

INVITATION TO BID



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JACKSON COUNTY
DISTRICT OFFICE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
2903 JEFFERSON ST.
MARIANNA, FL 32446**

RFB: E-RATE-11-01

BID TITLE

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

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OPENING DATE

March 10, 2011 2:00 PM CST

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Sealed bids shall be received at:

The Jackson County School Board
MIS Department,
2903 Jefferson St.
Marianna, FL 32446
03/10/2011 2:00 PM CST

Oral, telephonic (facsimile, telex), or telegraphic bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

Bids **POSITIVELY** will not be considered after the time above.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening.

NOTE: VERBAL TABULATIONS WILL NOT BE GIVEN ON THE TELEPHONE.
PLEASE SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH POSTAGE FOR
TABULATION.

COMPANY

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY – STATE – ZIP CODE

NAME – PLEASE PRINT

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED VENDOR REPRESENTATIVE

**NOTE: THIS PAGE SHOULD BE SIGNED BY THE AUTHORIZED BID
AGENT AND RETURNED WITH THE BID PACKET.**

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE SAME AS PREVIOUS OR FUTURE SOLICITATIONS FOR THIS TYPE OF SERVICE OR COMMODITY. THEREFORE, ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO REVIEW THESE INSTRUCTIONS IN DETAIL BEFORE SUBMITTING THEIR BIDS.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

GENERAL: UPON A BID AWARD, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS BID OR ANY PORTION THEREOF MAY UPON MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OR FOR ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES.

BIDDERS WILL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS, STATUTES AND ORDINANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970, THE FEDERAL CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER THESE ACTS. BIDDERS AGREE NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY EMPLOYEE BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX RELIGION, COLOR AGE, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

ALL AGREEMENTS AS A RESULT OF AN AWARD HERETO AND ALL EXTENSIONS AND MODIFICATIONS THERETO AND ALL QUESTIONS RELATING TO ITS VALIDITY, INTERPRETATION, PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND CONSTRUED IN CONFORMANCE TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

THESE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDING PROCEDURES ONLY FOR THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND CAN BE SUPERSEDED BY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDENDUM'S.

WARRANTY: IN ALL CASES, BIDDER MUST SUBMIT ON A BID FORM, A SAMPLE OF ACTUAL FACTORY WRITTEN GUARANTEE; UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED OR IN THE ABSENCE OF SAMPLE GUARANTEE, THE BOARD WILL ASSUME PRODUCT IS GUARANTEED FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION AND / OR DELIVERY.

MAINTENANCE AND / OR SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT TAKE EFFECT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE WARRANTY PERIOD AND FOR WHICH THERE WILL BE SEPARATE CHARGES, MUST BE OUTLINED IN THE QUOTE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OR ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT IN ADVANCE. PAYMENT CANNOT BE IN ADVANCE; ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE IN ARREARS

ALL PRODUCTS, EQUIPMENT, MERCHANDISE AND MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL BID AND / OR ORDERED MUST BE THE LATEST MANUFACTURER'S MODEL AND DESIGN. IMMEDIATE SERVICE AND PARTS AVAILABILITY MUST BE GUARANTEED FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS.

PRODUCTS NOT MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S.A. MUST BE NOTED AS FOREIGN AND STATE THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT THE BID TO DISQUALIFICATION.

MAINTENANCE, REPAIR SERVICE AND LOCAL PARTS AVAILABILITY ARE ALSO ESSENTIAL; THEREFORE, BIDDERS ON MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND / OR TOOLS SHOULD FURNISH PARTS CATALOG AND PRICE LIST, AS WELL AS APPLICABLE REPAIR MANUAL. THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DELVE INTO AVAILABILITY, EFFICIENCY, AND QUALITY OF SERVICE BEFORE MAKING FINAL EVALUATION AND DECISION.

