RFI: E-Rate Funding Year 2024 – RFP No. TECH-2024-0108:

1. Will the district be doing a 10 or 20% contingency?

The vendor may add any amount of contingency funds to the proposal they feel is needed to ensure a completed project. No change orders will be accepted. Any amount added for contingency funds will be evaluated as part of the pricing/scoring matrix (under General Terms and Conditions, page 14, section 13).

2. Should we assume every IDF will need a patch panel? Does the contractor provide new patch panels or use the existing patch panels for the new cabling? *No, in a previous project, a modular patch panel was installed in every IDF location, the district*

will provide a modular patch panel for any IDF location with insufficient ports. All cables must be punched down using T568B standard.

- 3. Does the district want any outdoor patch cords? RFP mentions that the contractor must provide patch cables to connect new cabling from patch panels to existing switch components. Is the contractor responsible for providing and installing patch cords for the WAP side too? *Outdoor patch cords are not required. All patch cables will be installed by the district. (RFP is requesting 2 cable runs for each of the 85 locations, for a total of 170 cable runs and 170 indoor patch cables)*
- 4. Is there a specific manufacturer the district prefers? (Leviton, Panduit) Any well-known brand is acceptable, as long its Cat 6A and meets ANSI/TIA 568.2-D cabling standards, with a minimum 20 year warranty.
- 5. Is the district requiring a 20 year warranty Yes, the district is requiring a minimum 20 year warranty on cabling.
- 6. Can you confirm the project requires CAT6A cabling, not CAT6? Per Page 29 under Scope of Work "Vendor will install two (2) Category 6A data drops per marked outdoor location."
- 7. RFP mentions that the contractor must provide patch cables to connect new cabling from patch panels to existing switch components. Are we also installing them too? *All patch cables will be installed by the district.*
- 8. What are the lengths of the patch cords needed to be provided? All patch cables are to be factory manufactured CAT6A, white jacket 4-pair UTP, 1 meter in length.
- 9. Since all sites were not walked, can you please provide a list of locations that will need a lift to rough-in the cables or to install the weatherproof junction box? Moorpark High School Performing Arts Center and New Gym are the only location that would not be accessible with a conventional ladder. All other locations are accessible via ladder.

- 10. It was noticed during the job walk that the lunch patio area at Walnut Canyon School requires conduit to rough-in the cable. Is the contractor responsible for making this conduit pathway? *Vendor is responsible for installing and providing additional conduit pathways.*
- 11. Are there any more locations like the lunch patio at Walnut Canyon School that require installing conduits?

The District has identified the six (6) following locations requiring outdoor conduit pathways:

- 1 Conduit Lunch Patio Walnut Canyon
- 1 Conduit Library at Flory Academy.
- 2 Conduits at Mesa Verde in the main hallway (Quad & covered Walkway)
- 1 Conduit, Mountain Meadows Lunch Patio.
- 1 Conduit, Chaparral Quad covered lunch area.