ADDENDUM # 4

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT – Central Elementary & County Oaks Elementary Re-cabling Project for Hendry Count School District

ADDENDUM DATE: February 4, 2026

Information Technology RELATED DOCUMENTS-

Q&A Additional Responses: Questions 16 – 48

A. Pathways, Civil, and Underground Work
16. Restoration Standards
Q: What restoration standards are required for trenching and boring, including sod replacement versus patching, concrete and asphalt thickness and finish, curing requirements, and irrigation repair or replacement responsibilities?

A: Restoration standards for trenching and boring should align with current industry standards and best practices. As this falls within the cabling vendor's area of expertise, the vendor will be responsible for determining and adhering to appropriate restoration methods, including sod replacement or patching, concrete and asphalt thickness and finish, curing requirements, and any necessary irrigation repair or replacement.

17. Existing vs. New Pathways
Q: Should bidders assume all new underground conduit pathways to buildings and portables, or is reuse of existing conduits acceptable if they are verified as clear, continuous, and Compliant?

A: All underground conduit pathways to buildings and portables must be newly installed. Existing conduits are not to be reused, regardless of condition, to ensure long-term reliability, capacity, and adherence to current standards.

18. Conduit Size and Quantity
Q: What are the minimum conduit size requirements for fiber runs to buildings and to portables, and are spare or empty conduits required as part of the scope?

A: Minimum conduit size requirements for fiber runs to buildings and portables should be determined by the cabling vendor in accordance with current industry standards and best practices.

19. Utility Avoidance / No-Dig Zones
Q: Are there any known underground utilities, irrigation systems, lighting circuits, or designated no-dig zones that bidders must account for?

A: At this moment, we must treat the whole site as a no-dig zone **until GPR can be performed.** The reason behind this is driven by the fact that underground documentation is not at hand.

20. Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
Q: Is Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) scanning required as part of the Contractor's scope for underground pathway installation, or are standard utility locate procedures sufficient?

A: GPR is **required** for this RFP as our goal is to have fiber optic buried.

B. Fiber Design, Topology, and Splicing

21. Fiber Topology Requirements
Q: Does the RFP require a single mandatory fiber topology, or are multiple fiber topologies acceptable provided they meet performance, resiliency, and operational requirements?

A: RFP calls out for a single network topology known as the **Star Topology (Hub and Spoke).** We have 1 Main Distribution Frame (MDF) branching out to multiple Intermediate Distribution Frames (IDF).

22. Splicing vs. Continuous Pulls
Q: Is fiber splicing within handholes or pull boxes acceptable, or are continuous MDF-to-Endpoint fiber pulls required?

A: Fiber splicing within handholes or pull boxes is not permitted. HCSD requires a continuous, unspliced fiber run from the MDF to each designated endpoint. All terminations must occur only at the MDF unless otherwise specified in writing.

23. Slack Storage Requirements
Q: What slack loop quantities and storage methods are required at MDFs, IDFs, portables, and handholes?

A: 5 ft slack at MDFs/IDFs and portables. 15 ft slack at handholes?

24. Non-Bid Fiber Path (CES)
Q: Is the additional fiber pathway at CES that is not shown in the RFP documents excluded from the current bid scope unless added by addendum?

A: No. There are no additional pathways beyond what is shown in the RFP. The fiber routes illustrated in the documents are representational only and are intended to show which MDF/IDF locations must be connected, not the exact physical path the fiber must follow.

C. Closets, Racks, and Demolition
25. Existing Rack and Cable Removal
Q: Is removal and disposal of existing racks, abandoned cabling, and legacy fiber and copper the responsibility of the Contractor or the District?

A: The removal and disposal of existing racks, abandoned cabling, and legacy fiber and copper will be the responsibility of the district and not the contractor.

26. Closet Readiness
Q: Will MDFs and IDFs be cleared of stored materials prior to contractor mobilization, or should bidders include labor for temporary relocation of stored items?

A: MDFs and IDFs will be cleared of stored materials prior to contractor mobilization.

27. Grounding and Bonding
Q: Are existing grounding bars present and acceptable for reuse, or is the electrical contractor responsible for furnishing and installing new grounding infrastructure?

A: Contractor is responsible for all new furnishing and installation of all grounding for infrastructure for newly built network racks, including any new grounding bars. Existing grounding bars are not to be reused unless explicitly approved by HCSD.

D. Interior Cabling, Wiremold, and Access
28. Wiremold Requirements
Q: What wiremold requirements apply for block and brick walls, including acceptable materials and any rooms or areas where wiremold is prohibited?

A: Plastic wiremold is acceptable for use on block and brick walls throughout both schools. There are no rooms or areas where wiremold is prohibited. The preferred wiremold color is white at all locations.

29. Interior Wall Conditions (CES)
Q: Are wall penetration and in-wall cabling permitted in areas with interior drywall walls at CES?

A: To maintain a consistent installation across both schools. Contractors shall use plastic wiremold for all cabling interior drywalls.

30. Ceiling Heights and Lift Access
Q: Which ceiling heights require MEWP or scissor-lift access, including the CES cafeteria and any other high-ceiling areas?

A: The CES cafeteria has the highest ceiling between both schools, their ceiling reaches 15 - 20ft. Contractors are responsible for providing their own or rented scissor-lift for access.

31. Floor Protection for MEWP / Scissor Lift
Q: What floor protection requirements apply when using MEWPs or scissor lifts within interior spaces such as cafeterias, and are rubberized wheels or wheel covers sufficient, or is additional protection required?

A: MEWPs and Scissor lifts that are used inside school facilities must have rubberized non-marking wheels. If at any point, the weight of the scissor lift damages the flooring, then additional protection is required such as plywood.

32. Patch Cords
Q: Who is responsible for furnishing and installing new copper and fiber patch cords as part of this project?

