

SVUSD eRate Year 15 (2012-2013) – Updated 2/1/2012
WAN Wireless Microwave (licensed) Backhaul solution, District-Wide

Questions and Answers

QUESTION- 1

We are trying to clarify the requirement for service to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools office for Internet Access in this RFP.

On page 5 we find the following requirement;

- **The installation of secure and dedicated connectivity between the “The District” Office which is the aggregate center of the wide area network (1) and the district’s Internet Service Provider, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) (1).**

On page 9 we find the following statement:

Silver Valley USD is host to 7 school sites and the district office facilities. A fiber network joins the High School and the district office. The High School does not require a wireless WAN solution for Internet/ network connectivity. **The district office is connected to a 100Mbps fiber network for connectivity to the Internet. This is supplied by the K12 High Speed Network and is not part of this RFP,**

Does the district require a 100 meg transport quote to the SBCSS office or not? If so, please provide the address and telephone number of the the desired end point t the SBCSS office.

ANSWER- 1

The district does not require a 100M transport to the SBCSS office.

QUESTION- 2

We respectfully request that the Evaluation Criteria Factor #2 be modified to read, “Experience with similar (California) K-12 projects”.

ANSWER- 2

Per the rules of the program there is only one ‘requirement’ for evaluation criteria when factors other than price alone are being considered. That requirement simply states that price of the eligible goods/services must be the most heavily weighted factor. <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step04/construct-evaluation.aspx>

When an applicant examines and evaluates the bids received for eligible services, it must select the most cost-effective bid. This means that the **price of the eligible products and services must be the primary factor**, but does not have to be the sole

factor. Other relevant factors may include: prior experience including past performance; personnel qualifications including technical excellence; management capability including schedule compliance; and environmental objectives.

With all due respect, it would be inappropriate for any service provider to dictate to a potential customer, what evaluation criteria should be used in their competitive process.

Silver Valley Unified School District will not entertain the notion of changing the evaluation criteria since it is absolutely compliant in all regard.

QUESTION- 3

First, I would like to confirm that I am permitted to direct questions to you on clarifications about the RFP. If not, please direct me to the correct person, or advise me whether such inquiries are otherwise not permitted.

ANSWER- 3

You are permitted to direct questions via the email address erate@svusdk12.net. All questions or RFI's must be submitted to SVUSD NLT 2/3/2012 as stated in the original RFP. Answers to questions will be posted on our website at:

<http://silvervalley.k12.ca.us/District/Department/200-Educational-Technology-Services/5389-2012-RFP-s-Posted.html>. Please check often for any updates.

QUESTION- 4

Second, the 2012-01-WAN RFP, states on page 2 that, "Service provider must include Performance and Payment bond at 2.5%". Since the RFP requests Telecommunication Services which are eligible as Priority One E -Rate Services, and the bonding is not E-Rate eligible, nor is this project a public works project that would require bonding, we would ask whether the services do not require these Bonds?

ANSWER- 4

A Performance and Payment bond of the type mentioned in the RFP is not necessary for this project.

QUESTION- 5

Thirdly, in reference to Item number 2 on page 7 of your RFP, what is the location of the ISP and should this be bid as part of the Wide Area Network or do you wish to have a separate bid for this connection?

ANSWER- 5

Please refer to Question 1 for the answer. In short no bid is required for this ISP connection.
