



REQUEST FOR FORMAL QUOTE (RFQ) – SERVICES

Washoe County School District

Purchasing Department

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SOLICITATION TITLE: LEASING OF DARK OR LEASED LIT FIBER FOR NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

SOLICITATION #: 71-QF-11-26-SA

PUBLISH DATE: JANUARY 20, 2026

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/TIME: MARCH 2, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. (LOCAL TIME)

Washoe County School District (WCSD) is soliciting for certain **SERVICES**, identified on the **EXHIBIT C – PRICE SCHEDULE/SPECIFICATION FORM** related to this solicitation in accordance with all defined Terms, Conditions, and Specifications in this document.

RFQ submissions must be submitted on the **REQUIRED FORMS** (refer to Page 5) specific to this solicitation and emailed directly to: solicitations@washoeschools.net or received in a sealed envelope for award consideration. All **REQUIRED FORMS** for this RFQ are available online at <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>.

RFQ submissions that are received at any point of time in the RFQ process (e.g., withdrawal and/or resubmitting for updated pricing) verbally, via fax, by any other email other than solicitations@washoeschools.net, or outside of a sealed envelope will be **REJECTED** in its entirety. Submissions may be withdrawn by written notification delivered via US Mail or by email to: solicitations@washoeschools.net provided that such notice is received before the Submission Due Date/Time.

ALL questions/inquiries regarding this RFQ are due no later than 4:30 pm (local time) on January 30, 2026 and are to be submitted to the Purchasing Department via e-mail to: solicitations@washoeschools.net or submitted directly on the Solicitations website (<https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>). Questions, inquiries, clarifications, and/or any RFQ clarifications will be answered via an Addendum and will be made available to all interested Vendors.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES: WCSD only accepts signatures done manually (also known as a “wet” signature) or certified electronic digital signatures. Non-certified electronic digital signatures will NOT be accepted. A typed signature, even in a cursive font, does NOT meet the requirements of an official digital signature. A digital signature must be accompanied by a certified digital stamp issued through programs like Adobe Acrobat DC, Docu-Sign, or other similar programs that produce a digital stamp certifying the electronic digital signature. Signatures on the **REQUIRED FORMS** that do not meet these requirements will NOT be accepted and may cause the RFQ submission to be deemed “Non-Responsive” and cause for rejection. If there are any questions about this requirement, please submit a question by the questions/inquires deadline noted above, so that it can be answered before the RFQ submission due date/time.

- ❖ **If EXHIBIT A - SIGNATURE PAGE which is a REQUIRED FORM is submitted without a valid, authorized signature, the submission will be rejected in its entirety.**

The Facilitating Procurement Professional for this solicitation is named above. Interested Vendors may NOT contact anyone else regarding this solicitation. Interested Vendors contacting any other individual including, but not limited to, WCSD staff, officials, evaluation committee members, or Board of Trustees may be disqualified from award consideration.

TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

NOTE: If there is a "parent" company and/or if the company is a "dba," Vendors should specify that in their submission on **EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE PAGE**.

- 1. REQUIRED FORMS:** The REQUIRED FORMS specific to this solicitation (refer to Page 5) are available on the Solicitations website at: <https://solicitations.washoeschools.net/Purchasing>. All REQUIRED FORMS must be included in RFQ submissions or otherwise risk being rejected. The REQUIRED FORMS are "Secured Documents" therefore, any interested party must be a registered user of the website to access these forms. All accepted RFQ submissions and accompanying documentation become the property of WCSD and will not be returned.

EXHIBIT A – SIGNATURE PAGE is a REQUIRED FORM and must be completed, signed, and submitted with quote submission. If **EXHIBIT A** is submitted without an authorized signature the quote will be rejected in its entirety.

EXHIBIT B – VENDOR/CONTRACTOR (EMPLOYEE) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM is a REQUIRED FORM and is to be completed, signed, and submitted with quote submission. Failure to submit a completed and signed **EXHIBIT B** with the quote submission may be grounds for disqualifying the quote from evaluation and award consideration.

EXHIBIT C – PRICE SCHEDULE/SPECIFICATION FORM is a REQUIRED FORM and must be completed and submitted with the quote submission. Failure to submit a completed **EXHIBIT C** with the quote submission will result in the submission being rejected in its entirety.