ALL PLUMBING COMPONENTS, I.E. FIXTURES, FITTINGS, STORAGE TANKS, AND OTHER RELATED APPURTENANCE SHALL BE CERTIFIED LEAD-FREE AS DEFINED IN THE LEAD CONTAMINATION CONTROL ACT OF 1988, PUBLICATION #L.100-572.

ALL FURNITURE, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, AND / OR TOOLS MUST COMPLY WITH O.S.H.A., U. L., ALL SAFETY REGULATIONS, AND OTHER STANDARDS FOR EDUCATIONAL USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, STATE OF FLORIDA, JACKSON COUNTY, AND/ OR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY. THIS INCLUDES VARIOUS SAFETY ACCESSORIES AND IT IS THE VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THE NECESSARY REQUIRMENTS. ALL PLASTICS, LAMINATES, ETC., MUST MEET MINIMUM N.E.M.A. SPECIFICATIONS. ALL PRODUCTS CONTAINING ASBESTOS ARE PROHIBITED.

BRAND NAMES AND SAMPLES: WHERE A DEFINITE PRODUCT IS SPECIFIED, IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY APPROVED EQUAL PRODUCT OF ANOTHER MANUFACTURER, BUT IS INTENDED THAT A DEFINITE STANDARD BE ESTABLISHED. THE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER ANY ALTERNATE PRODUCT OR SERVICE IS OR IS NOT EQUAL SHALL BE MADE BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE AND SUCH DETERMINATION SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING ON ALL BIDDERS. ALTERNATES WILL BE CONSIDERED.

ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL. OTHERWISE, IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD THAT ITEMS OFFERED ARE IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS, AND THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE THEREFORE. THIS DOES NOT CONTERMAND ANY REQUESTS FOR SUBMITTALS.

WHEN REQUESTED, SAMPLES, SPECIFICATION SHEETS, BROCHURES, ETC., WILL BE FURNISHED AT THE BIDDER'S EXPENSE, TAGGED AND LABELED WITH BIDDER'S NAME, ITEM NUMBER AND BID NUMBER.

PRICING: ALL PRICING SUBMITTED WILL INCLUDE ALL PACKAGING, HANDLING, SHIPPING CHARGES, AND DELIVERY TO ANY POINT WITHIN JACKSON COUNTY FLORIDA TO A SECURE AREA OR INSIDE DELIVERY. ALL PRICES, INCLUDING TOTAL, MUST INCLUDE ANY AND ALL DISCOUNTS. IN THE EVENT OF PRICE DESCREPANCY UNIT PRICE SHALL PREVAIL.

TAX EXEMPT: FOR CONTRACTS RELATING SOLELY TO THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR SUPPLIES, NO TAXES SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE BID PRICE; THE SCHOOL BOARD IS EXEMPT FROM STATE AND FEDERAL SALES, USE AND EXCISE TAXES. FLORIDA SALES TAX EXEMPTION # 85-8012740175C-6 APPEARS ON THE PURCHASE ORDER.

FOR CONTRACTS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDING EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS OR SUPPLIES, SALES TAX WILL BE PAYABLE BY THE CONTRACTOR ON ALL SUCH PRODUCTS PURCHASED. THE SCHOOL BOARD SALES TAX EXEMPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS OR SUPPLIES AS A PART OF THEIR CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD. IF THE CONTRACTOR INTENDS TO RECOVER SALES TAX FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD UNDER THE CONTRACT, ALL SUCH AMOUNTS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE BID PRICE.

INVOICING: ITEMIZED INVOICES, EACH BEARING THE PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER MUST BE MAILED ON THE DAY OF SHIPMENT. INVOICING SUBJECT TO CASH DISCOUNTS WILL BE MAILED ON THE DAY THAT THEY ARE DATED.

TRANSPORTATION AND TITLE: (A) TITLE TO THE GOODS WILL PASS TO THE SCHOOL DISTICT UPON RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE AT THE DESTINATION INDICATED HEREIN.

