIA/EIA standards to be used. Successful connections will have to be established and tested between the different backbone connections by the vendor. IT staff at Pierce Joint USD can assist in testing wireless network connectivity per location with end devices.

Question 8: Can a vendor bid on just the wired and wireless part of this RFP and NOT the cabling and fiber requirements. This would help the District get a much better competitive quote when vendors who do not do wiring can be more aggressive with the parts they normally bid on?

Answer: Yes, Vendors are allowed to bid on the wired and wireless part of the RFP or on the cabling and fiber requirements separately or on both. Pierce Joint USD does not accept partial bids of the wired and wireless part of the RFP or partial bids of the cabling and fiber requirements or a partial combination of both.

Question 9: New pathway from HS MDF to Girls Gym IDF – Do permits need to be pulled to trench new pathway? I am assuming we will need to hire a utility surveyor?

Answer: The vendor will be required to meet all the requirements to provide an underground connection and acquire any permits needed to complete the pathway.

Question 10: I use Corning Unicam machine and hardware for Fiber connector ends – If I bid labor only, how do I use Unicam LC connectors (instead of Leviton) if someone else wins the hardware bid?

Answer: Vendor is allowed to recommend functioning equivalents as a response.

Question 11: For the Arbuckle Elementary School – full conduit from MDF – I might be able to run 1 new cable but not 3. Worst case, can we run the 1 that will fit into the IDF and run the other 2 cables from there?

Answer: If we are talking about the connection from the MDF to the IDF at the Library, Pierce Joint USD prefers individual runs from the MDF to each IDF. If that scenario is not feasible we can consider running cables from IDF to IDF in specific situations. Please specify your concerns and options in your proposal.