RFP 2026-08-26

Title: JPS ERATE Network Modernization

Issue Date: Monday, February 16, 2026

Submission Deadline: March 17, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time)

Office at 601-973-8582 for assistance. Questions regarding proposal specifications are to be addressed to the Project Administrator listed in the proposal.

The Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District (hereafter referred to as "JPSD") is soliciting sealed, written formal Requests for Proposals (RFP) from qualified vendors (hereafter referred to as "Vendor") for the purchase of furniture, equipment, supplies, materials, labor or services as outlined in the following specifications. Sealed RFP shall be received by JPSD, in the Business Office of the Jackson Public Schools, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until the time specified on the RFP Opening Schedule (front page of the formal RFP document), at which time all RFP shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Neither dating of the RFP form nor placing the RFP in the mail by this date shall meet legal requirements; the formal RFP document must be **received in the Business Office** of the Jackson Public School District on or before the date and time stated.

JPSD reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs received and to waive any and all informalities. Vendors are encouraged to very carefully read all sections of this RFP document prior to submitting an RFP proposal. Any agreement generated due to an award may be terminated by the District without cause upon one week's prior notice to vendor.

The vendor must provide a current copy of their company's Certificate of Insurance with Workers Compensation and General Liability Coverage. Jackson Public School District requires coverage for not less $1,000,000.00 dollars. JPSD must be listed as an insurer under the coverage provided. It is imperative that this insurance is maintained throughout the duration of the contract. This coverage must be submitted and kept on file with JPSD.

It is the basic philosophy of JPSD to extend to all responsible Vendors equal consideration and the assurance of unbiased judgment in determining whether their product or service meets specifications and the educational needs of the school district. JPSD shall fairly evaluate all formal RFP proposals submitted and base all decisions on the "lowest and best" RFP concept, purchasing only those products and/or services which meet the specifications as written. All decisions rendered shall strive to achieve the greatest value from every tax dollar expended. JPSD shall make no discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, or national origin, in either the product evaluation process or in transacting business with Vendors or Vendor representatives.

The advertising and publishing of this RFP has met all legal requirements (Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, §31-7-13), hence the requirement to offer public notice of the intent of JPSD to solicit RFPs via this RFP document has been satisfied.

This document is to serve as an invitation to all qualified vendors to extend to JPSD an offer for the sale of all products and/or services specified herein. It is the purpose of this RFP document to clearly define "open" and "competitive" product or service rfp specifications. All items on this RFP are to be **as specified or JPSD approved equal**.

Addendum: Vendor shall acknowledge the receipt of all addendums which were issued during the course of this RFP. If specified in the text of the addendum, in addition to acknowledging receipt of the addenda below, the addenda may require additional information required for the RFP (e.g., pricing), in which case the Add RFP Addendum shall not only be acknowledged below but shall be completed and attached to the RFP at the time the RFP proposal is submitted. Receipt of the following Addendum issued during the course of this formal RFP is hereby acknowledged:

It is acknowledged that this rfp proposal consists of the following sections: **PROPOSAL FORM**, **INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS**, **SPECIFICATIONS** and any **ADDENDUM** (if applicable). The Addendum chart is located on page 33.

Net Prices

In all cases, prices quoted are to be net including all applicable discounts. A separate price shall be offered for each item and not in combination with other items (unless the grouping of items is otherwise allowed as defined in the specifications). Unit price shall prevail in case of a conflict between unit and total price (extension); written price shall prevail in case of a conflict between written and enumerated pricing. Vendors are instructed to **round off all unit pricing and extensions to the nearest whole cent, i.e., round the pricing to two places to the right of the decimal point only.** JPSD will only accept pricing, which is stated in this manner. All items for which pricing is submitted which is other than two places to the right of the decimal shall be accepted; however, all digits beyond a whole cent (more than two places to the right of the decimal) shall be ignored

in the RFP analysis process and the unit price indicated on the purchase order shall be to the nearest whole cent for each item involved.

Payment and Invoicing

Unless otherwise indicated in the detailed specifications of this RFP document, JPSD shall make remittance in a **single lump sum** payment **following satisfactory delivery of all items** listed on the purchase order or following satisfactory performance (final inspection) of all services as specified in the contract. JPSD remits by "completed purchase order" only; remittance shall not be made upon receipt of partial shipments or performance, or the receipt of invoice for same, but only after all items included on the purchase order or contained in the contract are delivered and/or satisfied.

It is mutually understood that invoices submitted against Multi-Year or Open Purchase Orders, remittances are processed based on the contracted scheduled agreement prior to the purchase order being generated. Only **Multi-Year** and **Open Purchase Orders** have multiple invoices received for remittance for payment. Professional Services, materials and other such services; invoices are submitted for payment in intervals following satisfactory delivery of ALL services and /or performance of ALL services indicated in the contracted agreement between said vendor and JPSD for that time period, following inspection if applicable. Any freight/shipping cost that may be incurred for tangible items, such as books, pamphlets, handouts, materials needed for presentations, etc. must be included in the total price proposal price submitted if and applicable.

Performance Penalty

The Vendor is subject to a 10% penalty on this agreement for the **2026-2027** school year if the academic objectives of this agreement are not satisfied. The District will withhold 10% of the total contract for final payment to be made after the academic objectives are satisfied.

Default and Delays

Upon failure of the Vendor to deliver all of the items ordered or to render service, within the time set or allowed, the successful Vendor shall be considered in default, in which case JPSD reserves the right to terminate the purchase order or contract and to purchase similar supplies, services, or furniture and equipment, on the open market or secure the manufacture, delivery, and installation thereof by contract or otherwise. The Vendor shall be charged with any cost occasioned by JPSD whether the said cost is the same as originally accepted or any excess cost.

