GADSDEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

E-Rate Pre-Bid Internal Connections Meeting
January 13, 2015

Questions from Vendors:

Can vendors bid for anything?

Answer: Yes

Describe your current infrastructure and what you want to accomplish in this meeting?

Answer: Our current infrastructure consists of fiber (1gb) connection to each school site using a Cisco router/switch connection as management. All internet access goes out through our gateway located at the District Office. We have wireless AP in each classroom in the District running on an Enterasys\Extreme platform.

Do you want to replace the specs in the RFP?

Answer: No.

How are the specs different from what the schools have today?

Answer: We do not own our switches; they are part of the WAN agreement with our current provider. We are moving toward owning our switches and developing a foundation for VoIP

What brand wireless does the district use?

Answer: Extreme\Enterasys

Does the district want to maintain the wireless specs it currently has?

Answer: Yes

Do you feel that the district has enough capacity today; is the network running slow?

Answer: The network is not running slow. However we can also use more capacity.

When do you see the district moving to AC?

Answer: No time frame has been determined. Available funding will drive this indicator.

What type of notice needs to be given to request a walk-thru?

Answer: Email

Will there be drawings of the schools?

Answer: Yes

Is there a spreadsheet with the number of classrooms/drops?

Answer: NO

Will vendors be pulling the wireless cables also? Does that count as the classroom drops?

Answer: Yes Vendors will be pulling cabling. Yes it does count as a classroom drop.

CAT 5/6 is standard?   Answer: CAT6

Does all fiber direct back to the district?

Answer: Yes

Is there a specific manufacturer or warranty we are looking for?

Answer: Warranty: 5 Year (Minimum) No specific manufacturer

Managing land switches; does _____ matter?

Answer: NA

What is the time frame for a voice over IP?

Answer: July 1, 2017

Basic Maintenance needs; requirements and technician wanted?

Answer: MCSE\CCNA\A+; 2 hour or less response time.

What are the unique demographics of the district?

Answer: 90% of clients are below the poverty line.

How many 10G will the district add back to the core?

Answer: Not determined as of this RFP.

Do you want CAT 5 or 6? Price difference?

Answer: CAT6

Will the district do in house inspections? What's the testing acceptance policy?

Answer: Yes the District will inspect all work completed by vendor. Both the IT Director and Maintenance Director must approved work for acceptance.

What's the district's payment schedule? After each school is complete will payment be made through a purchase order?

Answer: This question is answered in the RFP.

What's the average age of the schools?

Answer: Some are over 50 years and some are only 7 years old.

Is there a mix of standard size racks?

Answer: Standard 19 inch

How many Extreme Network switches exist in the schools currently?

Answer: Two

The district wants to replace the specs to make all schools look like the district?

Answer: Yes

What manufacturer do you have for patching currently?

Answer: Panduit

People who did not show up will not be able to bid on the district's RFP, correct?

Answer: Correct

Will the drawings be evacuation routes/vizios?

Answer: Drawings are not evacuation routes.