

INVITATION TO BID

The Fremont Union High School District ("FUHSD"), will receive sealed bids for the following project ("Project" or "Contract"):

BID #25-26-04 High Speed Wide-Area Network (WAN) Connection
FREMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
589 West Fremont Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Request For Proposal

Fremont Union High School District is seeking to enter into a contract for a leased high speed wide area network connection between the locations specified herein. A fiber network is preferred but other technologies will be considered. The service start date will be July 1, 2026 and the contract period will be three years, ending June 30, 2029, with the option of up to five (5) 12 month extensions at the discretion of FUHSD. All installation and testing must be completed prior to the service start date.

Universal Service Fund - Universal Service Administrative Company - Schools and Library Division (E-Rate) Requirements

The accepted service provider must be USF eligible and will be required to submit its Service Provider Identification Number in the RFP response. The accepted service provider would be expected to provide any E-Rate applicable discounts to billings, at FUHSD's discretion. Should Fremont Union High School District not receive E-Rate funds for this proposal the schools district may choose not to lease these services or to terminate the agreement. FUHSD has filed a Universal Service Program for Libraries and Libraries Consortium ("E-Rate") FCC Form 470 for this procurement to coincide with the issuance of this RFP. The 470 number is 260017741. FUHSD assumes that all services sought in this RFP are eligible for E-Rate Category One funding and are supported as such by the service provider. Any ineligible services (or related equipment), components of services which are not eligible as a Priority One service, and/or otherwise eligible services that are not supported by the service provider must be explicitly identified in the RFP response. Such services must also be separately priced and separated in any bid response or presentation. All providers responding to this RFP must participate in the E-rate program.

E-Rate rules are accessible via the E-Rate Administrator's Website: <http://www.sl.universalservice.org>. Providers must be compliant with all applicable federal E-Rate program requirements, including but not limited to: filing of all required service provider forms, including Form 498, Form 499 (annual and quarterly filings to the extent they are applicable); Form 473 (Annual Service Provider Certification); Form 474, Service Provider Invoice Form, which invoices SLD for the E-Rate discount amount; provision of discounted bills (net of the E-Rate discounts) to FUHSD; compliance with E-Rate document retention requirements; and provision of information that applicants must submit as part of their filing requirements, including itemization of costs for installation costs and equipment, and identification of any ineligible items.

Any provider submitting a response must have a Federal Communications Commission Registration Number (FCCRN). Providers may obtain a FCCRN via the Federal Communications Commission Website: <http://www.fcc.gov>. Providers also must have a Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) in good standing with the E-Rate Administrator (i.e. not in "Red Light Status") for Internet Access and/or Telecommunications Services (required for all providers proposing WAN services). These numbers must be included in the provider's bid response. The provider will have a continuing obligation to notify FUHSD of any change in Red Light status and failure to maintain good standing with the FCC and to be classified as on Red Light status may constitute grounds for terminating the parties' contract for cause.

All bidders are also required to disclose whether they are currently subject to an investigation by the E-Rate Administrator, Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") or any law enforcement agency; and/or whether any of the bidder's E-Rate invoices or customer's E-Rate invoices or Form 471 applications is being delayed for processing. Detailed information concerning any of these situations is required to be disclosed, including what actions, if any, the bidder is undertaking to resolve any outstanding issues.

In accordance with E-Rate rules, the cost of E-Rate eligible services will be the most heavily-weighted factor in making award decisions.

Prequalification.

Contractor Prequalification. All bidding Contractors must submit by March 1, 2026 a Prequalification Application related to its ability to provide the Services as indicated herein. (Public Contract Code section 20111.6.)

Subcontractor Prequalification. In addition, all subcontractors that the Contractor intends to list as a first-tier or second-tier subcontractor are required to have been prequalified by the District.

Application. Contractors and subcontractors can access the application by going to the District website at <https://www.fuhsd.org/departments/business-services>, then click on "contractor prequalification" and follow the link.

Receipt of Bids, Questions, and Walkthroughs

FUHSD will receive sealed Bids at the Reception Desk located at 589 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, California, 94087 until 10:00 A.M. on Friday, March 13, 2026. No bids will be received after that time. Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparation of bids.

Procurement questions can be e-mailed to Faith Carrillo, @ faith_carrillo@fuhsd.org. Please identify the bid number (BID # 25-26-04) with your questions. Any questions must be received by 5:00pm Pacific time on February 9, 2026. Communications with other FUHSD staff regarding this RFP is cause for disqualification from RFP consideration.

Walkthroughs may be scheduled by appointment. To schedule a walkthrough, email FUHSD Tech Department at dotechteam@fuhdsd.org. No questions will be answered during walkthroughs; any questions must be submitted via the process outlined above.

FUHSD specifically reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, or re-bid, or to waive technical defects in bidding. No submitted bids may be withdrawn by Bidder within ninety (90) calendar days after the bid opening unless the FUHSD consents to a withdrawal of the bid during this period.

The District shall award the bid, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on the base bid as indicated in the Bid Form. RFP submission must include pricing in the form of monthly lease rates and non-recurring charges for E-Rate eligible and ineligible components in the completing of the WAN.

Submit sealed bid by 10:00 A.M. Pacific time on March 13, 2026, to the attention of:

Faith Carrillo
Fremont Union HSD District Office
589 W. Fremont Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Phone: 408-522-2233
Fax: 408-530-9787

Bids can also be emailed; they should be sent to faith_carrillo@fuhdsd.org with the subject "BID # 25-26-04 response" by 10:00 A.M. Pacific time on March 13, 2026.

Award Process

Price will be the primary factor in evaluating the RFP's, but not the sole determining factor. Other factors include: prior experience, E-Rate experience, service and support, and vendor reputation. Submittal of a proposal does not guarantee any award of contract Fremont Union High School District reserves the right not to select any submission for contract.

Factor Weight

It is assumed that the services bid will be fully E-rate eligible. Bids including E-rate ineligible components will lose points in the Price of E-rate Eligible Goods and Services factor. The Factors that will be used to evaluate bids and their relative values are:

Price of E-rate Eligible Goods and Services 50%

Technical Quality 10%

Prior Experience 10%

E-rate Experience 10%

Service and Support 10%

Vendor Reputation 10%

Total 100%

Specifications

The WAN connection specifications are as follows:

- 1) A connection between the District Office to the Santa Clara County Office of Education office, at the addresses specified below. This connection must terminate at the MDFs of the District Office and the County Office.

Addresses for both locations are included below, and a map of the FUHSD site with the MDF location marked is included as Appendix A. The connection must be 10 Gbps at the outset of the contract, with the capacity for expansion to 100 Gbps. Fremont Union High School District and SCCOE currently use Juniper MX204 Routers that require single mode LC fiber connections handoffs at both locations. The WAN service bid must be compatible with this equipment.

Four hour max on-site response time for any service outages.

Bids **must** include pricing for both 10 Gbps service and 100 Gbps service on the link. Pricing must be provided using the included Attachment 1 document.

Locations

Fremont Union HSD District Office
589 W. Fremont Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)
Campbell Union School District
240 Harrison Ave
Campbell, CA 95008

Appendix A: Site Maps and MDF Locations



FUHSD DISTRICT OFFICE

