

JASPER CITY SCHOOLS
JCS FY 26 NETWORK UPGRADE

General Information

The Jasper City Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as "The Customer") intends to replace existing network switches and associated components at Jasper High School (1501 Viking Drive, Jasper, Alabama, 35501). The Customer will seek discounts for these services through the Universal Service Fund Support for Schools and Libraries (commonly referred to as "E-Rate"). The Customer requests proposals for these services as described in the attached specifications from interested persons (hereinafter known as "The Vendor"). The Vendor must submit a bid for all areas. Prices quoted shall be all inclusive. The Customer reserves the right to reject all proposals, waive any technicalities, and award all or part of the contract in a manner that is in the best interest of the Jasper City Board of Education. The Vendor must participate in the E-Rate program administered by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). The project is contingent on E-Rate and Local funds being awarded.

The primary goal of this RFP is to secure the most reliable, efficient and cost-effective network equipment available for The Customer and to remain in compliance with all rules, regulations, filing and application procedures and deadlines of the Universal Service Administrative Company, Schools and Libraries Division. Cost will be a primary factor but not the only factor in the selection of the vendor.

Schedule of Events

The following is the required schedule for this project. The schedule may change depending upon the responses to this RFP and a final schedule will be established prior to contracting with the successful Vendor.

Event	Date
Release RFP to Bidders	02/18/2026
Deadline for Questions	03/04/2026, 4:00 pm
Bid Due Date	03/05/2026, 1:00 pm
Bid Opening	03/06/2026, 8:30 am
Contract Award	03/10/2026 After March 9 th Board Meeting

DELIVERY: Proposals must be submitted via email schandler@jasper.k12.al.us with subject line RFP JCS FY26 Network Upgrade. Included in the email should be product quote and a completed USAC Category Two Internal Connections template. However, if the funding request data template provided by USAC for uploading to the FCC Form 471 is not available at the time this bid was posted, the vendor must agree to complete the form as soon as it becomes available, see additionally section below. The template can be located at <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/applying-for-discounts/fcc-form-471-filing/> (Section "Bulk Upload Template").

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Terms:

- Jasper City Schools reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive any technicalities, and award all or part of the contract in a manner that is in the best interest, most cost effective, acceptable and advantageous for the district.
- Jasper City Schools reserves the right to accept and/or deny any or all items on the proposal at the unit price submitted.
- All prices submitted on the bid are to be “delivered installed prices” and shall be inclusive of all charges, installation, configuration, and fees, and shall not include any state or local tax.
- Vendors may submit equipment with newer models if the requested model(s) is no longer available or has been replaced, please note all substituted items in the response.
- The term of the contract shall be for a period beginning on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027.
- Contract may be canceled at any time with a 60-day written notice by the customer.
- As with all E-rate RFPs, the district will, at its sole discretion, decide whether a vendor/respondent award will result from this RFP. The issuance of this RFP does not obligate the district to make an award.
- Jasper City Schools Technology Coordinator shall be notified immediately regarding any price decrease affecting a bid item. Furthermore, Jasper City Schools shall receive the benefit of the decrease as soon as possible in accordance with the written notification from the contract vendor.
- No invoice will be paid until all purchase order items have been delivered to the school district’s satisfaction.
- Jasper City Schools reserves the right to cancel the contract with the vendor for nonperformance.
- Vendors must be in good standing with the FCC and provide a current Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) with USAC Schools and Libraries (E-rate) throughout the term of any agreement. Please indicate SPIN on all documentation.
- Vendors who do not currently have green light status will not be considered. The loss of green light status with the FCC shall render any contracts entered into with the vendor to be immediately null and void.
- Vendors must separate E-rate eligible items from ineligible items on all quotes and invoicing.
- If Jasper City Schools does not receive E-rate funding as a result of vendor error, the vendor will still be required to provide bid services and Jasper City Schools will only be obligated to their E-rate percentage.
- Vendors must use their ALJP bid as the basis for this quote. Pricing may be lower, but Jasper City Schools must be able to demonstrate to USAC that the prices submitted clearly tie back to the vendor’s ALJP bid award.

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- Jasper City Schools will utilize the SPI invoicing method for this project. Please indicate Service Provider Invoicing (SPI) and include SPIN on all documentation. Jasper City Schools will pay their required E-rate percentage. The vendor will be responsible for invoicing USAC via Form 474 (SPI).