EXHIBIT D – E-RATE SPIN# INFORMATION SHEET is a REQUIRED FORM and must be completed and submitted with the quote submission. Failure to submit a completed **EXHIBIT D** with the quote submission will result in the submission being rejected in its entirety .

EXHIBIT E – MATERIAL, WATER, AND LEAD DISTURBANCE PERMIT (INFORMATION ONLY)

EXHIBIT F – MAP OF AREA (INFORMATION ONLY)

- 2. LATE RFQ SUBMISSIONS:** RFQ submissions received after the due date and time will not be accepted. WCSD reserves the right to reject any RFQ submission that is not in compliance with all prescribed public procedures and requirements and to reject for good cause any or all RFQ submissions upon finding that it is in WCSD's best interest to do so. If the late RFQ submission arrives via carrier, the Vendor will be given an option on how to have it returned, as rejected, at the Vendor's own cost.
- 3. CONTRACT TERM:** The Vendor will receive a WCSD Purchase Order (PO) and the Terms, Conditions, and Specifications are hereby incorporated herein by reference (Contract). The Initial Term of the Contract is for 1 year from the date of award with four (4) additional 1 year renewals, providing the Terms, Conditions, and Specifications of the awarded contract remain unchanged. WCSD reserves the right to terminate this Contract in whole or in part upon providing the Vendor at least thirty (30) days written notice.
- 4. PRICE ADJUSTMENT AND COST ESCALATION:** Prices shall remain firm and fixed for the first six (6) months of the Initial Term. Thereafter, WCSD may consider a request for a price increase or decrease. A price adjustment may also be requested: (i) at the time a renewal is requested, or (ii) after the first six (6) months of any active Renewal Term. All requests must be submitted in writing with sufficient documentation supporting the proposed adjustment (e.g., changes in an objective, third-party benchmark like the Consumer Price Index) and are subject to the WCSD's review and mutual written agreement of both parties. Any such price increase or decrease will be based on the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics online at: www.bls.gov/cpi. Only the percentage change, whether it is an increase or decrease, between the then-current price and the CPI change for the applicable time period will be granted.