Damage to School Property

Any damage or loss to JPSD property as a result of any action by the Vendor in the delivery, execution or performance of any item or service stated in these specifications shall be repaired or replaced with the satisfaction of designated JPSD personnel, at the Vendor's cost, within a reasonable time.

Guarantee

Each Vendor, by presenting a rfp under these specifications, binds himself to make it positive that all goods are fully up to the standards set by the specifications. Should it be discovered within a reasonable period of time from the date of purchase order or contract that such goods or services are not up to standard, JPSD shall have the right to have such goods or services replaced by others conforming to the standard requirements and the entire expense be borne by the Vendor. The Vendor shall agree to guarantee and warrant all equipment provided as a result of this RFP for a period equal to the stated guaranty/warranty in the specifications. All such warranties shall provide coverage as indicated in the specifications.

Acceptance and Award of RFP Proposals

The Vendor's RFP proposal, once submitted and accepted as a valid RFP by JPSD, shall be deemed by both parties to constitute a legal and binding offer on the part of the Vendor to sell to JPSD as per the terms of the RFP specifications, all products and/or services contained therein. RFP proposals are subject to acceptance by JPSD at any time within forty-five (45) calendar days following the RFP opening date. Consequently, all price quotations shall be effective for a minimum of forty-five (45) calendar days and a maximum period as indicated in the specifications. All RFPs must be valid for the effective dates stated in the specification, if applicable.

The award of contract shall be made to the Vendor responsible whose RFP, conforming to the specifications, is deemed to

be the most advantageous to JPSD, price and all other factors considered. The Vendor acknowledges the right of JPSD to reject the RFP, in part or in total, if the Vendor fails to submit the data required in the specifications, or if the rfp is in any way incomplete or irregular. Under no circumstances may a Vendor deliver, install, or perform any service as specified in these specifications without written authorization from JPSD (i.e., a duly issued purchase order or signed contract). All RFPs shall be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to the final award.

The Vendor shall be issued a purchase order document, which shall be deemed acceptance of the RFP proposal offer made by the Vendor, for all items and/or services approved by the Board of Trustees and awarded as a result of this RFP. However, if in the opinion of JPSD, a contract document is required to authorize the award of the RFP, Vendor agrees to sign and execute all such contract documents as required in the written specifications. NOTE: If Vendor policy requires that JPSD sign Vendor contract documents, a sample of all such documents shall be included with the RFP proposal and shall become a part of the Vendor's RFP proposal.

All awards are based on the availability of funding. In the event of a reduction of funds, this award can be rescinded at any time.

Hard Copy Instructions for Submission

- Responses, once completed, should be placed in an opaque, sealed envelope.

- On the outside of the envelope, list the Company's name/address, RFP number, title, opening date and addressee information as they appear in the RFP proposal so that the response may be accurately delivered and registered upon receipt. A designated official who is a legal representative of the Company must list the required signatures that were noted prior to submitting sealed proposal.

- Failure to comply with the above submittal instructions will cause proposals not to be registered or cataloged to the appropriate file or received timely. The original documents must be displayed in front of all copies submitted by interested parties.

- Please submit Original RFP Documents in the Format Outlined along with Two (2) Copies and any Documentation submitted with the Proposal when Mailed or Hand Delivered.

Please submit the proposal when mailed or hand delivered to

Jackson Public School District
Business Office
Attn: Michele Mays/Tequia Odom
662 S. President Street
Jackson, MS 39201

- Any proposal not received by the stated deadline/time will not be considered and/or opened. The proposal will be returned to the Vendor at the Vendor's expense.

- The District accepts no liability for late submissions due to the actions of the United States Postal Service, Federal Express, United Parcel Service, or any other delivery methods.

Page (36): Cover page is to be placed on the front of the vendors submitted proposal. In the event this page is not displayed when the opening of proposal occurs; it will not be acknowledged or allowed to be presented or evaluated. Place this page on the very front of the

submitted documents. This is required on all submitted proposals whether mailed, hand delivery or electronically Uploaded. The submitted proposal must be signed by an authorized official to bind the offeror to the proposed provisions.

All the other required forms to include in the proposal are listed starting at Page (29).

Proposals received after the due date and time will NOT be considered. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted in the evaluation process and will not be returned for revisions. No faxed or emailed copies will be accepted. The Proposal Cover Page is located on page (36) of this document

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
ERATE FUNDING YEAR 2026-27
APPLICANT

Jackson Public School District
(BEN: 128645) |
662 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201

DUE DATE: March 17, 2026

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THIS RFP. All required elements must be included for the RFP to be scored:

- Bid Specifications
- Site List
- Proposal Requirements
- Vendor Registration
- Evaluation Criteria
- Required Forms
- Pricing Grids – Appendix 1 (Table 1 or 2)
- Excel spreadsheet (submitted electronically or media included) – Appendix
- PROPOSAL FORM – Pricing Schedule – ATTACHMENT A
- PROPOSAL FORM – Experience & References – ATTACHMENT B

REQUIRED FORMS

BID REQUIREMENTS:

1. FCC Form 498 ID (Service Provider Identification Number)
2. FCC registration Number (FCC RN)
3. Service Providers must comply with local, state, and federal requirements including agreement to fully cooperate with audit and ten-year document retention requirements.
4. Supporting details and documentation may be submitted online at www.centralbidding.com or physically delivered following the specific directions outlined in the RFP.
5. Contracts or legally binding agreement for all products and services must be submitted with the bid. (Exception for tariffed or month to month service.) *Agreements will be completed AFTER bid award and final negotiations are completed. Quotations are not acceptable.*
6. Must complete Attachment A and include all applicable information.
7. Must complete Attachment B – Certifications, Experience and References for each RFP Section.
8. Must complete pricing grids Appendix 1.
9. Must include an electronic version of the Excel spreadsheet or include removeable media if the proposal is submitted physically. A view of the PDF can be found in Appendix 2 in this document.
10. **Bids submitted after the bid close date/time will be rejected.**

