

Question and Answer Form for Erate Form 470

1. Due date for the RFP?
The due date for the proposal is March 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m..
2. Information shared at the meeting?
No questions were raised in the meeting but vendors were informed that currently we are in a multi-year contract with TDS for our phones, a managed VoIP, and Internet Access but that as I'm new to the process didn't realize I didn't need to post this on the Form 470 or in the RFP .
3. Will we be hosting any other onsite presentations?
Currently there are no other presentations scheduled to discuss the request in the Form 470.
4. Do you have a need for an Auto-Attendant? If yes, how many?
Yes we will require auto attendants. Currently we have 33 including both English and Spanish versions.
5. How many end users do you have?
Currently we have approximately 950 full time end users.
6. How many handsets would you require?
We will require approximately 900 handsets.
7. Do you have users that will only need voicemail?
No, but we will require some phones that will not need voicemail.
8. Do you have a specific preference on Essential vs. Enterprise users?
Cost would be a factor, however most would be classified Essential with a few designated as Enterprise.
9. We missed the meeting you hosted, can we still send in a proposal for your wireless Erate request?
Yes, even though you missed the walk through you are more than welcome to submit a proposal for the wireless requests.
10. Can you tell me the current brand of switches and wireless that is being upgraded/replaced?
In the infrastructure upgrades occurring this year in some of schools we are exchanging Cisco switches for Enterasys switches which is the platform we are embracing.
11. The Form 470 stated VoIP services; will the District consider Hosted VoIP?
The district is currently using a Managed VoIP system in our schools. Question 2 will provide you with the details concerning our current vendor.
12. I did not see the RFP for this year posted on the website. Will it be posted soon?
The RFP was posted on February 5th on the [Gadsden Public Schools](#) website under the ["What's New"](#) section.
13. Are there any maps of the schools?
There are some sketches that were provided during the initial vendors meeting.
14. Will all schools require cabling to be upgraded to Cat6 cables?
Not all, but about 50% of them will require upgrading to Cat6.

15. We are only bidding Category Three Internal connections, and only the Cabling Installation (no switches), will we be at a disadvantage to someone who is bidding both the Switches and the cabling under the same company?

No, we specifically stated that the bids could be placed and/or awarded for all or part of the installation in order for us obtain the best price and create the network we envisioned.