



**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
INVITATION FOR BID ON SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

IFB No. **23-43 E-Rate 2023 Infrastructure**

DATE: **March 6, 2023**

RE: **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

To All Bidders:

Included are modifications, clarifications and/or corrections for the Project Manual and are hereby made a part of the contract documents. Please attach this addendum to the Project Manual(s) in your possession. Please note the receipt of this addendum on the bid form. Bidders shall review changes to all portions of this work as changes to one portion may affect the work of another.

If you plan to hand deliver your IFB submission on the due date, please note you must check in on the 1st floor prior to coming to the bid opening. Please allow time for this as late submission will not be accepted.

Refer all questions relative to the business aspect, Instructions to Bidders, Special Conditions, and questions concerning the technical aspect of the documents to the Director of Purchasing by email at purchasingdeptstaff@rps205.com.

CLARIFICATIONS

This addendum includes requests for information (RFI) to date and corresponding answers, along with a copy of the mandatory pre-bid meeting sign-in sheet.

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By: Dane Youngblood
Director of Purchasing

CLARIFICATIONS

Below are requests for information (RFI) to date and corresponding answers.

Pre-Bid Walk Through Questions

1. The fiber brand is not specified in the bid. Does RPS have a preferred fiber brand? **No. As long as the fiber can be certified and is functional with the bid specified fiber termination products.**
2. East – IDF #8 on Maps: **There is no IDF or switches in that room, delete from scope of work.**
3. Is there any particular order RPS wants the schools to be done? **There is no preference of order; however, the work schedule will be determined based on the summer facilities project schedule that will be finalized in April/May 2023.**
4. What is the anticipated job start date: **This is an e-rate bid pending federal e-rate approval. Approval typically occurs between July and September; however, it could be longer. All work will need to be completed by September 1, 2024, to be compliant with e-Rate.**
5. Does RPS want the current fiber/copper runs demo'd once the new has been certified and confirmed to be online? If so, a time frame to demo the existing fiber/cable **Demo is not part of this bid.**
6. Will this work be allowed to be done during normal work hours or does it need to be done after hours and/or weekends when school is out **For work that will be conducted during summer break or without students in the building, work can be accomplished during normal working hours. Work that may occur when students are in session will be conducted after 4pm.**
7. On the high runs, does RPS have a lift/scissor jack the contractor can use or do they need to provide one. **Vendor should provide their own lift/scissor jack where necessary.**
8. Jefferson – IDF #8 in the basement. **SM fiber is already run from that to the MDF do delete from the scope.**
9. Confirm RPS used 50' of cable between floors **RPS Approximated 50' of fiber cable between floors.**
10. Did RPS allow extra coil of cable at each end MDF/IDF **The approximate length of fiber in the bid does NOT account for an extra coil of cable at each end of the MDF/IDF. Bidder may add appropriate length of fiber cabling to accommodate stress loops at each termination location.**
11. Which IDF connects the trailers to the school (as a direction current cables run) at Auburn? **The trailers ("PODS") are connected to the IT Room IDF #7 on the drawings.**



PRE-BID MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

IFB No. 23-43 E-Rate 2023 Infrastructure

PLEASE WRITE EMAIL ADDRESS SO THAT IT IS LEGIBLE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ADDENDUM INFORMATION

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ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 IFB No. 23-43 E-Rate 2023 Infrastructure
 Pre-Bid Meeting Sign-In Sheet
 March 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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PRE-BID CONFERENCE OPENING STATEMENT

Welcome to the mandatory pre-bid conference for IFB No. 23-43 E-Rate 2023 Infrastructure for the Rockford Public Schools.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input, questions, clarifications and suggested changes relative to this solicitation. As a reminder, the only acceptable changes to the Bid/RFI are formal Addenda published by the RPS Purchasing department. Additionally, the Addendum may address other issues identified by the School District.

The goal of today's meeting is to increase your knowledge of the solicitation as it is written and provide an information mechanism in which you may advise the School District of any changes it should make. Consequently, any changes you wish the Rockford Public Schools to consider must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing department before the deadline as expressed in the solicitation. We will try to answer as many of the questions as possible. If we cannot answer a question today, we will defer that answer to the published Addendum. Additionally, minutes from this pre-bid conference will be published in the Addendum.

➤ Bid Opening is scheduled for March 9, 2023 at 2:00 pm Rockford Board of Education, 6th floor Conference Room. Late bids will not be accepted. Faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted.

➤ Board Approval: March 28, 2023.

➤ Bid RFI Procedures - All written correspondence during the bid process MUST be sent to Dane Youngblood, Director of Purchasing, via email at PurchasingDeptStaff@rps205.com. Last RFI will be accepted until March 6, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Last addendum will be issued by March 7, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

➤ Addenda will be emailed to all attendees at the pre-bid conference, posted on the RPS website and Bontire.

➤ PLEASE reference the **REQUIRED FORMS CHECK LIST** for all documents that **must** be submitted with your bid offer form. All forms must be properly completed, signed and submitted or your bid will be deemed non-responsive.