

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
110 MYRTLE AVENUE
WESTPORT, CT 06880
203 341-1002

SPECIFICATION COVER SHEET
BID #15-014-BOE
PURCHASE OF CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE

PLEASE ENCLOSE TWO COPIES OF THIS SPECIFICATION COVER SHEET and TWO COPIES OF THE BID SPECIFICATIONS PRICING SHEETS WHEN RESPONDING TO THIS BID

The Westport Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or separate parts thereof, requested herein before. When items are mentioned by a particular brand, substitution of equal quality items will be considered only if the proposed substitution is clearly stated. When a bidder fails to so identify a proposed substitution, it will be assumed that he is bidding on the exact item requested. The Westport Board of Education is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Connecticut Sales and Use Tax according to State Statute. Such taxes must not be included in bid prices nor added to any items specified.

INSTRUCTIONS ON BID DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS:

NAME OF BID: PURCHASE OF CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE

TYPE OF BID: Sealed Bid QUOTATION #: _____

BID CLOSURE DATE: Received Until: DATE: January 12, 2015 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION TO FORWARD BIDS: **Elio Longo, Jr., Director of School Business Operations**
Westport Board of Education
110 Myrtle Avenue, Room 300
Westport, CT 06880

BID SECURITY: Bid Security Required _____% Bid Security *Not* Required x

PREVAILING WAGE: Required _____ *Not* Required x

FORMS TO COMPLETE BID: **Submit two copies of the Bid Specification Sheets**
Identify Name of Bid on Envelope:
PURCHASE OF CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE – BID #15-014-BOE

LENGTH OF TIME PRICES WILL BE HONORED: **MUST BE 120 DAYS**
STATE ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE: _____
STATE ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE: _____

I have read and understand the bidding requirement of this bid specification included for my review herein:

Signature of Company Representative *Date*

TYPED NAME AND TITLE: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: *(Please print clearly or attach business card):* _____

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Elio Longo, Jr.
Office of Director of School Business Operations
110 MYRTLE AVENUE
Westport, CT 06880
203 341-1002**

**INVITATION TO BID
BID #15-014-BOE
PURCHASE OF CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids on the following will be received at the Office of the Director of School Business Operations until:

January 12, 2015 10:30 A.M.

at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

**BID #15-014-BOE
PURCHASE OF CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE**

Specifications, if not attached, may be obtained at the office of the:

**Elio Longo, Jr.
Director of School Business Operations**

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any part thereof, to waive defects in the same, or to accept any proposal it deems to be in the best interest of the Board of Education and/or the Town of Westport.

Questions regarding this bid should be directed to Natalie Carrigan, Director of Instructional Technology at 203-341-1217.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

PURCHASE OF CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE
BID #15-014-BOE

Due on or before **January 12, 2015, 10:30 A.M.** at the office of

Elio Longo, Jr.
Director of Schools Business Operations
Westport Board of Education
110 MYRTLE AVENUE, Room 300
Westport, CT 06880

Sealed bids will be received by the office of the Director of School Business Operations of the Westport Board of Education of the Town of Westport, Connecticut until 10:30 A.M. on January 12, 2015. Each bid should be clearly marked (example) "**BID #15-014-BOE – PURCHASE OF CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE**". Specifications, instructions and bid forms may be obtained at the above address. Faxed copies of the bid will not be accepted.

CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any bid if it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Town of Westport, Connecticut, Westport Board of Education and its students.
2. The Board of Education reserves the right to grant an award in total or for any part thereof for the items or services being bid. In addition, the Board of Education reserves the right to award this bid as a package in conjunction with other bids for similar services/supplies/equipment. The Board reserves the right to award with preference to State of Connecticut contract holders and/or local vendors.
3. The submission of a bid shall be conclusive evidence that the bidder has satisfied himself as to the requirements of the bid specifications and any controlling conditions which may exist.
4. Bidders may not withdraw their bid for a period of 120 days from the date of bid opening. The Board of Education and the bidder may mutually agree to extend the time limit.
5. In determining the ranking of responsible bidders, the Board of Education may consider, in addition to price, the quality, availability and type of items, the experience of the bidder, the sufficiency of the financial resources of the bidder and the reputation of the bidder for ability, integrity, judgment and performance, as well as the ability of the bidder to provide future service/supplies/equipment.
6. It is anticipated that the goods will be needed for the current school year, but the Board of Education reserves the right to cancel or alter this service because of enrollment changes, budget consideration or unforeseen circumstances which require a change.
7. All bid prices are to include the complete costs, which includes inside delivery to each school or location with installation and assembly of same, if applicable, and training, if applicable. All deliveries must be made prepaid and must be delivered to the location subsequently designated on the purchase orders at no cost over and above the bid price indicated in your bid. Deliveries must be made inside building indicated. In no case will collect shipments or sidewalk deliveries be accepted. A packing slip shall be included in each shipment. All packages must be clearly marked as to content.