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5. **QUANTITIES:** WCSD anticipates procuring the quantities listed on the **EXHIBIT C**; however, WCSD's requirements may change before issuing a PO, and WCSD reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities at its discretion.
6. **PCARD ACCEPTANCE, INVOICING, AND PAYMENT:** The awarded Vendor(s) must allow for WCSD Procurement Card (PCard) purchases/orders/transactions and must issue a separate invoice for each order processed. Invoices are to be issued when the orders have been delivered and received by WCSD, not upon receipt of the order or before. WCSD's payment terms are NET 30 after receipt of the order by WCSD. WCSD reserves the right to not pre-pay for product(s). WCSD is tax-exempt and does not pay state/local taxes, interest, or late fees.
7. **PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS:** If applicable to providing the requested SERVICES includes certain products, product specifications listed on **EXHIBIT C** may reflect items of known quality and are acceptable to WCSD. If the item's specification indicates "SUBSTITUTES" or "AS EQUAL," the Vendor may offer an item other than what has been specified if the item offered is equal in general style, type, quality, workmanship, the economy of operation, performance, characteristics, and suitability for the purpose intended. The Vendor must identify the name brand offered, provide descriptive literature, and be prepared to provide if requested for evaluation purposes. Failure to provide adequate descriptive literature may be a reason for WCSD to declare the Vendor as "Non-Responsive" and that specific item or the submission in its entirety not considered for award evaluation. If there is any doubt by WCSD as to the general style, type, quality, workmanship, the economy of operation, performance, characteristics, and suitability for the purpose intended, the non-specified product may be rejected in favor of another offer to provide the product specified.
8. **SHIPPING, DELIVERY, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:** If applicable to providing the requested SERVICES includes certain products, the price quoted for each line item shall include all shipping and handling charges to the F.O.B. Destination listed on the PO. POs issued are for prompt or immediate shipment of the products contained thereon. Unless otherwise specified, delivery will be made not later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the order (ARO). WCSD reserves the right to cancel any order without fees or legal ramifications if not filled within the required time. The PO number must appear on all invoices, packing lists, packages, shipping notices, and correspondence. All shipments of hazardous material must be accompanied by Safety Data Sheets (SDS). WCSD reserves the right to cancel any order without fees or legal ramifications if not filled within the required time. Failure for awarded Vendor(s) to deliver within the time specified may be grounds for considering the Vendor(s) as "Non-Responsive" and/or "Non-Responsible." In addition, WCSD reserves the right to terminate the Contract with any awarded Vendor(s) and reject future RFQ submissions for a period of up to twelve (12) months on the basis that the Vendor(s) is deemed to be "Non-Responsive" and/or "Non-Responsible."
9. **INSTALLATION/SET-UP (NON-PENETRATION):** If the specifications of any line item on **EXHIBIT C** state "to be installed at site (non-penetration)" or "set in position (non-penetration)," it is WCSD's intent that the quoted price will cover all costs thereof. The Vendor must furnish all equipment, materials, and labor to complete the installation/set-up as the manufacturer specified for the proper use of such item and in a manner satisfactory to WCSD. Vendor shall comply strictly with the specifications and recommendations of that manufacturer as to the installation/set-up and/or application of that particular item. Vendor shall leave the work area clean and free of all discarded packaging and any debris created by the installation/set-up and shall make good, to the satisfaction of WCSD.
10. **AWARD CONSIDERATION:** WCSD reserves the right to award this RFQ in whole or in part, by item, group of items, or by a section where such action would serve WCSD's best interest. RFQs identified exclusively based on "ALL OR NOTHING" will be excluded from this provision. In the event of a tie, the low quote shall be determined by extending prices out to the third decimal. If a tie still exists, the award shall be determined by lottery.
11. **BASIS OF AWARD:** It is the intent of WCSD to award this solicitation (contract) on an ALL OR NOTHING to one (1) Vendor deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible Vendor whose submission(s) meet all terms, conditions, and specifications of this solicitation.
 - Except for solicitation awards made on the basis of "ALL OR NOTHING", WCSD reserves the right to award in whole or in part, by item, group of items, or by section where such action would serve WCSD's best interest.

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12. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE LIABILITY: The awarded Vendor(s) shall not provide any services and products (if required) under this RFQ until satisfactory proof of all required insurance certificates and supporting documentation has been approved by WCSD's Purchasing Department. All documentation must be submitted to the Purchasing Department via email or by US Mail to:

purchasing@washoeschools.net
Washoe County School District
Purchasing Department
14101 Old Virginia Road, Room 0
Reno, Nevada 89521

13. REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE AND VERIFICATION: The awarded Vendor shall, at the awarded Vendor's sole expense, procure, maintain, and keep in force for the duration of the Contract insurance conforming to the minimum limits as specified in this RFQ. The awarded Vendor shall provide to WCSD a Certificate of Insurance (COI) Form with Additional Insured Endorsement(s) affecting the coverage required. The Authorized Insurer(s) of the awarded Vendor and/or subsequent insurance company(s) issuing the policy(s) shall have no recourse against WCSD for payment of any premiums, costs, or assessments under any form of policy. The awarded Vendor's Authorized Insurer(s) shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against WCSD. The required insurance shall be in effect before any services rendered and/or products procured from the awarded Vendor by WCSD and shall continue in force as appropriate based on the then-current Contract term. The "ACORD 25 Certificate of Insurance Form" or a substantially similar form must be submitted by the awarded Vendor to WCSD to prove the insurance policies and coverages required.

The COI must be signed by a person authorized to bind coverage on the behalf of the awarded Vendor. The COI must name WCSD as the "CERTIFICATE HOLDER" as follows:

*Washoe County School District
Attn: Purchasing Department
425 E. Ninth Street
Reno, Nevada 89512-0106*

To substantiate the requirement of WCSD to be named as an "ADDITIONAL INSURED," the COI's "Description of Operations/Locations/Vehicles" section shall state the following:

WCSD, its officers, employees, and volunteers are to be named as an "Additional Insured" on the awarded Vendor's general liability. The coverages shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to WCSD, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers.