Evaluation:

- Jasper City Schools will award based on the vendor submission that best meets the needs of the school system regarding the technology plan, future growth, and RFP specifications, not necessarily the lowest eligible price even though price will be a primary factor.
- Jasper City Schools may elect to award all, some or none of the services bid.
- Jasper City Schools reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids or any items of any bids, to waive any informalities in bids received, and to waive technical errors so that the best interest of Jasper City Schools will thereby be promoted.
- Use of trade names and numbers shall be interpreted as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition since equivalent equipment may be considered. Any exceptions in specifications requested must be noted and supporting literature must be provided for evaluation. If literature is not enclosed with the bid package, the bid may be rejected.

FACTOR	WEIGHT
Price of eligible products	40 %
Specifications, Features, Product Quality, & Compatibility	35 %
Prior Experience with Vendor	15 %
Support Services Proximity\In State Vendor	10 %
Total	100 %

Disqualifications: If one or more of the following occur, then the entire bid will be disqualified. A disqualification means that the bid will not be accepted, evaluated, or considered.

- The bid is received after **March 5, 2026 at 1:00 pm.**
- The required bid documentation listed in the terms is not included.
- The vendor fails to provide a SPIN.
- The vendor does not currently have a green light status with USAC.
- The vendor does not bid on the project as specifically outlined in the RFP.

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Current Systems and Connectivity:

The Customer seeks updated network infrastructure of such to support the education of its students. The high school presently has conventional Cisco branded switching. The remaining district locations presently have installed Meraki switches and wireless access points throughout. The current switch infrastructure at the High School was completed around 2018 and will be upgraded due to obsolescence and life cycle recommendations. No wireless access points will be upgraded as they have been updated more recently. Jasper City Schools (JCS) is looking for compatible switches only. Meraki is preferred, which would integrate with our Meraki Management Dashboard, but we will accept equivalent product bids for evaluation. JCS is also looking to replace outdated UPS devices. We would like prices for the Vertiv Liebert UPS devices listed below or comparable. The location will require the requested equipment at the requested quantities below. **This RFP is product only. However, EACH item is to be properly asset tagged and documented as required, prior to delivery. No installation will be required.**

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Equipment – **Meraki or equivalent**

	Part Number	Category	Description	Qty
			MDF	
C9300X-12Y-M	C9300X	12x25GE SFP+, 715Wac PS, w/MERAKI	QTY 1	1
LIC-C9300-24E-5Y	Meraki Enterprise License for C9300-M	24-port, 5 year	QTY 1	1
MS150-48FP-4X	Meraki MS150-48FP-4X L2 Stck Cld-Mngd	48GE 740W PoE Switch	QTY 2	2
LIC-MS150-48-5Y	Meraki MS150-48 Enterprise License and Support,	5 Year	QTY 2	2
MA-CBL-100G-50CM	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 0.5 Meter	QTY 2		2
MA-CBL-TA-1M	Meraki 10 GbE Twinax Cable with SFP+ Modules,	1 Meter	QTY 1	1
		IDF A-1		
MS150-48FP-4X	Meraki MS150-48FP-4X L2 Stck Cld-Mngd	48GE 740W PoE Switch	QTY 8	8
LIC-MS150-48-5Y	Meraki MS150-48 Enterprise License and Support,	5 Year	QTY 8	8
MA-CBL-100G-50CM	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 0.5 Meter	QTY 4		4
MA-CBL-100G-1M	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 1 Meter	QTY 3		3
MA-CBL-100G-3M	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 3 Meter	QTY 1		1
		IDF C-1		
MS150-48FP-4X	Meraki MS150-48FP-4X L2 Stck Cld-Mngd	48GE 740W PoE Switch	QTY 6	6
LIC-MS150-48-5Y	Meraki MS150-48 Enterprise License and Support,	5 Year	QTY 6	6
MA-CBL-100G-50CM	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 0.5 Meter	QTY 4		4
MA-CBL-100G-1M	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 1 Meter	QTY 2		2
		IDF A-2		
MS150-48FP-4X	Meraki MS150-48FP-4X L2 Stck Cld-Mngd	48GE 740W PoE Switch	QTY 4	4
LIC-MS150-48-5Y	Meraki MS150-48 Enterprise License and Support,	5 Year	QTY 4	4
MA-CBL-100G-50CM	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 0.5 Meter	QTY 3		3
MA-CBL-100G-1M	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 1 Meter	QTY 1		1
		IDF B-2		
MS150-48FP-4X	Meraki MS150-48FP-4X L2 Stck Cld-Mngd	48GE 740W PoE Switch	QTY 9	9
LIC-MS150-48-5Y	Meraki MS150-48 Enterprise License and Support,	5 Year	QTY 9	9
MS150-24P-4X	Meraki MS150-24P-4X L2 Stck Cld-Mngd	24GE 370W PoE Switch	QTY 2	2
LIC-MS150-24-5Y	Meraki MS150-24 Enterprise License and Support,	5 Year	QTY 2	2