8. The Board of Education of the Town of Westport supports efforts to reduce the use of illegal drugs in the workplace. In instances where responsible prospective bidders submit identical tie bids, preference shall be given to the businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the Board of Education for the procurement of commodities or contractual services which are bid, a bid received from a business which has certified that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. The drug-free workplace program certification is attached and is to be submitted with the bid package by the bidder along with other bid documents in order to receive preference. This policy shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Westport regarding bidding procedure.
9. **ALTERNATIVES:** When proposing an alternate item, indicate the Brand and Model identification on the bid specification sheets. To have alternates considered, complete specifications and submit catalogues describing the product must accompany the bid. The Westport Board of Education reserves the right to request equipment samples on specific items.
10. **SUBSTITUTIONS: No substitutions**

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11. **FORM AND STYLE OF BID:** All blanks on the Specification Form, except where otherwise requested, shall be filled in by typewriter or manually in ink and must be completely legible..
12. **WARRANTIES:** Whenever an item or service is covered by a specified product or service warranty, such warranties must be submitted with the official bid or quotation specification sheets. All such warranties shall inure to the benefit of the Board.
13. **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding the bidding procedure, contact Elio Longo, Jr., Director of School Business Operations, at (203) 341-1001. **For questions regarding the purchase of CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE, contact Natalie Carrigan, Director of Instructional Technology at 203-341-1217.**

NOTE: By bidding on this contract the vendor agrees that any or all past clients may be contacted by the Westport School System. The vendors bidding on this contract also agree to release and discharge by bidding on this contract for the vendor him/herself, his/her heirs executors administrators and assigns, release acquit and forever discharge the Westport School System, its Board of Education and all employees and any or all other persons, firms and corporations of and from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims or demands for damages, costs, loss of services, expenses, compensation, consequential damage or any other thing whatsoever, on account of, or in any way growing out of any former client contacted by the Westport School System to obtain an opinion regarding any work performed by your company. The above release shall also include and apply to any former client contacted.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this company:

1. Has a published statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and that this statement specifies the actions which will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Has a written policy informing employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the firm's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace, any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties which may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services which are being bid was given a copy of the statements specified in paragraphs 1 and 2, above.
4. In the statement specified in paragraph 1, the employees have been notified that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services which are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of "guilty" or of "nolo contendere" to any violation of any controlled substance law of the United States or of any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction or plea.
5. This firm will impose a sanction on or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance program or a rehabilitation program, if such are available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. This firm will make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace.

As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm fully complies with the above requirements.

Signature: _____ ***Date:*** _____

Print Name: _____

Company: _____

**PURCHASE OF CENTRALINK TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE
 BID 15-014-BOE SPECIFICATIONS**

Bid Openng Date: January 12, 2015 10:30 a.m.

Vendor must be an authorized telecommunications company.				
Bid prices must be held for 120 days. Total contact to be for 36 months.				
Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	Centralink 3100 Service Exchange Class II Service Address: 110 Myrtle Ave. Westport with mulitple locations (see list below) Line Commitment Quantity at Installation for Service Address = 7 Contract start date 7/1/2015 to coincide with e-Rate All lines are exisiting, none are new	105		
2	Installation and non-recurring start up costs for Year 1			
	TOTAL PRICE Year 1			
	Multi Year Pricing Years 2 and 3			

VENDOR NAME:

Address	Qty of CentraLink Lines
1 Canal St Westport	1
65 Easton Rd. Westport	10
13 Hyde Lane Westport	12
110 Myrtle Ave	6
17 Morningside Drive So Westport	12
70 North Ave Westport	18
88 North Ave. Westport	10
255 North Ave Westport	11
125 Post Rd Westport	10
136 Riverside Ave Westport	4
170 Riverside Ave Westport	11
Total	105