

**Anniston City School District  
RFP Infrastructure Refresh/Upgrade Bid for Anniston  
OPENING DATE: October 30, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**

Event	Date
Release of RFP	10/30/2024
Deadline for Submission	11/14/2024 @ 11:00 AM
Evaluation of Responses	11/15/2024
Vendor selection if funded	Approval by School Board at the following board meeting

**I. MISCELLANEOUS**

A. The Anniston City School District/Board of Education intends to bid for local area infrastructure refresh, local area network and digital media equipment, and local area network installation/configuration services for Anniston City Schools with the bidder offering a proposal that is deemed the most acceptable and advantageous to the Anniston City School Board of Education. Anniston City Schools will accept sealed bids to provide specified internal connection services.

Contract will be awarded for a 6-month period (December 2024- May 2025) contingent upon approval of grant and local funding. If the project is delayed and it is necessary to extend the contract beyond the initial period to complete the work, a contract extension option will be executed at the school district's discretion provided pricing remains the same as originally agreed upon, vendor continues to meet all other requirements, the school district continues to be funded through the E-rate program, and when executing the options does not violate bid laws or E-rate guidelines.

B. Point of Contact: Cindy R. Swain, Director of Technology,  
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Anniston, AL 36206  
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256-231-5000 Ext. 1016

\*Vendors that have questions regarding bid specifications must submit their questions to Cindy R. Swain, on the ALSDE Mini Bid Site.

C. Any changes, additions, modifications to the bid request will be posted to the ALJP web site.

<p><b>D. Sealed bids</b> N.A. (Will be viewed on ALSDE Mini Bid Site)</p>
<p>E. Specifications or qualifications are not intended to eliminate any reputable manufacturer, brand, or bidder. Reference to manufacturers, brand names, suppliers' itemization numbers, specification of qualifications, etc. is intended to set quality standards and does NOT exclude bids from others as long as quality standards are met and the bidder is able to provide information substantiating this fact.</p>
<p>F. If a bid differs in any way from the bid specifications, the bidder must list the differences on the bid proposal form telling exactly where and how the bid deviates from said specifications. If no exceptions are listed on the bid, it will be presumed the bidder proposes to meet the specifications in every respect; and if awarded the contract, performance on this basis will be required.</p>
<p>G. All bidders must use our Bid Response Form for submitting their bid.</p>
<p>H. It is the bidder's responsibility to comply with all local, state and federal laws as they apply to this bid.</p>
<p>I. Anniston City School District is exempted from all sales and use taxes under the provisions of Title 40, Chapter 23, Section 4 (15), Code of Alabama, 1975.</p>
<p>J. Bid price is to be all inclusive (including taxes, fees, all required equipment, components, configuration, etc.) with no further charges made against Anniston City School District.</p>
<p>K. Contracts over \$10,000 require compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations, The Clean Air Act, The Clean Water Act and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations.</p>
<p>L. Anniston City School District is an equal educational opportunity agency and prohibits discrimination in any of its educational programs, including employment, on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, age or any handicapping condition. The Board of Education complies fully with the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the appropriate Department of Education regulations.</p>
<p>M. The final awarding of this bid will be made by the Anniston City School District Board of Education based on a recommendation from the Superintendent.</p>

