

PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM E-RATE CATEGORY 2 RFP 2016-17

Summary:

The library seeks Wireless Access Points at all 20 Administrative and Neighborhood branch locations. Installation, cabling, licensing and basic technical support are also needed for these products. For branch addresses, please see: <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/branches/branch-listing.htm> Proposals for the items listed below, or equivalents, will be evaluated for feasibility, reliability and cost effectiveness.

General Requirements:

1. Provide individual prices for each product and service and do not bundle different products or products and services under a single price.
2. Library may choose to purchase products and/or services from different vendors and may make minor adjustments to the quantities requested in the RFP. Indicate if the price will change if the quantity ordered is slightly different than posted on the RFP.
3. Provide net cost per unit, taking into account any applicable non-E-rate discount. Itemize tax and shipping if applicable.
4. Library seeks to maximize the longevity of their purchases. Indicate the End Of Life (EOL) date of the product(s) in your bid.
5. Purchasing may be dependent upon receiving E-rate funding from USAC. Please confirm that you can bill the library the discounted amount and use the Service Provider Invoicing (SPI) method for reimbursements.
6. Indicate if these products have been funded by E-rate in the past or if you have confirmation from USAC that they are eligible. Preference may be given to vendors who can confirm that their products have been routinely approved by E-rate in the past, or can certify that their products are eligible for funding.
7. All bidding vendors must be E-rate eligible, file an FCC Form 499A and be up to date on their Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC) form. Please provide SPIN number as part of your bid.

Products Requested:

Wireless Access Points:

Make/Model: Xirrus XR630 (or equivalent)

Other Specs: Modular WAP with multiple radios per array.

Quantity: 50

Licensing/Technical Support: 5 years of Technical Support for above devices and related software. List terms and services offered with support. Licensing and support service costs for a product should be itemized separately from the cost of the products, should include software updates to ensure product will function optimally over the support period, and should include only the level of support that is eligible for E-rate funding.

Software: Indicate cost for purchase of required (not optional) software to manage the WAPs. Licensing for software should be itemized and/or included with the licensing/technical support cost.

Cabling: Library seeks Cat 6e cabling. Preferred brands include: Xirrus, Graybar, Black Box, Liebert, Ortonics, Panduit, or equivalent. Indicate estimated feet required and installation charge for cabling. For bidding purposes, assume 300 feet of cable for each WAP and also indicate estimated feet required and installation charge for cabling. Final length of cabling may be determined at a later date.

Installation:

- Include both total one-time installation cost and installation per unit cost for the WAP units (in case of a change in the quantity of units).
- Include both total one-time installation cost and installation per unit cost for the cabling for the WAP units (cable and unit installation costs should be itemized separately).
- At the library's discretion, some units may be installed by library staff or a service vendor who is not providing the product.

Contact and Submittal Info:

Questions should be addressed to Keith Smith at ksmith@pcls.us. A copy of this RFP and any related Q&A from vendors will be posted at: <http://www.piercecountylibrary.org/about-us/administration/finance/e-rate>

Proposals are due in either hard copy or electronic format (PDF) on or before 28 days after the posting date of the 470 form. Hard copy bids should be sent to: Pierce County Library System, Attn: Keith Smith, 3005 112th St. E, Tacoma, WA 98446. If not enough bids are received, the library may choose to solicit and/or accept bids after that date.