Selection Schedule

RFP Released	Monday, February 16, 2026
Final Day for Questions	Friday, February 27, 2026, 5:00 pm CST
Addendum	Monday, March 2, 2026
Response Deadline – Bids Close	Tuesday, March 17, 2026 10:00 CST
Bid Opening	Tuesday, March 17, 2026 10:00 CST
Evaluation of RFPs Begins	Wednesday, March 18, 2026

BID SPECIFICATIONS

**** PROPOSALS REQUESTED FOR MANUFACTURER AS LISTED OR EQUIVALENT ****

Applicants are seeking bids for the items listed below and estimated quantities shown for the term outlined in the proposal. The Applicant will work with the awarded bidder to specify items per site within the Applicant's E-Rate category two budget for E-Rate FY2026. The Applicant reserves the right to purchase some, all, or none of the products and services awarded under this contract for E-Rate FY2026 and subsequent E-Rate funding years covered by the agreement.

Bidders are requested to include all necessary installation and configuration, cabling, licenses, connectors, components, shipping and handling and any other applicable fees.

The applicant is requesting basic maintenance for new equipment including manufacturer maintenance support services (MSS) and bundled warranty only for equipment listed on this request.

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO ALL RESPONDENTS

The Jackson Public School District may or may not be closing, opening, or reorganizing schools for school year 2026-27. Quantities may be reduced based on the school configuration(s) approved by the Jackson Public School District Board of Trustees for the school year beginning in August 2026.

The Jackson Public School District will be utilizing the SPI method. Vendors responding to this RFP must agree to use this method to be considered.

Project Narrative

The equipment being replaced using this RFP are MDFs and IDFs located at schools.

The amount of equipment being purchased by the District is based on the configuration and number of schools in 2026-27. Quantities may be reduced based on the number of scholars and locations serving scholars in school year 2026-27.

The purpose of this RFP is to, at selected schools in the District:

1. Replace the current, outdated multimode fiber backbone, including cabling between closets,
    a. All inter-closet backbone cabling shall be OS2 single-mode fiber (9/125). The backbone shall be designed using a home-run (star) topology, with each IDF connected directly to the MDF. No daisy-chaining of IDFs will be permitted. All backbone fiber connections shall be terminated LC/UPC to LC/UPC at both MDF and IDF locations.
    b. Each IDF shall be provisioned with two independent fiber uplinks to the MDF.
2. Replace current, outdated racks and UPS in both the MDF and IDFs.
3. Replace current, outdated low-voltage cabling associated with MDF and IDF infrastructure, including inter-rack and patching cabling necessary to support the new racks, UPS, switches, and backbone fiber.

This scope includes classroom horizontal cabling as required to replace existing, outdated cabling and to support current instructional network needs at each site, as identified during pre-installation walkthroughs and confirmed by the District.

The District is including installation services in this RFP. The District will provide the vendor with current UPS and RACKS configurations, and access to the network as needed, but the vendor should plan on both removal and installation of new UPS and Racks, moving and replacing cables as needed.

- The installation requirements below are in addition to those outlined previously in the RFP. Failure to follow the additional requirements below may result in the proposal response being rejected.
- Bidders must submit a description of their company's experience, qualifications, and the technical certifications of the personnel responsible for completion of the project. *Vendors should provide enough documentation to prove they have enough experience and staff to complete this project in a timely manner.*
- Bidders must submit the names and contact information for three customers who can provide specific references for the installation and configuration of the specific equipment being proposed.

Installation Requirements and Other Information

- The selected vendor must be able to meet onsite with the JPSD IT staff to complete a schedule and scope of work before installations can begin.
- Vendor will coordinate with JPSD to schedule deployments of hardware or software in such a way as to minimize the impact on network users, however, work will be completed during standard business hours.
- Vendor may be required to deliver all equipment to the JPSD Fixed Asset department to have asset tags affixed if necessary. JPSD will coordinate with the vendor to schedule the delivery and installation. Vendors will be expected to pick up devices from the JPS Fixed Assets warehouse for delivery to school locations as scheduled if required.
- The vendor will remove and dispose of all packaging and miscellaneous materials left over from any part of the installation and place all trash in an identified on-site dumpster or taken by the vendor to an off-site location. JPSD personnel will not dispose of any packing materials, nor should JPS school personnel be asked to dispose of any packing materials.
- All additional cables, connectors, screws, labor, miscellaneous plug parts, transceivers, SFPs, jumpers, modules, etc. needed to make the new equipment or applications 100% operational should be included in the installation cost and provided by the vendor. Any costs not outlined in the vendor proposed budget that may be required for the successful completion of the installation are assumed to be provided by the vendor and at no cost to JPSD.
- Hardware inventory will be provided to JPS by the vendor including but not limited to, device model number, serial number, MAC address, and location. Application licenses, keys, or serial numbers will also be provided to the district if necessary.
- Vendor will coordinate with JPSD IT staff to reconnect and validate existing software, appliances, and systems necessary to return all devices to their prior operational state following physical installation. The vendor will provide knowledge transfer to JPSD IT staff to demonstrate the functionality of all devices, monitoring systems, dashboards, or other components.
- Vendors are expected to migrate existing hardware from each rack and move them to the new racks as part of the installation process.

