



Request for Proposal

Whitepine Joint School District #288

January 2026

Deadline February 27th 2026

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Terms and Conditions

For Category 2 bids to be considered by the applicant, vendors must adhere to the following guidelines:

To ensure that all potential bidders/vendors have an equal bidding opportunity, all questions must be submitted by email. It is necessary to include both the consultant and technical contact in all written communication.

You must include the Form 470 number in the subject line of your email.

You must include your SPIN and verify you have a current SPAC with the bid. Please also confirm green light status with E-Rate.

All bids must be received no later than the Allowable Contract Date

All agreements and contracts must include an E-Rate contingency clause.

All agreements and contracts must break out any ineligible items that are included on the proposal.

- **List what is E-Ratable cost and services**
- **List what is not covered in E-Rate cost**

All proposals that include FIREWALLS must contain verification of the manufacturer that states the eligible percentage of the product which supports E-Rate discount.

Pricing must be broken down by line item, which also needs to include make, model, and description.

All hardware bids should include related components and software that will enable the functionality of proposed equipment. This includes, but not limited to: stacking cables, modules, licenses,

Installation in Rack will be done by Whitepine staff or vendor, but configuration/setup is a must for vendor to provide, and basic maintenance.

Please take notice, and adhere to, the FCCs Rule (47 CFR 54.9) Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, dated 10/29/2019, which prohibits Universal Service funding for network equipment which poses a threat to national security.

Vendor(s) will need to confirm in their proposals that they are authorized to do business in the state that the applicant is located.

All proposals must include an equipment spec sheet for each hardware item listed.

The applicant will first consider bids that are complete. A complete bid follows and addresses all guidelines above. Any incomplete or partial bids may be disqualified by the applicant per E-Rate rules.

Description:

Whitepine Joint School District 288 is requesting proposals for a stateful firewall capable of handling 1 to 10 Gbps interfaces. The 10 GE SPF+ should have spec of 4 ports or more. The firewall should be able to handle about 300 to 400 people using it at one time. This must be done during the summertime and done before 7-24-2026.

Must be able to be a DHCP Server for up to <1,000 total devices on different vlans/subnets.

Please include answers to all the “**Requirements**” listed in bullets on this RFP that you plan to accommodate with your proposal. If you do not include the requirements answers in the requirement list, you will be considered incomplete and could be disqualified.

In future or present bids, if service equipment that is scheduled to be installed, delivered, and/or purchased was **not** done in a timely fashion, it will affect evaluation score or future score. This is a summer project and needs to be completed in July.

Questions and Inquiries

Any questions regarding the proposal specifications and/or requirements are to be addressed to William Stokes at wstokes@sd288.us. Questions should be forwarded via email and will be answered via email. If we have a question about what Firewall would be needed, we can have a call to verify what may be needed to establish a proposal.

Question and Answers:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dA2gAptfq3kzvfuuM-kgoY-ye4NF_3xGr85i8goxF1k/edit?usp=sharing

Requirements

- **The configuration/setup should be included in the pricing. Please include contact information about the engineer or where this will be sent to get configuration done and list if it will be onsite or offsite vendor.**
- Setup needs-(10 GE SPF+) Provide three SPF+ to connect From Firewall vendor to Juniper E2300 which is compatible with the switch and firewall for communication along with 2 extra for redundancy total of 5, along with fiber cable if needed.
- Firewall should be capable of handling 1G &10 GE. Scalability is a must for future needs. We need at least 4 X 10 GE SPF+ ports

- Firewall should have capability to log at least minimum >300 GB and/or capability to offload to a log server on premise or cloud.
- Firewall should have IPSec and/or VPN capability.
- GUI options to traverse network issues, network internet/intranet slowdowns, and detailed analysis of network internet usages.
- Please give us a price comparison with NOC and SOC services if available, that are **E-Ratable options and without NOC SOC**.
- Provide options of 1, 3, and 5 year basic service maintenance with keeping up to date firmware, patching updates, training, and support help services.
- Not a requirement but please let us know if it has optional dual power supply for redundancy but it would be preferable. If we decide we want dual power supply, we might request if you have another product that would fit this option.
- Delivery location - Deary School at 502 First Ave, Deary ID 83823. We can have onsite or offsite configuration setup.
- Basic training on equipment. Do you give so many hours or what is the general scope of overall training?
- What all comes with BMIC?
- All Bids must be in by February 1st @ 12:00 p.m. via email, mail or hand delivered.
- If Firewall were to go down how long would it take to get replaced via RMA with the pricing option?
- Please provide a tentative date when the configurations can be done. Our firewall protection expires on 7-24-26 and we require the firewall to be configured and ready before the date. Do you plan to accommodate to get this installed before then?
- We require vendor to file FCC form SPI. Please confirm this RFP you will process a SPI.
- Do you have engineers experienced on Juniper equipment?

Evaluation Criteria & Possible Points

Criteria	Points
Cost of E-Rate eligible products and services	35
Technical suitability (firewall specs, configuration, setup)	25
Vendor experience and capability	15
Adherence to RFP requirements and completeness	20
Total Possible Points	100