

Districtwide Fiber Optic Wide Area Network Services

Project: BUSD-2018-2019-LIT_Fiber

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. In your pricing sheet you have Central Elementary terminating at the District Office. Why would this school be included on the pricing sheet if it is sharing bandwidth with the DO?

Thank you for pointing this out. Please see our revised Pricing sheet

2. Would you consider posting a separate 470 for the circuit to RCOE and not include that circuit as part of this project?
3. Riverside Count Address Correction.

Correct address for Riverside County of Education is:

3939 13th St, Riverside, CA 92501

4. Length of the initial contract

Banning Unified School District has always signed three year contracts with service providers in the past. However, we will look at proposals with initial five year contract.

We recommend all bidders to provide us with initial 3-year contract as well as a 5-year contract.

5. Termination Charges

Banning Unified School District will recognize the law and agree to negotiate with the bidder the recovery cost if and when District exercises the right to terminate the contract for convenience.

6. Installation or special construction

We intended this to be a Lit Fiber RFP, not an installation and special construction charge RFP. Banning prefers that all non-recurring charges be amortized over the length of the contract.

7. Please confirm the site locations and their addresses. I believe you will have 11 total sites? Also, your hub will be the district office correct?

Our WAN Exhibit Lit Fiber 2018 – 2019 Rev 1 attachment shows all our sites. Please note, Central Elementary does not have its own data termination point. District Office is our hub where all the sites terminate.

8. Just to confirm, you want one estimate with all your sites including RCOE Riverside and another optional estimate with all your sites including both RCOE Riverside AND Indio? Let me know

Banning Unified School District will accept Bids in following configuration:

- **Bid to include all the sites and connectivity to RCOE office(s)**
- **Just a bid for connectivity to RCOE office(s).**

9. Does the Q&A period end this Thursday? Your RFP says Thursday, July 29th but July 29th was a Sunday. If you intended Thursday to be the last day, then the correct date would be Thursday, August 2nd.

Banning Unified School District's intended the last day for Q&A to be July 27th, 2018. However, since we listed the last day as July 29th, 2018 which fell on Sunday; District will amend the last date for Q&A to be August 2nd 2018. RFP due date will not change.

10. Is there a hard stop on the 14 page request as to put in all items requested in RFP may be past 14 pages , is that acceptable? Is attachment A included in the 14 page request ?

14 pages does not include attachments.

11. Are you open to Lit-fiber Special Construction bids? With your E-Rate percentage and state match, 100% of construction costs could be covered.

We understand that special construction for lit fiber is eligible for E-rate, and has been for many, many years prior to the 2015 E-rate Modernization Order. The RFP states the following requirement regarding any non-recurring costs:

"Include and list any one-time costs, for items such as, but not limited to, special construction, set-up, installation, etc."

Furthermore, Banning USD made the following clarification in the Questions and Answers:

"We intended this to be a Lit Fiber RFP, not an installation and special construction charge RFP. Banning prefers that all non-recurring charges be amortized over the length of the contract."

Therefore, a bidder has the option to either list special construction (if any) as a one-time cost on the Exhibit A pricing worksheet, or, to amortize it into the monthly cost.

Banning USD does not qualify for any state match because there is no state match available in California outside of the Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant, and Banning does not qualify for this grant.

12. The RFP wants us to acknowledge receiving a copy of the Districts Independent Consultant Special Service Agreement for services used to include the indemnity provisions and professional liability insurance provisions. We do not have a copy of this and need it before we can agree to anything, Do you have this ?

File will be posted on our website.