- The vendor should replace all the old, existing patch cables with new patch cables as needed. Color requirements for all new patch cables: Blue
    - Patch cable color requirements apply to copper patch cables only; fiber patch cords shall follow industry-standard coloring for OS2 single-mode fiber.
- Patch cables should be of an appropriate length and arranged in a neat and professional manner that provides a finished appearance between all devices connected to the switches.

Due to the complexity and the amount of knowledge required for successful installation, JPSD is seeking a complete “turnkey” solution that covers equipment acquisition, physical installation & restoration of service, and knowledge transfer. As part of the installation, bidders are expected to ensure that all existing switches, dashboards, and all other components 100% operational after migration to the new racks and after connecting to the new cabling.

Technical Requirements and Item Descriptions - Specifications

JPS intends to purchase UPS units that provide a minimum of 30 minutes of backup power for IDF equipment at each school. UPS runtime calculations shall be based on the actual connected rack load at the time of installation, not maximum nameplate capacity. Network monitoring capability for all devices should be included, along with a network monitoring appliance and software. All units must be rack-mountable, plug into standard 120V outlets. The specified model is the APC Smart-UPS **1500VA Rack-mountable UPS** RM SMTL1500RM3UCNC rack-mount UPS system or equivalent, with specific locations and quantities detailed in the accompanying spreadsheet. All UPS units must be compatible with the District's existing EcoStruxure platform. The selected vendor is responsible for installing and configuring each UPS and integrating the with the District's EcoStruxure platform. Jackson Public Schools also seeks equipment and installation services to replace network racks in various school MDFs & IDFs, as well as replacing the fiber backbone and low voltage cabling at each location. Each installation will include removing existing networking equipment and cabinets, installing the new cabinet, reinstalling all networking equipment, and replacing old patch cords with cables arranged for a neat, professional appearance.

A minimum 12-strand OS2 single-mode fiber cable shall be installed from the MDF to each IDF (one homerun per IDF). Of these strands, four (4) fibers per IDF shall be placed into service initially to support dual uplinks; remaining strands shall be reserved as spare capacity.

- Specifications for devices or their equivalent are as follows and must include lifetime replacement warranty.

A sample parts list is below, however, vendors can/should add/include all parts, cables, modules, power supplies, etc. necessary to make all equipment 100% operational. Vendors can add additional parts as needed or recommended if necessary.

Quotes can be included for additional information and clarification, but all RFP forms and appendices must be included.

Part Number	Description
UPS	APC by Schneider Electric Smart-UPS 1500VA Rack-mountable UPS - SMTL1500RM3UCNC
Rack	APC NetShelter 12U Wallmount Rack Enclosure Cabinet Single Hinged Server Depth - AR112SH6
Rack	APC NetShelter SX Networking Enclosure, 42U, 1991H x 750W x 1070D mm, w/ Sides, Black [TAA] - AR3140B2
Cable	Copper Cabling - Network Drop - Classroom horizontal cabling includes Category-rated copper network drops from the IDF to instructional spaces, including faceplates, jacks, patch cords, and termination hardware. Cabling shall meet or exceed current TIA/EIA standards and applicable code requirements.
Related Components	Network Closet Clean Up / Cable Clean Up
Patch Cable	12-fiber OS2 LC patch panel
Patch Cable	48-fiber OS2 single-mode LC patch panel
Cable	Pull 12-strand OS2 single-mode from MDF to each IDF (Fiber optic backbone cable)
Fiber patch	Fiber Patch Duplex - LC/UPC to LC/UPC OS2 single-mode (9/125) - 2 Meters
Related Components	Fiber Termination Spec (Fusion splice or approved termination; OS2 SM LC/UPC end-to-end)
Related Components	Fiber Testing Spec (End-to-end OLTS insertion loss testing for every strand; OTDR where required) All fiber links must meet or exceed applicable TIA/EIA insertion loss standards for OS2 single-mode

	fiber. Any strand failing testing must be remediated and retested at no additional cost prior to project acceptance. Final project acceptance is contingent upon successful completion and submission of all required fiber test results.
Related Components	Fiber Labeling/As-Built Spec (Label both ends MDF/IDF; provide strand map + test results package) As-built documentation shall be provided digitally per site and shall include MDF and IDF rack elevations, patch panel port mappings, fiber strand assignments (including IDF identifier and uplink A/B designation), and test results cross-referenced to strand IDs.

All installed backbone fiber strands shall be terminated, labeled, and tested end-to-end. Spare fibers shall be terminated and tested but are not required to be connected to active equipment. Patch panels shall be fully dressed, strain-relieved, and installed in accordance with manufacturer specifications.

All newly installed classroom horizontal cabling shall be tested and certified to applicable TIA/EIA standards, with test results provided as part of closeout documentation.

Pricing Grids

Please complete the following pricing grids. If proposing a compatible alternate, please identify it in **Appendix 1 – Table 2** along with the descriptions and SKUs or part numbers.

If bidding an equivalent, vendors must identify the alternate equipment and include all technical specifications for the alternate equipment with your proposal. Include all technical descriptions. Failure to clearly identify the alternate in the description and/or the failure to include all technical specifications within the RFP response will result in the response not being considered**.** Links to online technical documentation is/are not acceptable. Documentation for the exact equivalent devices must be included with the proposal response.

Appendix 1: Table 1 - Items and Quantities As Specified
Additional equipment can be added in this section.