The awarded Vendor shall also provide Additional Insured Endorsement documentation affecting the coverage required. The COI shall state that if any of the described policies are canceled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered following the policy provisions. Furthermore, each insurance policy shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or non-renewed by either the awarded Vendor or the authorized Insurer without a replacement COI being provided to WCSD during the life of the Contract. Upon renewal of the policies listed, awarded Vendor, or authorized Insurer(s) shall furnish WCSD with replacement certificates.

The awarded Vendor's insurance coverage shall be the primary insurance. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by WCSD, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers shall be more than the awarded Vendor's insurance and shall not contribute to it in any way. Any failure of the awarded Vendor to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to WCSD, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers.

14. INSURANCE LIMITS:

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

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During any term of this Contract, the awarded Vendor shall maintain comprehensive General Liability Insurance with the following coverages through an insurance carrier(s) licensed to do business in the State of Nevada and having a current A.M. Best rating of A-:VII or better and approved by WCSD: (A) Premises-Operations; (B) Independent Contractor's Protection; (C) Products and Completed Operations; (D) Broad Form Property Damage; (E) Personal Injury (with Employee Exclusion deleted); (F) Blanket Contractual Liability; and (G) Property Damage Liability. Limits shall be equal to the amount carried by the successful Vendor and shall not be less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence combined with single limits with no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate.

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

During any term of this Contract, the awarded Vendor shall maintain comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance to include all owned autos, non-owned autos, and hired autos coverage through an insurance carrier(s) licensed to do business in the State of Nevada and having current A.M. Best rating of A-: VII or better and approved by WCSD. Limits shall be equal to the amount carried by the awarded Vendor and shall not be less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

During any term of this Contract, the awarded Vendor shall have Workers' Compensation coverage as required by law for the duration of the Contract to include Employer's Liability Coverage (noted at Statutory Limits) with a minimum limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

If applicable to the Contract, during the term of this Contract, the awarded Vendor shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance (Errors and Omissions) with minimum limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. The insurance required above may be proved under primary policies or by a combination of primary and excess policies. Professional Liability is not covered under additional Umbrella Liability coverage.

15. PRODUCT INFORMATION AND SAFETY DATA SHEETS: If applicable to providing the requested SERVICES includes certain products, Vendors must identify the brand/manufacturer of the product being quoted and a model/stock number (if applicable) even if the item being quoted is "AS SPECIFIED". Failure to do so may result in rendering that quoted item "NOT AS SPECIFIED" (NAS). All RFQ submissions must have complete specifications, including the brand/manufacturer, and model/stock number (if applicable) if quoting a "SUBSTITUTE" or "AS EQUAL". Failure to submit complete specifications may be cause for rejection of the entire RFQ submission or rejection of the quoted item(s). All Vendors quoting on hazardous materials must submit a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) on each related item. If applicable to this RFQ, when submitting SDS sheets, Vendors should identify each one with WCSD's seven-digit stock number that is identified on **EXHIBIT C** (Example: WCSD #571/2450).

16. USAGE REPORT: When requested by WCSD, the awarded Vendor(s) will be responsible for compiling usage reports for any time period covered under this contract including, but not limited to product/service name, description, quantities ordered, invoice number, and invoiced pricing. Usage reports are to be received within seventy-two (72) hours of request and sent via email to purchasing@washoeschools.net noting in the email "Subject" line the following: **USAGE REPORT FOR RFQ #71-QF-11-26-SA**

17. Vendors are to provide information regarding any relevant manufacturer's warranty for any product(s) being quoted. If the cost of a warranty is separate from the total quoted item price, Vendors must provide the pricing of the warranty on **EXHIBIT C**, if applicable. Vendors are responsible for providing details about the manufacturer's warranty with the quote submission. This should include the commencement and duration of the warranty, what parts and repairs are covered under the warranty, and the process for filing a claim under the warranty.

18. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION: Washoe County School District (WCSD) is soliciting proposals for the lease of two (2) strands of dark single-mode fiber connecting the WCSD Administration Building Data Center to an existing Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) fiber vault. This fiber path will enable interconnection between WCSD and NSHE network resources. This project will be completed in support of receiving Category

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1 E-Rate funding. Per E-rate rules, the District is open to receiving leased lit fiber bids and will evaluate them as well.

