

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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**Question:**

The RFP requests Internet Bandwidth scalable to 1, 10, 20 and 30 Gbps of dedicated symmetrical internet on page 25, and then the pricing sheets on page 58 request 20, 40 and 60 Gbps pricing. Which one takes precedent and if the former, will you be sending a new page 58 to the RFP?

**Answer:**

The pricing sheet is correct, the specifications in Section 3: Solution Specifications, Part 4 is to read as per the following:.

1. Internet access
  - a. Applicant must have dedicated, symmetrical bandwidth of 20 Gbps, 40 Gbps or 60 Gbps.
  - b. The solution must be scalable to 20 Gbps, 40 Gbps and 60 Gbps.

**Question:**

Will MCPSS be releasing a 470 for these services? If so, when should we expect this to be posted to the Funds for Learning site?

**Answer:**

The 470 for this RFP was posted today, February 9, 2024.

**Question:**

Your Request for Proposal, WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) & INTERNET SERVICES – E-RATE, reflects a proposal deadline of March 11th. In order to prepare a proposal of the scope and complexity that you have requested, we request that the deadline for submitting the proposal be extended to March 29th. We greatly value working with MCPSS and would love the opportunity to be your provider for these services moving forward.

Please let us know if you can accommodate this request.

**Answer:**

As stated in the RFP, the school system is looking to secure funding for a project through The Schools and Libraries (E-Rate) program. To obtain this funding, we are required to submit our application by the closing date of the FCC Form 471 filing window for Funding Year 2024. The deadline for submission is March 27, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Unfortunately, we are unable to fulfill your request.

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**Question:**

Will the WAN LIT service need to be handed off to the applicant as Layer 2 or Layer 3? This is a vendor option.

**Answer:**

We currently control all layer three traffic via our current dark fiber network.

**Question:**

If Layer 3, what will be the applicant's routing type (static routes or BGP) need to be?

**Answer:**

We use OSPF for WAN Traffic.

**Question:**

Also what type of equipment would this service be handing off to?

**Answer:**

Handoff to Fiber SFPs can be connected to a Cisco layer 3 capable switch. We have sites with 10GB, 25GB, and 100GB fiber SFPs.

**Question:**

Are there any redundancy or diversity requirements?

**Answer:**

There is no redundancy or diversity requirement stated in the RFP. The Specification Variance Sheet is available to price out additional options.

**Question:**

For potential special construction locations, can the LIT fiber be leased through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor?

**Answer:**

See section 6. Part 4 . Reselling and Subcontracting.