UNTIL ACCEPTANCE, THE BIDDER RETAINS THE SOLE INSURABLE INTEREST IN THE GOODS. (B) THE SHIPPER WILL PREPAY ALL TRANSPORTATION CHARGES. (C) NO PREMIUM CARRIERS WILL BE USED FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ACCOUNT WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITIES: IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR TO FILE CLAIMS FOR DAMAGED OR DEFECTIVE MERCHANDISE. IN THE EVENT OF RECEIPT OF MERCHANDISE WITH CONCEALED DAMAGE, VENDOR WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED BY PHONE WITH A FOLLOW-UP LETTER WITHIN 24 HOURS OF NOTIFICATION.

PACKING: ALL SHIPMENTS WILL INCLUDE AN ITEMIZED LIST OF EACH PACKAGE'S CONTENT, AND REFERENCE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER. NO CHARGES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR CARTAGE OR PACKING UNLESS AGREED UPON BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRIOR TO SHIPMENT.

RISK OF LOSS: THE BIDDER ASSUMES THE FOLLOWING RISKS: (A) ALL RISKS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ALL GOODS, WORK IN PROCESS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT UNTIL THE DELIVERY THEREOF AS HEREIN PROVIDED; (B) ALL RISKS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THIRD PERSONS AND THEIR PROPERTY UNTIL DELIVERY OF ALL GOODS AS HEREIN PROVIDED; (C) ALL RISKS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY RECEIVED BY THE BIDDER OR HELD BY THE BIDDER OF ITS SUPPLIERS FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UNTIL SUCH PROPERTY HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; (D) ALL RISKS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ANY OF THE GOODS OR PART THEREOF REJECTED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, FROM THE TIME OF SHIPMENT THEREOF TO BIDDER UNTIL REDELIVERY THEREOF TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: ANY AWARD THERE UNDER IS SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 112, F.S. ALL BIDDERS MUST DISCLOSE – WITH THEIR BID - THE NAME OF ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR , OR AGENT WHO IS ALSO ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.. FUTHER, ALL BIDDERS MUST DISCLOSE THE NAME OF ANY JACKSON COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO OWNS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, AN INTEREST OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) OR MORE IN THE BIDDER'S FIRM OR ANY OF ITS BRANCHES.

DISCRIMINATORY/DEBARMENT VENDOR LIST: AN ENTITY OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE DISCRIMINATORY/DEBARMENT VENDOR LIST MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OR REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT AWARD OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIES, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY.

PATENTS: BIDDERS AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES USING THE GOODS SPECIFIED HERIN FROM ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY ARISING OUT OF A CLAIM OR SUIT AT LAW OR EQUITY FOR ACTUAL OR ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF LETTERS OF PATENTS BY REASON OF THE BUYING, SELLING OR USING THE GOODS SUPPLIED UNDER THIS BID, AND WILL ASSUME THE DEFENSE OF ANY AND ALL SUITS AND WILL PAY ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES THERETO.

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES: A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT OR PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT

BIDS ON LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN THE SECTION 287.017., FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 3 MONTHS FROM THE DATE BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST.

PREFERENCE FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE: WHENEVER TWO OR MORE BIDS WHICH ARE EQUAL WITH RESPECT TO PRICE, QUALITY, AND SERVICE ARE RECEIVED, PREFERENCE SHALL BE GIVEN TO A BID RECEIVED FROM A BUSINESS THAT CERTIFIES THAT IT HAS IMPLEMENTED A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 287.087, FLORIDA STATUTES. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PREFERENCE, A SIGNED CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID RESPONSE.

NOTICE TO CONTACTOR: THE EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS BY ANY CONTRACTOR IS CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF SECTION 247A (E) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALIZATION ACT. IF THE CONTRACTOR KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS, SUCH VIOLATION SHALL BE CAUSE FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT.

CONTRACTOR CONDUCT WHILE ON SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY: CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES SHALL SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL AT EACH SCHOOL UPON ARRIVAL AND CHECK OUT UPON DEPARTURE. CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES SHALL ABIDE BY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY, DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988, AND FLORIDA STATUTE 10012.465 BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS.