<p>N. If you choose not to bid, please return the invitation to Anniston City School District and state the reason. Failure to respond may cause your company to be removed from the bid list file.</p>
<p>O. Anniston City School District reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals if deemed necessary.</p>
<p>P. All vendors must have a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) as a valid service provider with the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC).</p>
<p>Q. All vendors submitting a bid are responsible for understanding ALJP, USAC and FCC E-rate eligibility rules and are required to identify any costs, fees, products, or proposed uses that do not meet the rules of eligibility for E-rate funding and should be filed as ineligible fees/charges.</p>
<p>R. Before the start of services, the Vendor shall furnish to Anniston City Schools a Certificate of Insurance showing compliance within the following limitations and is required to maintain this insurance for the duration of the contract:</p> <p>Below is a list of the insurance coverage that must be procured and maintained by The Vendor at his own expense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal injury, including death. Limits of \$1,000,000.00 for each person and \$1,000,000.00 for each accident.</li> <li>• Property Damage limits of \$1,000,000.00 for each accident and \$5,000,000.00 for the aggregate.</li> </ul>
<p>S. Vendor must have been in continuous business for a minimum of 3 years providing similar products and services and a provider, not a reseller, of proposed services.</p>
<p>T. Anniston City School District will review all proposals for service utilizing guidelines outlined by the Alabama State Bid Law.</p>
<p>U. Prices shall be good for the length of this contract.</p>
<p>V. Except as otherwise specifically stated in this RFP, the vendor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature and all other services and facilities of every nature whatsoever, necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time. This includes any and all costs necessary for the vendor to provide an operational LAN meeting the required specifications. Licenses necessary for the execution of the work shall be secured and paid for by the vendor.</p>
<p>W. The Vendor shall protect all buildings, furniture, equipment, personal items, trees, shrubs, lawns and all landscaping on school property from damage. Any damaged property shall be repaired or replaced at the Vendor's expense. Labor shall include all restoration (leveling, sodding) of grounds broken up during the installation of this network (if applicable).</p>

X. The Vendor and his representatives shall follow all applicable school district regulations while on Anniston City School property, including the no smoking, no weapons, and drug free policies. No work shall interfere with school activities or environment unless permission is given by the principal or person in charge. All Vendor personnel shall be easily identified by the use of prominently displayed identification badges and uniforms or shirts with The Vendor's logo clearly visible.

Y. Anniston City School District reserves the right to cancel the contract with the vendor for nonperformance at any time during the contract period. Non-performance includes, but is not limited to; failure to supply good quality service, failure to provide services for the full term of the contract, installation performance, poor billing and customer service services, and failure to maintain status as an authorized representative of services.

Z. At the request of Anniston City School District, the Vendor shall invoice the Schools and Library Division (SLD) directly (generate a Service Provider Invoice, FCC Form 474) for the discounted portion of each bill in accordance with SLD regulations. If requested, the school district will only be invoiced for the undiscounted portion and 100% of any ineligible portion.

AA. Anniston City School District reserves the right to terminate services if grant funding is not approved or is reduced during the specified period of the contract and/or extension periods.

BB. This bid and any resulting contracts do not restrict Anniston City Schools from using other telecommunications and Internet access products and services from other vendors.

CC. All requirements specified in this RFP become part of any awarded contract.

### **Notice of Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Requirements to all Contractors**

Section 9 of the Alabama Immigration Act No. 2011-535, as amended by Act NO. 2012-491, (<http://www.ago.state.al.us/File-Immigration-AL-Law-2011-535>) requires contractors provide the Anniston City Board of Education with E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding as a condition of the award of any contract. This document must be included with the bid.

**III. BASIS OF AWARD**

In keeping with the guidelines of Alabama Bid Laws and USAC, this RFP will be awarded to the most cost-effective provider who submits a complete and accurate submittal that meets the stated requirements. Prices will be the primary factor, but not necessarily the sole factor, in evaluating the bids. Other factors of consideration may include but are not limited to prior experience, including past performance, personnel qualifications, including technical excellence; management capability, including schedule compliance; environmental objectives; and flexibility of leasing terms and arrangements. Anniston City School District does not guarantee award of a contract and reserves the right to reject all bids. Please note: Eligible Pricing will be accepted.

**These factors as well as others may be utilized in weighing the RFP responses as follows:**

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Price	40%
Quality of Proposed Solution	30%
Prior Experience / References	10%
Personnel / Company Qualifications & Certifications	10%
Bid Completeness to RFP	10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Bid will be awarded as a collective grand total and not item by item. Anniston City School District may elect to award all, some or none of the services bid.**

**IV. REQUIRED CONTENTS OF BID AND ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Completed & Signed Bid Response Forms (2 Pages)
- b. Vendors must be registered on the ALJP and provide documentation verifying vendor is a valid E-rate provider with an approved SPIN
- c. Any certifications and/or narrative description pertaining to vendor’s qualifications to provide the services offered
- d. Three (3) references of comparable type of project, size, and scope with a summary of products and services provided
- e. A detailed parts list of all items to be installed and all services being provided, or itemized quote.