Item#	Part Number	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost with Installation	Total Cost

Cables and Other Accessories

Item#	Part Number	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost with Installation	Total Cost

Appendix 1: Table 2: Equivalent Cost Table – Alternate Equipment Descriptions
If bidding an equivalent, please identify the alternate descriptions and SKUS and/or part numbers and include all technical specifications for the alternate in separate documentation included with this RFP. All technical documentation for all alternate equipment must be included with the proposal response. Links to online technical specifications is/are not sufficient.
Quantities can be different, but the solution proposed must provide equivalent quality and features. Failure to clearly identify the alternate in the description and/or the failure to include sufficient technical specifications for each proposed alternate in this proposal response will result in the response not being considered.

Item#	Part Number	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost with Installation	Total Cost
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Cables and Other Accessories

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Appendix 2 Specified– Required Excel Spreadsheet – Note: The Erate eligible percentage is not the applicant's discount percentage.
ATTENTION CATEGORY TWO BIDDERS: Pricing details in a spreadsheet format are required for the awarded category of two products and services.

Item#	Part Number	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Installation Cost	1 Yr Maint Cost	Total Cost	Erate Eligible %	Erate Eligible $
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Applicant Site List

Site Name	Physical Address	City	ST	Zip
Barack Obama Magnet Elementary School	750 N Congress St	Jackson	MS	39202
Isable Elementary School	1716 Isable St	Jackson	MS	39204
Hill High School (Jim Hill HS)	2185 Fortune St	Jackson	MS	39204
Key Elementary School	699 W McDowell Rd	Jackson	MS	39204
Lee Elementary School (Shirley)	330 Judy Drive	Jackson	MS	39212
Northwest Jackson Middle School	7020 Highway 49 N	Jackson	MS	39213
Peeples Middle School	2940 Belvedere Drive	Jackson	MS	39212
Wilkins Elementary School	1970 Castle Hill Dr	Jackson	MS	39204

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS (C2)

Proposal Requirements

1. **E-Rate Program Compliance.** Service providers (bidders) must comply with E-Rate program rules as set forth by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

   Disqualification – FCC Form 498 ID Status. If the bidder is under FCC red light status or does not have an FCC Form 498 ID (service provider identification number), the bidder may be disqualified by the applicant school or library.

   If at any time during the contract period the service provider is red lighted, debarred, or otherwise no longer eligible to participate in the E-Rate program, the applicant reserves the right to terminate the contract.

2. **Kellogg & Sovereign® Consulting (K&S) authorized.**
   The applicant has engaged the services of K&S to assist with the E-Rate filings for the applicant. The applicant has authorized K&S to act on its behalf regarding this procurement. K&S may request information directly from Proposer(s) as well as conduct the competitive bidding process on the e-procurement site, https://kellogglc.bonfirehub.com.

3. **Equivalent products and services.** Proposals are requested for the specified manufacturer, part, model number OR EQUIVALENT.

4. **Mandatory Bidders' Conference or Walk Through.**

☐ APPLIES TO THIS RFP	☒ DOES NOT APPLY FOR THIS RFP

   Disqualification – Mandatory Bidders' Conference. If the bidder does not attend a mandatory bidders' conference, walk through, or other mandatory meetings listed in the Bidders' Conference section, the bidder may be disqualified by the applicant school or library.

5. **Questions**. Questions must be submitted online via email to gslade@jackson.k12.ms.us prior to the end of the question period. All questions and answers will be posted at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ejXaFoy6-QJyYhtbSFzs6eKS09uVXLOGexpBkto-ChU/edit?usp=sharing.

6. **Proposal Acceptance.** The applicant school reserves the right to accept some, all or none of the items included in the proposal. Notification of bid acceptance or bid rejection will be provided at the discretion of the applicant school.

7. **All Costs.** Pricing proposed by the bidder must include all costs. All costs to provide the product or service should be included in the pricing schedule. Price increases will not be allowed during the term quoted. Prices may be lowered based on market conditions.

8. **Cost Allocation**. Bidders must clearly separate E-Rate eligible costs from ineligible costs.

9. **Contracts**. Bidders for services other than tariff or month-to-month arrangements must include a contract or legally binding agreement in response to this RFP with signature block for both service provider and applicant. The agreement should be provided in form only and will not be completed and executed until after bids are awarded by applicant and negotiations completed as applicable. *Quotes are not considered a legally binding agreement.*

10. **Contract Terms.** The bidder must clearly define contract terms for all pricing submitted. The applicant school or library may consider multi-year contracts featuring voluntary renewals. The term should include the period April 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029, for non-recurring services and July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029, for recurring services. The applicant may consider voluntary terms to purchase products and services from the contract awarded from this RFP over an extended period through September 30, 2031.

    The applicant will reserve the right to extend or abbreviate the contract period if such extension or abbreviation is necessary to make the Contract term coincide with an E- rate "program year" or an extended service end date for an E-Rate program year pursuant to a "service delivery deadline extension," as those terms are defined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and/or the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

11. **Description of Proposal.** Bidder will provide a description of their proposal for all services and solutions. Description will include an overview of the proposal, any deviations from the requested architecture, design or requirements, assumptions made, and any other details that may be useful or necessary for proper evaluation of the proposal.

12. **Required Notice to Proceed and Funding Availability.** The applicant will follow the purchasing policies of their governing board and requirements and procedures of the FCC's E-Rate program as administered by USAC to be eligible for all available funding. The implementation of any associated contracts resulting from this competitive bid process will be dependent on the applicant's issuance of a written Notice to Proceed. E-Rate funding notification alone will not signify Notice to Proceed.

The applicant will have the right to allow the contract to expire without implementation if appropriate funding does not become available.