LEVEL 2 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS: THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS WHICH IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTE 1012.465 SHALL BE ADDED AS ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 1012.465, ALL CONTRACTORS, VENDORS, INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER ENTITIES UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND THE EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS OF ANY SUCH CONTRACTING PARTY, WHO ARE PERMITTED ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS WHEN STUDENTS ARE PRESENT: WHO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS; OR WHO HAVE ACCESS TO OR CONTROL OF SCHOOL FUNDS MUST MEET LEVEL 2 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1012.32, FLORIDA STATUTES. A LEVEL 2 SCREENING INCLUDES CONDUCTING A BACKGROUND CHECK AND FILING WITH THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT A COMPLETE SET OF FINGERPRINTS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, EMPLOYEE, OR SUBCONTRACTOR TAKEN BY AN AUTHORIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TRAINED TO TAKE FINGERPRINTS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BEAR THE COSTS OF ALL SUCH BACKGROUND SCREENING AND FEES TO MAINTAIN THE FINGERPRINTS PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACTOR AND ITS EMPLOYEES.

ANY PERSONNEL OF THE CONTRACTOR DISCOVERED, THROUGH FINGERPRINT PROCESSING, TO HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF, REGARDLESS OF ADJUDICATION, OR ENTERED A PLEA OF NOLO CONTENDERS OR GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE OUTLINED IN SECTION 435.04, FLORIDA STATUTES (OR ANY SIMILAR STATUTE OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION), SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO COME ONTO SCHOOL GROUNDS OR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES WHEN STUDENTS ARE PRESENT, OR TO HAVE ACCESS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT. A CERTIFICATE OF THE COMPLIANCE IN THE FORM REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD SHALL BE FILED BY THE CONTRACTOR WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRIOR TO THE DELIVERY OF ANY LABOR, SERVICES, OR MATERIALS UNDER THIS CONTRACT. CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT IN THE EVENT THE CONTRACTOR OR ANY EMPLOYEE WHO THE CONTRACTOR HAS CERTIFIED AS COMPLETING THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND MEETING THE STATUTORY STANDARD IS LATER CONVICTED OF OR PLEAS NOLO CONTENDER TO ANY DISQUALIFYING OFFENSE AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 435.04, FLORIDA STATUTES THE CONTRACTOR WILL NOTIFY SCHOOL BOARD WITHIN 8 HOURS OF SUCH. CONTRACTOR WILL UPDATE THE REQUIRED FORM TO DELETE EMPLOYEES LEAVING THE EMPLOY OF CONTRACTOR OR TO ADD NEW EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND MET THE REQUIRED STANDARDS

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE CONTRACTOR'S FAILURE TO PERFORM ANY OF THE DUTIES DESCRIBED IN THIS ADDENDUM WILL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT ENTITLING THE SCHOOL BOARD TO TERMINATE IMMEDIATELY WITH NO FURTHER RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE PAYMENT OR PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES UNDER THIS CONTRACT. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SCHOOL BOARD, ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LIABILITY IN THE FORM OF PHYSICAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM CONTRACTOR'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ADDENDUM OR SECTIONS 1012.32 AND 1012.465, FLORIDA STATUTES.

ASSIGNMENTS: ANY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS BID INVITATION, AND ANY MONIES WHICH MAY BECOME DUE THERE UNDER, ARE NOT ASSIGNABLE EXCEPT WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY OR ITS AGENT. ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSIGNMENT MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE PURCHASING AGENT IN WRITING STATING THE REASON FOR THE REQUEST AND AY OTHER PARTICULARS GERMANE TO THE PROPOSITION.

EVALUATION/AWARD: A COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW ALL BIDS AND DETERMINE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, RESERVING THE RIGHT TO WAIVE INFORMALITIES TO MAKE MATHEMATICAL CORRECTION TO ERROR/S IN ANY BID, TO MAKE AWARD(S) BY INDIVIDUAL ITEM, GROUP OF ITEMS, ALL OR NONE, DELIVERY DATE/COMPLETION DATE OR A CONBINATION THEROF; TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS OR WAIVE ANY MINOR IRREGULARITY OR TECHNICALITY IN BIDS RECEIVED, THAT IN ITS JUDGEMENT WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JACKSON COUNTY.

