

**Notice of Information Item No. 1** 

**Issue Date February 13, 2020** 

Arlington Public Schools Procurement Office

## **Invitation to Bid 59FY20**

Invitation to Bid Title:	E-Rate Network Equipment
Invitation to Bid Number:	59FY20
Invitation to Bid Issue Date:	January 22, 2020
Pre-Bid Conference:	A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held for this Solicitation
<b>Bid Closing Date/Time:</b>	February 20, 2020, Prior to 2:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time)
<b>Bid Opening Date/Time:</b>	Promptly Following Bid Closing
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The following information is provided to help Bidders submit a Bid in response to ITB 59FY20.

- Q1. Do you anticipate extending the bid due date? A1. No.
- Q2. What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?A2. Refer to Section 9. Contract Award of Instructions to Bidders.
- Q3. Was the [ITB] posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at <u>www.mygovwatch.com</u>?A3. No.
- **Q4.** Other than your own website, where was this [ITB] posted?
  - A4. The Invitation to Bid (ITB) was posted on the eVA website at <u>www.eva.virginia.gov</u>. The link to the ITB on the eVA website is as follows:

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https://m.vendor.epro.cgipdc.com/Vendor/public/VBODetails.jsp?DOC\_CD=IFB&DEPT\_C D=L130&BID\_INTRNL\_NO=156037&BID\_NO=59FY20&BID\_VERS\_NO=1.

The ITB is also posted with the Form 470 in E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC). The form number is 200015929. The website link for the EPC is <u>https://portal.usac.org/suite</u>

- Q5. What is the estimated cost of E-Rate Network Equipment project?
  - **A5.** APS does not share its budgeting information. Bidders are to provide in their Bid the best price it can offer for the equipment.
- **Q6.** Has the Department allocated funding for the E-Rate Network Equipment yet? If so, through which source (budget, CIP, state/federal grant, etc.)?
  - A6. Funding has been allocated through the APS budget.
- Q7. How is the Department currently meeting this need?A7. Existing APS equipment.
- Q8. Which vendor provides the incumbent E-Rate Network Equipment?
  A8. CDW Government provides the incumbent Network Equipment under Contract NJPA-111309-CDW, which is not an E-Rate solicited contract.
- **Q9.** Would it be possible to name the three greatest challenges the Department is having with their current solution?
  - **A9.** APS has not experienced any challenges with its current solution.
- Q10. Who is the technical contact and/or project manager for the E-Rate Network Equipment?A10. Refer to Section 13. Notices of the Agreement.
- **Q11.** Which other systems will have to integrate/interface with the E-Rate Network Equipment, and will [APS] provide incumbent vendors for each system?
  - **A11.** 2,800 wireless access points, AirWave Management and ClearPass Authentication. Yes, APS will provide incumbent vendors for each system.
- Q12. What is the number of users anticipated for the E-Rate Network Equipment?A12. The number of users anticipated to use the E-Rate Network Equipment is 35,000.

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