

E-rate RFP Clarification

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- 1) The file titled "wi-fi map coverage" illustrates the area that should be covered with the newly proposed wi-fi deployment. Vendors can quote less than 42 wi-fi access points if they can adequately provide wi-fi signal to the desired classrooms with fewer units.
- 2) Bids for items under section 3.3.1 (LAN cabling projects) that do not include relocating the DS-3 fiber/circuit from the current MDF to TC-2 will be considered as complete bids and will NOT weigh negatively in the selection process.
- 3) Please be advised that the MPOE in the current MDF will not be moved. Therefore, vendors must extend/re-terminate all analog phone lines that are to interface with the VOIP system from MDF to TC-2 (future MDF).
- 4) VoIP handsets will use existing Cat 5e in classrooms. Vendor must label ports on the patch panel in the closet, as well as at the drop location.

Questions and Answers from the walkthrough on 1/29/10

Q. Is the VOIP system a priority 2 item?

A. Yes. The hardware will be hosted on site.

Q. Are you looking to get enclosed cabinets in all IDFs ?

A. Yes. If physically possible, we would like to have all IDFs outfitted with enclosed cabinets

Q. Are you concerned with outdoor coverage?

A. No. We are not attempting to obtain outdoor coverage.

Q. Are you looking for individual 10Gb uplinks between each switches or between closets?

The RFP indicates a specific number of 50/125 μm multimode 10 Gb fiber home runs from each IDF to the MDF.

Q. Will you be doing B+G+N for wireless?

A. Yes. B+G+N should all be supported by proposed wi-fi systems.

Q. Will you need uninterruptable power supplies UPS for each closet? If so, how much uptime would you like during a power failure?

A. We need UPS for all closets. We would like to have 30 minutes uptime.

Q. Are only looking for Cisco products to replace your existing Cisco products?

A. Absolutely not. The RFP does not indicate that we wish to replace our existing equipment with a specific manufacture. All bids will be evaluated according to the evaluation method (RFP section 1.1) as specified in the RFP.

Q. Will the proposed wi-fi solution be managed by the existing wi-fi solution?

A. No. The desired wi-fi system will be managed by its own separate controller. Therefore, all bids for this project should include access points as well as a controller for management.