A: The bidder is responsible for furnishing all required copper and fiber patch cords as part of their proposal. HCSD IT Staff will perform all patch-cord installation at the network closets.

E. Scheduling, Access, and Phasing
33. Parallel Build Requirement
Q: Must existing network infrastructure remain operational while new cabling is installed in parallel, with cutover occurring only after completion?

A: Yes, existing networking infrastructure must remain operational as the recabling is taking place. Cutover will take place by HCSD IT Dept.

34. Summer Work Window
Q: What is the earliest allowed start date during Summer 2026, and are there any blackout Dates or restricted periods?

A: The earliest start date for Summer 2026 is June 1st. As for any black out dates, there aren't any in the summer of 2026.

35. School-Year Work Requirements
Q: If work extends into the school year, what after-hours or weekend requirements apply, and what background screening or fingerprinting is required for technicians?

A: Screening/Fingerprint requirements consist of undergoing a background check along with getting fingerprints scanned at our Human Resource Department, additionally, to undergo this process, a fee of $84 per person will be charged and appointments will need to be made with HR. After hours and weekend requirements are to ensure that schools are secured every time the contractor enters and leaves the school site ensuring no unauthorized personnel gain entry.

F. Testing, Labeling, and Closeout

36. Testing Deliverables
Q: What testing documentation is required for Cat6A certification and fiber testing, and in what file formats must results be submitted?

A: All as builts are required to be provided to HCSD. These can be submitted electronically to the HCSD IT Department via email. The format must be in a PDF.

37. Labeling Standards
Q: What labeling conventions are required for desk ports, Promethean or AV ports, and access point drops, and must these conventions be consistent across both schools?

A: The RFP has a call out for labeling conventions.

"*For example: All ports located/installed at teacher workstations shall be labeled <Room#>A/B. All ports located/installed at Promethean boards/TVs shall be labeled <Room#>C/D. Access Points shall be labeled <Room#>AP1, <Room#>AP2, etc., in correspondence with each room number.*"

A2 Please label the port room number - port number. For example room 7, port 2A, will be labeled as: 7-2A.

38. Submittal Approval Process
Q: Who is responsible for approving material submittals and bills of material, and is a consolidated bill of material per school acceptable?

A: Hendry County School District will review and approve all material submittals and bills of material. A single consolidated bill of material for both schools is acceptable. **However, all materials must be fully itemized, including quantities, manufacturers, and part numbers.**

G. Alternate Solutions & Equipment Responsibility

39. Alternate Technical Approaches
Q: Will the District consider alternate technical approaches that meet or exceed the performance, resiliency, and compliance requirements of the RFP, and if so, how must alternates be submitted and evaluated?

A: The district is not open for any alternate technical approaches. Our goal with our network topology is a Star Topology (Hub and Spoke) model.

40. Basis of Design vs. Performance Compliance
Q: Is the RFP to be interpreted as a basis-of-design specification requiring strict adherence to prescribed topology and materials, or as a performance-based specification allowing alternate designs that achieve the same functional outcomes?

A: Requirement to strictly adhere to the prescribed topology and materials within the RFP.

41. Approved-Equal Substitution Process
Q: What is the procedure and deadline for submitting approved-equal substitutions, and must substitutions be pre-approved via addendum or may they be included in proposals?

A: No equal-substitution. Requirement to strictly adhere to the prescribed topology and materials within the RFP.

42. Evaluation of Alternates
Q: If alternates are submitted, are they formally scored, do they affect price scoring, and may the District accept the base bid while rejecting alternates?
A: No equal-substitution. Requirement to strictly adhere to the prescribed topology and materials within the RFP.

43. Network Electronics Responsibility
Q: Who is responsible for furnishing network switches, optics, and other active electronics, and if furnished by others, what coordination and availability requirements apply for testing and cutover?
A: HCSD IT Dept. will furnish, install and configure all network switches. The contractor is solely responsible for the installation of network racks, pathways, and cabling, including end-to-end testing of all copper and fiber cabling and providing HCSD with all the as builts. The old network will need to remain live during the installation of all new cabling, as school will remain operational during the time of cabling.

44. Laydown Area, Staging, and On-Site Storage
Q: Is on-site laydown, staging, or storage space available for contractor use, where is it located, what restrictions apply, and is overnight storage permitted, or should bidders assume off-site storage and daily mobilization?
A: Yes, there are various locations contactors can leave equipment. If vehicles are left overnight, they can be parked inside the gated parking lot, materials and tools can be stored in school storage areas and locked. Restrictions: you cannot occupy any space that is designed for classrooms, public events, or custodial for storage. The district will have all that coordinated for the vendor prior to the start date.

45. Portable Cable Protection Material
Q: What materials are acceptable for cable protection at penetrations and routing within portables, and are there any specific conditions that require a particular material type?
A: For portables with drop ceilings, 2in sleeves can be used for fiber protection. As for portables with hard ceilings, fiber can be protected with innerduct from penetration point.

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Q: In the summer, does the district work 4 or 5 days a week? Also, if you work 4 days, do we have access or the ability to work at the schools a 5 day week?
A: Yes we do work a 4 day week during the summer. However, that doesn't limit the vendor in accessing the school or working 5 days if they prefer. Additionally, the district will have procedures in place for after hours access.

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Q: Does the client have a preference in depth if they want the fiber buried underground?
A: We do not have a preference in how deep we want fiber buried, however, we do want fiber and new pathways clear away from any unaccounted existing underground infrastructure. Also, we would like everything documented, tagged, and recorded for the District's records.

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Q: Will there be any markers or indicators that will show the placement of where we can install the network drops and network equipment?
A: Yes, the district will have tapped sticky notes placed in every class room to identify where network drops are to be installed.

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