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MA-CBL-100G-50CM	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 0.5 Meter	QTY 7
MA-CBL-100G-1M	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 1 Meter	QTY 3
MA-CBL-100G-3M	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 3 Meter	QTY 1
MA-CBL-TA-3M	Meraki 10 GbE Twinax Cable with SFP+ Modules, 3 Meter	QTY 2
	IDF C-2	
MS150-48FP-4X	Meraki MS150-48FP-4X L2 Stck Cld-Mngd 48GE 740W PoE Switch	QTY 4
LIC-MS150-48-5Y	Meraki MS150-48 Enterprise License and Support, 5 Year	QTY 4
MA-CBL-100G-50CM	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 0.5 Meter	QTY 3
MA-CBL-100G-1M	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 1 Meter	QTY 1
	IDF E-2	
MS150-48FP-4X	Meraki MS150-48FP-4X L2 Stck Cld-Mngd 48GE 740W PoE Switch	QTY 2
LIC-MS150-48-5Y	Meraki MS150-48 Enterprise License and Support, 5 Year	QTY 2
MA-CBL-100G-50CM	Meraki 100GbE QSFP Cable, 0.5 Meter	QTY 2
MA-SFP-10GB-SR	10G Base SR Multi-Mode	12
GXT5-1500LVRT2UXL	Vertiv Liebert GXT5 UPS - 1500VA/1350W 120V, Online Double Conversion Rack Tower Energy Star (GXT5-1500LVRT2UXL) - Typical 120V - Range: 60-150V - Frequency 40-70Hz; Auto Sensing	QTY 5
GXT5-2000LVRT2UXL	Vertiv Liebert GXT5 UPS - 2000VA/1800W 120V ,Online Double Conversion Rack Tower Energy Star (GXT5-2000LVRT2UXL) - Typical 120V - Range: 60-150V - Frequency 40-70Hz; Auto Sensing	QTY 3
GXT5-3000LVRT2UXL	Vertiv Liebert GXT5 UPS - 3000VA/2700W 120V ,Online Double Conversion Rack Tower Energy Star (GXT5-3000LVRT2UXL) - Typical 120V - Range: 60-150V - Frequency 40-70Hz; Auto Sensing	QTY 3

Service Details:

Jasper City Schools is requesting new switches that are deemed eligible by the

USAC Eligibility List for E-Rate. All solutions are to include, at a minimum, the following:

- Cloud-based management of devices required, must support multi-factor authentication
- Include the actual quantity of all equipment and materials that would be used in the solution to match requested bill of materials in this RFP
- Include warranty information on the equipment
- Include licensing for 5 years
- Prefer brick and mortar support location/NOC located within 3hrs drive of Jasper City Schools and based in Alabama. This is meant to eliminate as much downtime as possible in the event of an equipment failure.

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Connectivity Location:

Equipment is to be provided for the following location:

	Site Name	Address
1	Jasper High School	1501 Viking Drive, Jasper, Alabama, 35501

Questions:

Q/A will take place on the ALSDE’s Alabama Joint Purchasing page, mini-quotes section. If any vendor feels they need a school map, accommodations can be made. Contact schandler@jasper.k12.al.us for any requests.

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Jasper City Schools is an equal educational opportunity agency and prohibits discrimination in any of its educational programs, including employment, based on sex, race, religion, national origin, color, age, any handicapping condition. The Jasper City Schools 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. In connection with the execution of this Contract, The Vendor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employees or applicants for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin. The Vendor shall take affirmative action to ensure that minority and disadvantaged applicants are employed, and employees are treated during their employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin.

Addendums:

It will be the responsibility of all respondents to check the ALSDE ALJP Mini-quote website for attached addendum, if any, prior to submitting a response to the RFP to ascertain if any addendums has been issued, and to obtain all ADDENDUM, execute them, and return addendum with the response to the RFP.