

Request for Proposal (RFP21415)

The McCreary County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for the yearly lease up to 5 years of dark fiber as described below. Bids must be received at the McCreary County Board of Education by 4:00 PM on Wednesday February 19th, 2014.

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McCreary County School District is requesting bids for the following services:

- Lease of Dark Fiber with a minimum of a send and receive single mode fibers originating from McCreary Central High School Main Distribution Frame (MDF) to the each MDF located at: Pine Knot Primary, Pine Knot Intermediate, Pine Knot Career Institute, and Whitley City Elementary. A total of 5 locations.
- Contractor must be an approved Universal Service Fund vendor and must provide SPIN # with bid proposal. If funding for the project is approved by the USF, contract agrees to pass all discounts to the McCreary County School District.
- The contractor will be responsible for all right-of-way, pole charges, etc. of leased fiber as well as responsible for maintaining the fiber to each MDF location.
- The bid should show the total monthly and annual cost for the service including all taxes and other fees.
- The vendor must be willing to allow discount billing on the monthly bills upon the Universal Service Fund Funding Commitment Approval Letter.
- **Testing**
 - Vender will test fiber to ensure that cabling maintains industry standards.
 - Fiber optic should be tested with an OTDR or an optical db loss meter with results given to District Technology Coordinator before the start of the lease of the dark Fiber begins.
- **References**
 - All bidders must submit **three references** with their bid proposal to prove the quality and dependability of their workmanship and that they have completed projects of comparable size and nature in the past.

- **The Board of Education will evaluate bid responses on:**
 - Reliability of the vendor and the reliability of the vendor's proposed system.
 - Ability of the vendor to meet all requirements
 - Ability of the vendor to provide rapid and efficient maintenance or service during normal business hours and under emergency situations.
 - Based on SLD guidelines, bids will be evaluated by price weighing more than any other evaluation instrument.

- **Universal Service Fund Program**
 - All bidding vendors must be an active participant in the Universal Service Fund program.
 - All bidding vendors must provide a Service Provider Identification Number from the SLD (Schools and Libraries Division)
 - Contract implementation and fulfillment is contingent upon the receipt of an approved funding commitment from the Schools and Libraries Division of USAC and available local funding.

- **Work/Building Permits**
 - The vendor is responsible for providing all necessary working/building permits required under this contract, which includes, local, state, or federal permits.
 - All applicable federal, state, and local laws, including all fire and building codes and all local authorities having jurisdiction over this type of construction will apply to this project which must meet, or exceed, all of these regulations.
 - The vendor will be responsible for the prompt correction of all defects in the system.

- **Liability**
 - The vendor will be responsible for and repair all damage to the building due to the negligence of its workmen during installation of the leased dark fiber.
 - During the project the vendor will abide by all fire and safety regulations.
 - Vendor must assume total responsibility for the actions of employee and subcontractors.
 - The vendor must leave the premises clean and neat after each work session.

- **Work Coordination**

- All work must be coordinated through District Technology Coordinator (or his appointed person) before beginning any removal or installation of existing fiber optic cabling. It is the desire of the school system to minimize (to the greatest extent possible) any disruption to classroom activities that are dependent upon the use of technology-based tools during the school day. The Contractor should understand that work hours (while school is in session can) might have to begin no earlier than 3:30 pm. This situation will be closely monitored and coordinated by the District Technology Coordinator to ensure the best compromise between project completion and minimal disruption to classroom activities occurs.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any/all bids.

If you have any questions on the service please contact:

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Note to Vendors:

The contract will be from July 2014 to June 30th 2015 and renewal up to 5 years. Prices have to be good through June 30th 2020.

Contract will be also pending on local funds available.