



**E-RATE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
REGIONAL WIDE AREA NETWORK SERVICE
WIDE AREA NETWORK SERVICE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
LEASED LIT FIBER SERVICE OR
COMPARABLE AND EQUIVALENT TECHNOLOGY**

Addendum #2

January 6, 2026

Response to Vendor Questions and Update on Site Visit Request

January 5, 2026 at 3 pm ET was the due date for vendor questions and requests for site visits. No requests for site visits were received.

The following questions were received, and the answers are below.

As a preliminary matter, the following is a reminder of the upcoming dates in the RFP schedule (updated on 12/26/2026), as follows:

Action Item	Date
Answers to Vendor questions issued by the CAIU	1/6/2026
Proposal deadline	2/4/2026
Bidders' virtual meetings with Evaluation Committee	2/9/2026
Request for Best and Final Offers & clarifying questions sent to Bidders	2/10/2026
Bidders' response due – answers to questions and BAFOs	2/17/2026, 3 pm ET
Evaluation Committee meeting	2/18/2026
Contract negotiation with recommended vendor	2/19/2025 – 3/12/2025
CAIU internal final review of contract and submission for approval	3/12/2026 – 3/20/2026

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Answers to Vendor Questions

1. Question: Confirming interstate tax jurisdiction outlined in Tax Exempt Status Considerations on page 7. There is variation amongst the Intermediate Units in the Vendor's portfolio, and would like to confirm IU 15's status. Vendor can provide the intrastate contract as well for review if needed.

Answer: The Intermediate Unit considers the circuits that it will purchase as a result of the RFP to be intrastate and exempt from the federal universal service contribution surcharge.

2. Question: Noting that Item F on Page 8 Section Alternate Considerations appears to conflict with Section 2.4.4 stating design is up to the bidder.

Answer: Item F on page 8 requires the vendor to complete the price appendix in the prescribed format. Section 2.4.4 states that the RWAN network configuration is at the discretion of the bidder. See Section 1.11.1 for more clarification of the requirements of completing Appendix A. Service must be provisioned to each site in Appendix A-1 or A-2, pursuant to Section 2.2.1.1. We do not see any appearance of a conflict between these provisions.

3. Question: Requesting exception from Section 2.4.3 "reason for disqualification based on document format". Looking to exercise right granted to bidders in Section 2.4.4 to determine network design. Specifically limiting this request to situations where the aggregate bandwidth at 55 Miller St, Enola, PA (HUB) exceeds 400G. Networks above 400G at a single location cause technical concerns and additional costs that render them as ineffective solutions and currently cost prohibitive to the IU or similarly situated customers. The vendor's preference would be to design the network based on our expertise and the provided existing data network of the IU to create scalable models that encompass feasible designs for today to the maximum technically available within cost-effective consideration. The Vendor will fill out forms not exceeding 400G at the HUB as requested as well as providing per circuit scalability.

Answer: The limited exception is approved – regarding situations where the aggregate bandwidth at 55 Miller St, Enola, PA (HUB) exceeds 400G.

4. Question: Requesting same exception for Section 2.4.5.2 as requested for 2.4.3.

Answer: The limited exception is approved – regarding situations where the aggregate bandwidth at 55 Miller St, Enola, PA (HUB) exceeds 400G.

5. Question: Per Section 2.6.1 Requesting to use existing demark locations at Camp Hill Middle School which we currently service at 2401 Chestnut St, Camp Hill, PA 17011 and for West Perry Senior High School which we currently service at 2606 Shermans Valley Pike, Ellitsburg, PA 17024. In particular West Perry involved an extensive custom build that would be cost-prohibitive to relocate at another time if Comcast were awarded as such during a total award would be the time to move it but would affect total solution cost.



Answer: Thank you for bringing these addresses to our attention. Both requests are approved, and revised Appendices to reflect these updated addresses are being issued in connection with this Addendum. *Please note:* The revised Addendum is being issued more than 28 days prior to the deadline for proposals and therefore does not run afoul of any perceived “significant” change to the RFP.

6. Question: Please clarify "timely manner" in section 2.7.4.

Answer: The bidder should provide their trouble escalation procedures in response to Section 2.7.4 and explain what they view as “timely manner” according to those procedure.

7. Question: Please clarify "immediately" in Section 2.7.5.

Answer: The bidder should explain in their proposal what the time interval is for notifying the customer once the problem is resolved.

8. Question: Please clarify what "credentials" are required in Section 2.8.9.

Answer: The bidder should explain in their proposal what the professional qualifications and experience of the person who will serve as a dedicated point of contact throughout the build and installation phase and who shall provide regular updates on the progress of construction.

9. Question: Please clarify the scope of what is meant by "assisting" as it pertains to completion of Form 471 in Section 3.9.

Answer: The bidder will have no responsibility for completing or data entering the FCC Form 471. The applicant anticipates the possibility of conferring with the successful bidder to ensure that the itemization of E-Rate eligible charges on the Form 471 will match up with the invoice itemized charges that the bidder will bill to the applicant. Such communication is permissible within the scope of the E-Rate rules and regulations.

10. Question: Please specify what is meant by or the specific format meant by "electronic format" in Section 4.11.4.

Answer: The applicant prefers .kmz, zip, PDF formats. If the bidder is unable or unwilling to provide the files in one of these formats, the applicant requests the bidder to specify what electronic file options the bidder is willing to provide.

11. Please clarify the scope of what is inferred "assist" as it pertains to completion of Form 471 in Section 5.10.

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question 9 above. The same answer applies to this question.