					Recommended
Vendor	CDW Government LLC	Avexon	McInnis Systems	Pileum Corporation	TekLinks
Location	Vernon Hills, IL	Metairie, LA	Byram, MS	Jackson, MS	Ridgeland, MS
Minority Code	N/A	W	N	W	N
Cost Proposal Price	$ 1,218,500.96	$ 1,237,871.51	$ 2,443,333.82	$ 859,356.00	$ 857,852.00

Recommendation: TekLinks, Inc. (doing business as C Spire Business) is the lowest responsive bidder with a total proposed cost of $857,852.00. The remaining responsive bids were higher in cost. Because federal E-Rate program rules and the district's stated evaluation criteria explicitly require that the price of E-Rate eligible products and services be the primary and most heavily weighted factor in the evaluation matrix, the district is obligated to select the most cost-effective solution among the qualified vendors. Therefore, the project is awarded to TekLinks for submitting the lowest and best responsive proposal that fully satisfies the district's requirements and the scope of work.

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