13. Bids for Category Two products and services.

- Bids for equipment should clearly list the location where the equipment will be installed.
- Bids should meet industry standards and comply with applicable local, state and federal codes and regulations. For example, network wiring/cabling should meet or exceed EIA/TIA standards and national Electrical code standards.
- Equipment should be properly installed and tested.
- Include all items necessary for equipment to be fully operational including necessary cabling, connectors, components, installation, configuration, travel, per diem, and any other applicable fees.
- All installed equipment and cabling should be labeled.
- In addition to standard labeling (i.e. patch panels labeled with cable number), equipment should be labeled with E-Rate information as follows:
  Funding Request Number (FRN)
  Form 471 Application Number
  Purchase Order Number
  Installation Date
- Bids for ON-SITE maintenance services must include the quantity, make, and model number of all E-Rate eligible equipment to be maintained.
- Bids for managed internal broadband services must specify whether or not the equipment is owned by the applicant or the provider
- Bidders must include a statement of work (SOW)
- Bids for new equipment should include a standard manufacturer's warranty (up to three years)
- Bids for firewall appliances or firewall services must clearly cost allocate the ineligible portion.
- The value of any free products and/or services must be deducted from the cost of the proposal.
- Bids should include installation and configuration unless otherwise noted.
- Bids should clearly describe all costs including installation, configuration, shipping and handling charges on a per site basis unless otherwise noted.

14. **Site and Service Substitution (Contract Modification)**

The district hereby provides notice to all interested vendors that site and/or service substitutions may be necessary during the term of the contract. Any agreement signed as a result of this RFP should contemplate the possibility of the district changing products or services within the guidelines set forth by the FCC. All vendors are also hereby provided notice that the district may add new locations to its network during the life of the

contract, and existing sites may move or close. The contract(s) entered into as a result of this RFP should allow for said site/service substitutions. Vendors are to describe their process for amending the contract to accommodate site/service substitutions during the contract term.

15. **Category Two Budget Requirements**.

During the E-Rate application process and prior to issuance of E-Rate funding, the applicant may need to make changes to the quantities and items selected in order to stay within their category two budgets. The applicant may contact the awarded bidder to adjust quantities in order to meet the Category 2 budget.

The selected service provider is expected to respond timely with revised proposals and contracts for the applicant to ensure that the selected products and services are at or below the applicant's budget cap. The selected service provider will need to provide all the information necessary regarding reduction in quantities and associated installation, configuration, shipping and handling charges.

16. Documentation and Audit Compliance.

- Service provider shall provide all warranty and product documentation related to products or services sold to the applicant.
- Service provider shall retain all documentation related to the purchase and payment, including Forms 474 and receipt of payment from USAC, for all products and services provided to the applicant. Related documentation must be retained for a period of TEN years from the last date of service.
- If the applicant is audited by the Administrator of the program, the service provider shall fully cooperate with the applicant to provide any documentation related to the provision of discounted products and services as requested.
- The service provider and/or applicant is solely responsible for verifying the accuracy of information submitted to Kellogg & Sovereign® Consulting (K&S). K&S disclaims and makes no warranty, express or implied, nor assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the validity, accuracy, correctness, or completeness of any information that is provided by the service provider or applicant to K&S.
- By submitting bids for K&S client schools & libraries, the service provider agrees and understands that K&S will forward the information to USAC, and the service provider is responsible for verifying the accuracy of information submitted to K&S.

- Kellogg & Sovereign® Consulting shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or exemplary damages, including but not limited to, damages for loss of profits, data or other intangible losses (even if K&S has been advised of the possibility of such damages), resulting from the service provider's non-response or incomplete response and/or the service provider's inaccurate, invalid, incorrect, or incomplete provision of information.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applicants will select the most cost-effective bids with price of the E-Rate eligible products and services being the primary factor (most heavily weighted).

Factor	Possible Points	Description
Price-E-Rate eligible items	30	Price of E-Rate eligible products & services (primary factor)
Price-Other Costs	5	Other costs (items not eligible for E-Rate discount)
Prior Experience	20	-Experience with similar projects and references (10 points) -Experience with this applicant (10 Points)
Personnel Qualifications	10	-Qualifications of management (5 points) -Qualifications of staff (5 points)
Responsiveness	15	-Responsiveness of the bidder-replied promptly to emails, attended optional on-site walk through if applicable (5 points) -Proximity of sales and service offices (5 points) -Assigned representative is available locally (5 points)
Technical Merit	20	-Quality / technical merit of the proposed solution to meet needs of the applicant. Service level agreement if applicable (10 points) -Compliance with listed requirements of the project scope and bidding requirements, whether or not the proposal includes all information requested; timelines met, services will commence as requested by applicant (10 points)

In order for applicants to properly evaluate your bid, please provide details specific to the evaluation criteria areas along with your proposal.

ATTACHMENT A
E-Rate School Racks and UPS

Name of Company: _____

Name of Applicant: _____
Form 470# _____
Pricing submitted by: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PROPOSED $_____

Signature acknowledges review of the e-bidding program for the issuance of any related addenda:

Signature: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Include this page as the cover sheet for your pricing proposal.
Clearly list the cost of products and services to include the following. Failure to clearly identify each applicable item in the proposal may result in the proposal being deemed not responsive.

1. Description of Services
2. Monthly (recurring) charges, if applicable
3. One Time (non-recurring) charges
4. % Eligibility. If the product is fully eligible, show 100%. If not eligible, 0% eligible for E-Rate discount. This is NOT the applicant's E-Rate discount %.
5. Quantity
6. Unit of Measure (Each, Feet)
7. Bandwidth level, if applicable
8. Contract Term
9. Make, Model and part number, if applicable
10. Installation and Configuration
11. Shipping and Handling
12. Travel and Per Diem
13. Estimate of Surcharges and Fees

ATTACHMENT B
Certifications, Experience & References: E-Rate School Racks and UPS

Name of Company: _____

Address of principal location: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

FCC Form 498 ID (SPIN)[1]: _____

FCC Registration Number[2]: _____

Responsible contact personnel:

Name	Phone	Email

How many years has your company been in business in its current capacity?