18.1. Project Route and Endpoints:

A-Point (WCSD Endpoint):
WCSD Administration Building
425 East 9th Street
Reno, NV 89512
Data Center Entrance Facility

Z-Point (Vault/NSHE Endpoint):
NSHE fiber vault located at the corner of East 9th Street and Valley Road, Reno, NV.

The approximate route distance is 1,000 feet. Vendors may propose the optimal construction path, subject to WCSD approval, if applicable.

18.2. Required Work and Deliverables: The selected contractor shall provide a complete, turnkey fiber installation that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Fiber Installation:

- Install two (2) strands of dark single-mode fiber from the WCSD A-point to the NSHE Z-point vault.
- Fiber must be suitable for long-haul, single-mode applications (OS2 or equivalent).

18.3. Pathway and Infrastructure:

- Provide all required conduit, handholes, vaults, pull boxes, or intermediate infrastructure necessary for a complete installation.
- Ensure all infrastructure complies with applicable codes and authority requirements.

18.4. Splicing and Termination:

- Splice and terminate the fiber at both endpoints.
- Use industry-standard LC or SC connectors (alternatives may be proposed with justification).
- Provide fiber slack loops per industry best practices at both A-point and Z-point.

18.5. Testing and Documentation:

- Perform OTDR and power-meter testing across all strands.
- Provide WCSD with full electronic test results.
- Provide accurate as-built documentation showing route, depths, materials, splice points, and handhole/vault locations.

18.6. Contractor Requirements:

- Must comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and utility construction requirements.
- Must coordinate with WCSD and NSHE for access, scheduling, and endpoint integration.
- Must obtain all required permits prior to construction.
- Must restore disturbed surfaces (asphalt, concrete, landscaping) to original or better condition.
- All construction, materials, permitting, labor, and restoration costs shall be borne entirely by the proposing vendor.

18.7. Fiber Lease Requirements: WCSD seeks to lease the completed fiber facilities under the following terms:

- Initial Term: One (1) year fiber lease.
- Optional Renewal Terms: Up to four (4) additional one-year renewal periods, exercised at WCSD's sole discretion.

Vendors must provide:

- Annual lease cost for the initial term.

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- Annual cost for each optional renewal year.
- Any recurring fees or maintenance charges.

The leased facilities must remain fully maintained, operational, and meet industry performance standards for the duration of the lease.

18.8. Warranty:

- Provide a minimum one-year workmanship warranty covering fiber, splicing, and installation workmanship.
- Provide applicable manufacturer warranties for supplied components.

18.9. Proposal Requirements: Vendor proposals should include:

- Construction plan and route description.
- Complete materials list.
- Project timeline from notice-to-proceed to completion.
- Itemized construction costs and full lease pricing.
- Any optional services or value-added offerings.

19. E-RATE REQUIREMENTS

19.1. USF Knowledge: Proposer shall have a working knowledge of the E-Rate program (formally known as the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism).

19.2. USF Registration: Proposer shall include with its proposal a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and a valid Federal Communications Commission Registration Number (FCCRN).

19.3. USF Participation: Proposer shall agree to participate in the E-Rate program and cooperate in all respects with WCSD, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and any agents acting on its behalf, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure WCSD receives all E-Rate funding for which it has applied and to which it is entitled pertaining to the Proposer's products and/or services.

19.4. USF Documentation: Proposer shall provide to WCSD staff and/or E-Rate consultant within a reasonable amount of time, all documentation and information that the Proposer has or that Proposer can reasonable acquire that WCSD may need to prepare its E-Rate applications, respond to inquiries from the USAC or FCC, and to document transactions eligible for E-Rate support.

19.5. USF Audit and Document Retention Requirement: Proposer shall maintain all quotes, RFPs, correspondence, records, delivery information, bills, invoices, memoranda and other information and data pertaining to Proposer's services to WCSD. All such records shall be retained for ten (10) years after the last day WCSD receives services, including services provided during any renewal period, are provided related to this RFP. Such information and data shall be subject to audit and inspection by WCSD.

19.6. Proposer shall include in all Sub-Proposer/Subcontractor agreements for services, provisions requiring Sub-Proposers/Subcontractors to maintain the same records and allowing WCSD the same right to audit/inspect those records.



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