WHERE INDICATED, QUANTITIES ARE ESTIMATED ONLY; THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE MORE OR LESS, PROVIDED ORDERS ARE PLACED WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS SPECIFIED. THE BOARD SPECIFICALLY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY CONDITIONAL BID AND WILL NORMALLY REJECT THOSE, WHICH MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE TRUE AMOUNT AND QUALITY OF THE BID. THE AWARD OF THE BID SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN ORDER. BEFORE ANY SHIPMENTS CAN BE MADE, VENDOR MUST RECEIVE A PURCHASE ORDER. SHIPMENTS SHALL BE MADE AS SPECIFIED ON THE ORDER, CONFORMING TO THE BID FORM, SPECIFICATIONS, AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

AFTER AWARD OF BID ITEMS, ANY DEFAULT BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER DUE NOTICE (ORAL OR WRITTEN) MAY PROCURE THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES FROM OTHER SOURCES AND HOLD THE CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR DIFFERENCE IN COST OCCURRED. CONTINUOUS INSTANCES OF DEFAULT SHALL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT AND REMOVAL OF THE BIDDER FROM BID LIST FOR DURATION OF ONE YEAR AT THE OPTION OF DISTRICT OFFICIALS.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

PRIMARY FACTORS USED TO DECIDE THE AWARD HEREUNDER WILL BE THE QUALIFICATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS OF THE FIRM AND PERSONNEL PROPOSED TO DO THE WORK AND COST PROPOSAL. OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY BE USED IN THE EVALUATION OF THIS BID WILL BE: (1) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DISCHARGE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT AWARD; (2) ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT TERMS; (3) BIDDER'S PAST PERFORMANCE. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EVALUATE BY LOT, BY PARTIAL LOT, OR BY ITEM, AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY PROPOSAL IN ITS ENTIRETY OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE MINOR IRREGULARITIES IF THE PROPOSAL IS OTHERWISE VALID. IN THE EVENT OF A PRICE EXTENSION ERROR, THE UNIT PRICE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS CORRECT. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS SOLE DISCRETION IN DETERMINING TESTING AND EVALUATION METHODS. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY CONSIDER IN CONJUNCTION TO ANY AWARD HEREUNDER, THOSE PRODUCTS, SERVICES AND, PRICES AVAILABLE TO THEM THROUGH CONTRACTS FROM STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

	ASSIGNED POINTS	SCORE
CRITERION 1: Company strength, viability and continuity	+ 0-20	
CRITERION 2: Local presence/support/service levels	+ 0 - 20	
CRITERION 3: Previous experience of LCSB with vendor	+ 0 - 10	
CRITERION 4: Cost Proposal	+ 0- 30	
CRITERION 5: Overall functionality of solution proposed	+ 0 - 20	
TOTAL SCORE		
Ranking:		

QUESTIONS: SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS ARISE CONCERNING THIS BID, PLEASE CONTACT THE PURCHASING AGENT'S OFFICE IN WRITING AT: AT SCHOOL BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY,ATTN: ELIZABETH WALDEN, 2903 JEFFERSON ST., MARIANNA, FL 32446, EMAIL: WALDEN_E@FIRN.EDU , FAX #850-482-1342.

ALL QUESTIONS SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN

10:00 AM CST, 03/04/2011

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES WILL BE POSTED ON THE JCSB WEB SITE.

<http://web.jackson.k12.fl.us/facility/bids/index.htm>

SPECIFICATIONS FOR LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICES

The purpose of this bid is to establish a 1 year (12 month) contract for the purchase of long distance Services by the Jackson County School Board. It is anticipated that the contract will be effective from July 1 2011 through June 30 2012.