How many years has your organization been in business under its present name?

Under what other or former names has your company operated? _____

_____

During the last five (5) years, has the Vendor been barred, suspended or otherwise prohibited from participating in the Federal Communication Commission E-Rate (Schools & Libraries) or Rural Health Care Programs?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Does the Vendor's FCC Registration Number have RED light status? Yes: No:

Attach a printout of your FCC Registration Number red or green light status from the FCC's Red Light Display System (RLDS)[3]

During the last five (5) years, has the Vendor been a party to a lawsuit involving any

[1] https://slweb.usac.org/Spin/Search
[2] https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do
[3] ibid

existing or prior contracts as it relates to services performed or not performed?

Yes:_____ No:_____

If the Vendor responds yes to any of the prior three questions, please provide information concerning the investigation/lawsuit/government action as an attachment to this form.

If the Vendor responded yes to the last question, please provide information pertaining to any monetary damages or exchange of property or services and the state in which the lawsuit was filed.

Experience:

Vendor shall provide a list of three (3) projects of similar type, size and complexity. State project (customer) name, description of work, dollar value, public entity, yes or no, and date using the format below. Projects listed must have been performed within the last five (5) years. Please include additional information with the proposal if available.

Project Name	Description of Work	Dollar Value	Public Entity Yes or No	Date

References:

The proposal shall provide three (3) references from company owners or management personnel from projects listed above. There must be at least one (1) reference for each project listed.

REFERENCE #1	
Company Name	
Project Name	
Contact Person Name	
Title	
Email	

Phone	
REFERENCE #2	
Company Name	
Project Name	
Contact Person Name	
Title	
Email	
Phone	
REFERENCE #3	
Company Name	
Project Name	
Contact Person Name	
Title	
Email	
Phone	

Certifications:

Employees' certifications pertaining to work are to be included in the submittal.

AUTHORIZED BY:

Signature Date

Printed Name Title

PROPOSAL FORM

Board of Trustees
Jackson Public School District
Jackson, Mississippi

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I/We, propose to furnish and deliver all items and/or to perform all services according to all sections of this rfp document (Proposal Form, Instructions and Conditions, detailed written Specifications, and Addendum if applicable) and in the quantities at the indicated prices, as called for in the document(s). All quantities indicated have been checked very closely, and both unit price and total price (where requested) have been submitted with the understanding that we shall be responsible for making complete and satisfactory delivery accordingly, within the time frame agenda (if applicable).

All items contained in this RFP shall be as specified or JPSD approved equal. For any item(s) proposed which is other than as specified, a complete and detailed cut and description for each item(s) must accompany the rfp, if the item(s) is to be considered. Please carefully read each section of this RFP.

Acceptance of Proposals: The Jackson Public School District reserves the right to:

- Have sole discretion to waive minor irregularities in proposals. A minor irregularity is a variation from the proposal that does not affect the proposal or gives one offeror an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other offerors or adversely impacts the interests of the school district.
- Accept the "lowest and best" RFP which in their judgment assures JPSD the product(s) or service(s) having the best performance and the highest level of function, quality, and value.
- Not accept the lowest priced proposal. Proposals that do not comply with the requirements stated within this RFP subject to disqualification. Proposals that do not meet the deadline date/time will be returned to the vendor unopened.
- Request additional information or conduct discussions with one or more respondents after the RFP deadline; to secure a final selection to award RFP should such action be in the best interest of JPSD.

I/WE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT NEITHER THE AWARD OF THIS RFP TO ME/US BY THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOR RECEIPT BY ME/US OF A NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THIS RFP SHALL CONSTITUTE THE MAKING OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN JPSD AND ME/US, WHICH SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON THE EXECUTION BY BOTH JPSD AND ME/US OF A FORMAL, WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PRINTED SIGNATURE __ _____

WRITTEN SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____

DATE _____

CIRCLE THE OPERATING STATUS OF YOUR BUSINESS AS INDICATED:

WOMAN OWNED NON-MINORITY MINORITY WOMAN AND MINORITY

Acknowledgment of Addendum(s)

Addendum Number		Date	
Addendum Number		Date	
Addendum Number		Date	
Addendum Number		Date	

REQUEST TO ADD VENDOR
Post Office Box 2338 - Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2338
Email form to mmays@jackson.k12.ms.us or todom@jackson.k12.ms.us |
Fax to (601-960-8967

School/Department Requesting Vendor Addition _____

To be completed by Vendor: Please complete all sections:

Will your company accept purchase orders? ☐Yes ☐No

Note: As an approved Vendor, you agree not to accept any order from JPS without an approved purchase.

Orders taken and completed without a Purchase Order will be considered a Donation to JPS.

Are you an employee of the Jackson Public School District? ☐Yes ☐No

PRODUCT LINE: _____

Parent Company Name: _____ Doing Business As (DBA) Name: _____

Parent Company Tax #: _____ D/B/A Federal Tax ID/Social Security #: _____

Physical Address: _____ City _____ State ____ Zip-code _____

Remittance Address: **(If Different):**

Address: _____ City _____ State ____ Zip-code _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Select One: This information will be used to track purchases from minority vendors.