**Anniston City School District  
Infrastructure Refresh for Anniston City Schools BID**

**RESPONSE FORM (Page 1 of 2)**

**NAME OF FIRM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS OF FIRM:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ALJP Contract#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT):** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Signature certifies the proposed solution and services meet all requirements and the Vendor will comply with all specified requirements unless exceptions are noted below.**

**EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS AND/OR COMMENTS**

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<b>Anniston City School District Infrastructure</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Network Equipment</b>	<b>Installation</b>	<b>Total</b>
Anniston City BOE	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
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	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Price</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Upgrade Costs</b>			
<b>Vendors Must Attach Itemized Quotes for all inside proposal.</b>			

The Equipment List below is what Anniston City School District would like all prospective vendors to provide pricing on (Please note equivalent equipment is acceptable). The school district would like all vendors to use the pricing sheet above, and also please include itemized quotes for each school in your proposal.



<b>QTY</b>	<b>Hardware</b>
1	HPE NS dHCI w/ Alletra 5000 Array Trk
2	HPE DL360 Gen11 8SFF CTO Server
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2	INT Xeon-G 6426Y CPU for HPE
8	HPE 32GB 2Rx8 PC5-4800B-R Smart Kit
4	BCM 57412 10GbE 2p SFP+ OCP3 Adptr
2	HPE DL3X0 Gen11 1U High Perf Fan Kit
4	HPE 800W FS Plat Ht Plg LH Pwr Sply Kit
2	HPE DL360 Gen11 CPU1/OCP2 x8 Enable Kit
2	HPE DL3XX Gen11 1U Bezel Kit
2	HPE DL300 Gen10+ 1U CMA for Rail Kit
2	HPE CE Mark Removal FIO Enable Kit
2	HPE NS204i-u Gen11 Ht Plg Boot Opt Dev
2	HPE DL360 Gen11 High Perf Heat Sink Kit
2	HPE DL3XX Gen11 Easy Install Rail 3 Kit
2	HPE DL360 Gen11 NS204i-u Rear Cbl Kit
2	HPE NS dHCI Add DL3x0 Svr Trk
1	HPE Alletra dHCI 5010H DC CTO Base Array
1	HPE NS 2x10GbE 2p FIO Adptr Kit
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2	HPE NS C13 to C14 FIO Power Cord
1	HPE Alletra Tier 1 Storage Array Std Trk
1	HPE Alletra 5010H 22TB SAS HDD Bdl
1	HPE AL STG 5000 2x 1200W Plat FIO PS Kit
22	HPE GL Prv Cld w/AL STG 5000 5yr SaaS
1	HPE AL dHCI PL G11 w/ESXi 8.0 FIO SW
1	HPE NS dHCI NOS PB ESXi 8.0 FIO SW

<b>QTY</b>	<b>APC Rack and Po</b>
1	NetShelter SX Server Rack Gen 2, 42U, 1991H x 600
1	APC Smart-UPS SRT 5000VA Sinewave 3U
1	APC by Schneider Electric NetShelter 40-Outlets PDU

<b>Support</b>	
<b>QTY</b>	<b>Description</b>
2	HPE iLO Adv 1-svr Lic 3yr Support
2	HPE iLO Advanced Non Blade Support
2	HPE DL360 Gen11 Support
1	HPE NS 2x10GbE 2p Adptr Supp
1	HPE Alletra 5010H DC CTO Base Array Supp
1	HPE Alletra 5010H 22TB SAS HDD Bdl Supp
1	HPE Alletra 5010H 1.92FIO Cache Bdl Supp
1	HPE 5Y Tech Care Essential SVC
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<b>QTY</b>	<b>Meraki Equipment</b>
2	Cisco Meraki Catalyst 9300X-24Y - switch - 24 ports - managed-rack
2	Cisco Meraki - power supply - hot-plug - 715 Watt
2	Cisco Meraki stacking cable - 3.3 ft
18	Proline 10GBase-CU direct attach cable - TAA Compliant 10ft.
6	Proline Cisco SFP+ Module
6	Proline 3m LC (M) LC (M) Straight Aqua OM4 Simplex OFNRMMF Cable
2	Proline Cisco SFP (mini-GBIC) Module
2	Cisco Meraki Enterprise - subscription license (5 years) - 24 ports