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

It is anticipated that the Jackson County School Board needs long distance service for 275 phone lines at 21 educational facilities. This figure is given only as a guideline for preparing your bid and should not be constructed as representing actual expenditures under the contract.

RENEWAL

Upon mutual agreement, the contract may be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year contract periods. If there has been a general increase of prices throughout the industry, confirmed by a certified letter from the contractor, the School Board reserves the right to accept an increase, not to exceed 5% of the current net contract pricing for each additional year of the renewal period.

SCOPE

Scope: The Jackson County School Board (JCSB) would like to receive bids from telecommunications carriers who can provide long distance service. We currently have 275 phones lines at 21 educational facilities.

The JCSB currently has a contract with QWEST under the Florida State Contract for this service. Vendors must address the cost of conversion to their service (equipment and configurations). The vendor should clearly state if the JCSB is responsible for making the purchase or if the cost is part of the installation charge.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

Vendor shall have the following qualifications:

- Be a licensed telecommunications carrier
- Be registered as a service provider with the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD), have a Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN), and comply with all SLD service provider requirements.
- Have filed a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Form 499A declaring the company to be a telecommunications provider; have a 499 filer ID and is registered with the Public Service Commission (PSC) in the State of Florida. This information shall be submitted with the RFB.

- Have highly qualified technicians on staff within a 100 mile radius, who can diagnose problems quickly and recommend solutions.
- Be in the primary business of providing telecommunications services

The bid submitted by the vendor must comply with the competitive bidding requirements of the SLD for Universal Service Fund services and support, state and local bid laws of the State of Florida.

The Vendors must be able to provide at least three references from customers with environments similar to JCSB. Reference information must include company name, contact, address, and telephone number.

The vendor must provide information regarding availability of technical support (on-site and remote).

The vendor must provide a history of the company, strengths, and stability, including years in business, years providing type of bid service, and existing customer satisfaction.

INSTALLATION PLAN

The vendor must describe how company will manage the installation and testing process including the roles of key project personnel.

LIABILITY

Vendor shall be fully liable for the actions of its employee, partners, etc and shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the JCSB from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by the vendor, its employees, partners, etc. during the installation process.

TERMS, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT

Contract Terms

Any formal agreement or contract with a provider is dependent of the Jackson County School Board approval, e-rate funding, and appropriation of funds by the JCSB.

Vendors must bid on a ONE (1) year contract. The contract may be renewed annually up to three (3) additional years. The bid should provide flexible contract terms which will allow the JCSB to negotiate changes in the contract structure or pricing in response to significant marketplace changes or technological changes.

The winning bidder must agree in writing that the JCSB can terminate this contract, if one is signed, regardless of the contract term if the provider does not provide their service as outlined in their bid or if the E-rate funding program is discontinued or reduced.

The RFB requirements outlined in this document will be contractual obligations if a contract ensues. Failure of the successful bidder to accept these obligations will result in the rejection of the bidder's bid.

Service

Outline your diagnostic and repair capabilities, focusing on your ability to quickly and accurately identify and resolve reported troubles.

Support

Identify the make up of the technical staff who will be assigned to the JCSB, citing their experience with the proposed service.

Pricing

Vendors are cautioned to write all prices and descriptions in a legible manner so there will be no doubt as to the intent and scope in the bid.

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The winning bidder must agree in writing that the JCSB can terminate this contract, if one is signed, regardless of the contract term if the provider does not provide their service as outlined in their bid or if the E-rate funding program is discontinued or reduced.

The RFB requirements outlined in this document will be contractual obligations if a contract ensues. Failure of the successful bidder to accept these obligations will result in the rejection of the bidder's bid.

Service

Outline your diagnostic and repair capabilities, focusing on your ability to quickly and accurately identify and resolve reported troubles.

Support

Identify the make up of the technical staff who will be assigned to the JCSB, citing their experience with the proposed service.

Pricing

Vendors are cautioned to write all prices and descriptions in a legible manner so there will be no doubt as to the intent and scope in the bid.