

**2026 BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNAL CONNECTIONS, BASIC
MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL CONNECTIONS, AND MANAGED INTERNAL
BROADBAND SERVICES RFP
GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. Awards will be made in the best interest of the Bedford City School District.
2. The Bedford City School District may accept or reject in part, or in whole, any bid.
3. All quotations are governed by state and local procurement regulations.
4. All services performed or goods delivered under School District Purchase Orders/Contracts are to be continued for the term of the Purchase Order/Contracts, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for these services or goods, this Purchase Order/Contract becomes void and of no effect after June 30.
5. Payment will only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
6. The School District may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
7. The Contract may be extended only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- RFP responses are to be received in the form of sealed bids at the Bedford City School District's Board Office located at 3 Hemisphere Way, Bedford OH 44146. Please address all bids to the attention of Tad Ellsworth, Executive Director of Facilities Improvements & Special Projects.
- All questions pertaining to technical requirements will be answered by Friday, March 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM and posted on the USAC website as an addendum to the underlying Form 470. All questions should be addressed to: bedford.2026@naa.com
- Bids will be publicly opened on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Bedford City Schools Board Office, located at 3 Hemisphere Way, Bedford OH 44146..
- Any and all bids, in whole or in part, may be rejected at the sole discretion of the District.

- An approved purchase order is required before the merchandise or service is ordered.
- SPECIFICATIONS: Items offered must be in compliance with the specifications. Any deviation from the specifications must be clearly indicated by the bidder. Alternative solutions offered by the bidder as “equivalent to” the specifications should include complete detailed specifications and literature. The School District reserves the right to waive minor deviations to specifications.
- Complete all sections of the quotation form.
- Unit prices shall prevail in case of discrepancy.
- The vendor must clearly instruct on the bid document if the vendor wishes to have the payment sent to a different "remit to" address other than the address on this document.

SCOPE OF WORK

INTERNAL CONNECTIONS, BASIC MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL CONNECTIONS, AND MANAGED INTERNAL BROADBAND SERVICES

For E-rate Funding Year 2026 Bedford City School District is soliciting a Request for Proposal for Internal Connections, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections (BMIC), and Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS) products and services for all locations, as specified in Attachment 1. The District is seeking switches, wireless access points, stacking cables, transceivers, associated software and licenses, UPSs, installation, configuration, and testing. The District reserves the right to modify the project as it deems necessary. This RFP and the winning bidder’s response shall become an integral part of any resultant contract, and shall be attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

Any questions related to the technical aspects of this document should be directed to Tad Ellsworth at bedford.2026@naa.com

Solution acquisition will be contingent on the award and acceptance of E-Rate Category 2 Funding. Service providers are strongly urged to review the requirements in the FCC’s 2026 Eligible Services List Category 2 Internal Connections, MIBS, and BMIC sections in the preparation of their response.

All proposals need to be complete, including installation costs, any associated fees, and applicable taxes, such that the District will be able to determine the true total cost of the proposal.

ATTACHMENT 1 provides the list of locations, desired equipment and services.

Pricing for each building must be provided for equipment and installation separately.

Proposal should be provided for the duration of up to 5 years (1 year at a time) in the following format:

1. Internal Connections with BMIC
2. Internal Connections with MIBS Existing
3. MIBS Leased

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- The vendor must quote a turn-key solution that will be installed, tested, fully operational, and accepted by the District within thirty (30) days after completion of the work. Payment will be authorized only once all products and services have successfully completed testing and been accepted by the District.
- Pricing for all products and services must be quoted separately for each building listed in Attachment 1.
- In accordance with E-rate rules, performance will not commence until on or after April 1, 2026; the specific dates of performance will be determined by the District to best suit its needs.
- The District reserves the right to award to multiple vendors, selecting portions of the vendors' solutions best suitable for District's needs, or not award at all.
- The District, at its sole discretion, for any reason or no reason, reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time.

- Vendors must include a copy of their contract with their proposal. The District seeks a contract which performance dates will run through September 30, 2027 for Internal Connections which will be extendable as necessary to accommodate the work schedule, District's needs, and other unforeseen events. The District also seeks a contract which performance dates will run through June 30, 2027 for BMIC and MIBS.
- Vendors are expected to provide Lowest Corresponding Price.
- As defined in USAC's Eligible Services List, software for switches, WAPs, and other products associated with hardware purchases, and software for switches and WAPs renewals should be quoted in an appropriate Category of Service under Internal Connections, BMIC, and/or MIBS.
- The District will select the most cost effective, most qualified, and most responsive and responsible bidder(s) when making the award.
- Evaluation Criteria: The heaviest weight will be assigned to price, (complete installation costs, all other one-time costs, and monthly recurring costs if any for a period of the contract duration). Evaluation will also be based on, but not limited to, prior experience of the District with the respondent, technical capability and quality of work. Work performed for other comparable clients, and qualification of personnel. Additionally, the evaluation will be based on the ability of the vendor to deliver a turn-key solution. The District reserves the right to use additional criteria as needed.
- The winning vendor will be required to have or obtain a USAC SPIN number before the start of service and submit a Service Provider Invoice Form directly to USAC pursuant to E-rate procedures established by the federal government.
- The winning vendor must comply with all applicable E-rate and FCC rules and regulations.

Attachment 1

New Grade 6-8 Building		New Grade K-2 Building	
Qty	Description	Qty	Description
78	WAPs Aruba 615, or equivalent	50	WAPs Aruba 615, or equivalent
78	Licenses for Aruba 615 WAPs, or equivalent	50	Licenses for Aruba 615 WAPs, or equivalent
78	AP MNT-U mounting brackets, or equivalent	50	AP MNT-U mounting brackets, or equivalent
14	CX 6200M48G POE, or equivalent	11	CX 6200M48G POE, or equivalent
14	14 Class 2 E - STU licenses, or equivalent	11	14 Class 2 E - STU licenses, or equivalent
14	X372 1050 W PSU, or equivalent	11	X372 1050 W PSU, or equivalent
1	CX810024X10G switch, or equivalent	1	CX810024X10G switch, or equivalent
1	Class 5 - E - STU license, or equivalent	1	Class 5 - E - STU license, or equivalent
14	Stacking cables	11	Stacking cables
4	SFP SM SR	4	SFP SM SR
1	3000VA Tripp Lite, or equivalent	1	3000VA Tripp Lite, or equivalent

5	SU3000RTX LCD 3U, or equivalent	9	SU3000RTX LCD 3U, or equivalent
3	45U cabinets	7	45U cabinets
2	2-pole racks	2	2-pole racks
462	Cat6a, 200ft cable drops	384	Cat6a, 200ft cable drops
924	(462) 7ft and (462) 1ft patch cables	768	(384) 7ft and (384) 1ft patch cables
24	SM 500 ft armored plenum rated LC terminated in LIU on each end	2	SM 500 ft armored plenum rated LC terminated in LIU on each end
24	SM Duplex 3M	24	SM Duplex 3M
156	2 Cable drops per new WAP (156 drops) (200ft)	100	2 Cable drops per new WAP (100 drops) (200ft)