Minority Code: ☐Woman & Minority ☐ Minority ☐Non-Minority ☐Woman
Type of Entity: ☐Individual/Sole Proprietor ☐Corporation ☐Partnership ☐Other

Submitted By: Signature _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED: The following forms must be submitted
☐ IRS W-9 Form Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
Vendor Number: _____ 1099: ☐Yes ☐No

Completed By: _____ Date: _____

Certificate of Liability Insurance for not less than $1,000,000 as stated in Mississippi Code Section § 31-7-13(v)

Proposal Cover Page

VENDOR INFORMATION

Name and Title _____

Company Name_____Date_____

SUBMISSION COVER SHEET AND CONFIGURATION SUMMARY

By my signature below, I hereby represent that I am authorized to and do bind the offeror to the provisions of the attached proposal. The undersigned offers and agrees to perform the specified personal and professional services in accordance with provisions set forth in the Request for Proposals. Furthermore, the undersigned fully understands and assures compliance with the Conditions of Solicitation and Standard Terms and Conditions contained in the RFP. The undersigned is fully aware of the evaluation criteria to be utilized in vendor selection for approval. I further certify that _____ is an authorized dealer in good standing of the products/services included in the proposal submitted in response to the RFP.

_____ _____
Authorized Signature Date

_____
Printed Signature

CONFIGURATION SUMMARY

Vendor must provide a summary of the main component of the services offered in this proposal using 100 words or less.

ASSURANCES AND SIGNATURE FORM

In submitting this application, I certify that:

1. The organization will comply with applicable federal, state, and local policies and procedures.

2. Services will be provided under the supervision of highly qualified teachers and/or administrators.

3. The organization will maintain professionalism and confidentiality.

4. The organization is fiscally sound and will be able to complete services to the local educational agency.

5. The organization will ensure that the services provided are aligned the Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks and scientifically research based practices.

6. The organization will comply with applicable federal, state, and local health, safety, and civil rights laws.

7. Provisions that subject all individuals employed by or otherwise associated with the approved provider, including volunteers, support staff, etc., who have direct contact with students, to the fingerprint and criminal history record check contained in law, including, Education Laws 305(30), 1125(3), 1604(39), 1604(40), 1709(39), 1709(40), 1804(9), 1804(10), 1950(4)(11), 1950(4)(mm), 2503 (18), 2503(19), 2554(25), 2554(26, 2590-h (20), 2854(3)(a-2), 2854(3)(a-3), and 3035.

8. All services will be secular, neutral, and non-ideological.

9. The organization will provide the local educational agency with information regarding implementation of proposal initiatives in increasing achievement, in a format, and to the extent practicable, a language or other mode of communication such that district personnel, parents / legal guardians, and community members can understand.

10. The undersigned hereby certifies that I am an individual authorized to act on behalf of the organization in submitting this application and assurances. I certify that all of the information provided herein is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the discovery of deliberately misrepresented information contained herein may constitute grounds for denying the applicant's request for approval.

11.

_____

Name of Organization

_____

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

_____

Signature of Authorized Representative

_____

Date Signed

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DEBARMENT VERIFICATION FORM

(Please print clearly or type)

***Appropriate signatures shall certify statements below.*

FEDERAL DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION:

Subgrantee's/Contractor's Name	
Authorized Official's Name	
Complete Address	
Contact Number	
Are you currently registered to do business in the State of Mississippi? (Yes or No) If yes, attach supporting documentation of registration status. If, no please register and provide documentation of registration status. (**State/Other fund requirement)**	

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that at the execution of a contract with the Jackson Public School District (JPS) that the CONTRACTOR is not on the list for federal debarment on www.sam.gov – System for Award Management.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI REGISTRATION:

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that at the execution of a contract with the Jackson Public School District (JPS) that the CONTRACTOR is not on the list for debarment on www.sos.ms.gov for doing business with the State of Mississippi or with any Mississippi State Agency.

PARTNERSHIP DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION:

CONTRACTOR hereby certify that all entities who are in partnership through this contract or grant with the Jackson Public School District (JPS) (subcontractors, subrecipients, et al.) are not on the federal debarment list on www.sam.gov – System for Award Management or the State of Mississippi debarment list. Proof of documentation of partnership verification with SAM shall be kept on file and the debarment status shall be checked prior to submission of every contract/subgrant and modification to JPS.

_____

Original Signature of Contractor or Authorized Official *Date*

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DEBARMENT VERIFICATION FORM*

(Please print clearly or type)

***Appropriate signatures shall certify statements below.*

FEDERAL DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION: CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that at the execution of a contract with the Jackson Public School District (JPS), that the CONTRACTOR is not on the list for federal debarment on www.sam.gov – System for Award Management.

Subgrantee's/Contractor's Name	
Authorized Official's Name	
Complete Address	
Contact Number	
Are you currently registered with www.sam.gov (Yes or No) If yes, attach supporting documentation and DUNS number must be Active with open access. **(Federal fund requirement)**	
Are you currently registered to do business in the State of Mississippi? (Yes or No) If yes, attach supporting documentation of registration status. If not, please register and provide documentation of registration status. **(Federal and State/Other fund requirement)**	

MISSISSIPPI REGISTRATION: CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that at the execution of a contract with the Jackson Public School District (JPS),that the CONTRACTOR is not on the list for debarment on www.sos.ms.gov for doing business with the State of Mississippi or with any Mississippi State Agency.

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_____ _____

Original Signature of Contractor or Authorized Official *Date*

Jackson Public Schools Submission Price Page

Bid Proposal: **RFP 2026-08-26**

RFP Title**: JPS ERATE Network Modernization**

Submission Deadline Date and Time: _____

Participating Vendor Name_____

Address_____

Handwritten Signature_____

Addendums Acknowledge Yes_____ or No _____

If this page is not displayed when the deadline opening date occurs, it will not be acknowledged or allowed to be presented. This applies to all submitted proposals whether mailed, hand delivery or electronically emailed.