#### **Form 470**

A competitive bidding process is a formal process to identify and request the products and services you need so that potential service providers can review those requests and submit bids for them. To open the process, applicants must post a Form 470 to the USAC website within the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) Portal.

The entity that will run the competitive bidding process - which may be you, a state procurement agency, or another entity that you have authorized to negotiate on your behalf with a Letter of Agency (LOA) - certifies an FCC Form 470 (Description of Services Requested and Certification) in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) and must be prepared to receive and evaluate bids and negotiate with service providers. Vendor bids are not submitted to USAC or through a central portal.

#### Filing the Form 470

The Form 470 for the upcoming funding year is generally available on the USAC website by July 1 of the preceding year. For example, for FY 2026 (the service period begins July 1, 2026), the Form 470 became available on the USAC website for filing on or after July 1, 2025. Applicants that are seeking month-to-month services must use the Form 470 for the upcoming funding year and may not file prior to July 1. However, for applicants that have large procurements and intend to sign contracts for those services, Form 470s may be filed at any time.

After the Form 470 is certified, USAC will issue a Form 470 Receipt Notification Letter (RNL) in the entity's EPC News feed. Applicants can edit some fields in a certified FCC Form 470. Allowable changes include:

- Editing an application name
- Changing the main contact person and/or technical contact person
- Making minor, non-substantive updates to an RFP

Applicants must wait at least 28 days from the date the FCC Form 470 is certified before closing the competitive bidding process. Changes to the FCC Form 470 beyond the allowable changes require applicants to re-post a new Form 470, or in the case of an RFP being issued with a Form 470, to extend the bidding period by 28 days from making the changes and posting an addendum in the Form 470 portal.

If a consultant is assisting you with the application process, you must go to your organization profile in EPC, add your consultant in the Manage Your Organization Relationships area of your EPC account, and identify your consultant on your Form 470.

Requests for Proposal (Please refer to Tab 8 of this Manual for more detailed information)

The entity filing a Form 470 may issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) in addition to the Form 470. In general, an RFP is a formal bidding document that describes the project and requested services in sufficient detail so that potential bidders understand the scope, location, and any other requirements. However, USAC uses "RFP" or "RFP document" generically to refer to any bidding document that

describes your project and requested services in more detail than in the fields provided on the Form 470.

E-Rate Program rules do not require applicants to issue an RFP. Generally, you are not required to issue an RFP unless your state or local procurement rules or regulations require you to do so. However, if you have issued or will issue an RFP, you must upload that document in EPC. Do not upload a document that simply contains a link to the RFP.

There are additional competitive bidding requirements for leased dark fiber and for self-provisioned networks. The eligible service options are represented on the FCC Form 470 by various drop-down options. The FCC Form 470 Category One Services Drop-Down Menu Reference Table provides additional guidance about how to select the correct drop-down option and when an RFP is required.

Please note that an RFP is required in EPC if you are requesting the options for:

- "Leased Dark Fiber and Leased Lit Fiber"
- "Self-Provisioned Network and Services Provided Over Third Party Networks"
- "Network Equipment"
- "Maintenance & Operations"
- "Cellular Data Plan/Air Card Service"
- "Other"

If you issue RFP documents after your Form 470 is certified, you are required to upload them to your form using the Add an RFP Document feature in the Related Actions menu on your form in EPC. You must also extend the 28 day waiting period from the date that you uploaded the RFP document in EPC.

#### **Exemptions from Filing a Form 470**

Commercially available business class Internet access services are exempt from the FCC Form 470 posting requirement if they cost \$3,600 (prediscount) or less annually per entity (school or library), including any one-time costs such as installation; provide bandwidth speeds of at least 100 Mbps downstream and 10 Mbps upstream; and provide basic conduit access to the Internet at those required minimum speeds. This exemption applies even if the service is purchased on a non-contract month-to-month basis.

This exemption is intended to assist the smallest applicants with making the E-Rate application process easier. These requirements are per building and cannot be averaged over several buildings.

**Libraries with annual Category 2 purchases of \$3,600.00 or less (prediscount)** also are exempt from having to post a FCC Form 470. This amount is per library and cannot be averaged across multiple libraries.



## Form 470 Filing Guide E-Rate Funding Year 2026

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

South Dakota Applicants

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South Dakota State E-Rate Coordinator
for the South Dakota Department of Education
October 2025



## Agenda

- Changes for FY 2026
- Bidding Requirements and Exemptions
- Category 1 Service Requests
  - Internet
  - Broadband Circuit (WAN circuit)
- Category 2 Service Requests
  - Internal Connections
  - Managed Internal Broadband Service
  - Basic Maintenance



## **Changes to Form 470**

#### Changes Beginning in FY 2025

- Drop down menu options in C1 for:
  - School Bus Wi-Fi
  - Of Campus Hot Spots
  - Do not use these drop down options because the FCC rescinded eligibility of school bus Wi-Fi and off campus hotspots
- RFP new functionality can upload initial RFP document after certifying Form 470
  - System question: is this a "substantial change" to the original Form 470/RFP?
    - Answer yes system recalculates the 28-day waiting period and Allowable Contract Date
    - Recommend always say "yes" and restart the 28-day waiting period
  - Ability to cancel Forms 470 and view canceled forms
    - Form 470 can be cancelled if the Form has not been cited on any Form 471 (incomplete or certified)

## Off-Campus Equipment and Service Form 470, p. 7 Rescinded from E-Rate Eligibility

- On 9/30/2025, FCC voted to rescind the eligibility of any off-campus hot spot equipment and service including hot spots and bus Wi-Fi.
- Addressing the Homework Gap through the E-Rate Program The Commission adopted an Order on Reconsideration that finds that section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, does not permit the funding of off-premises use of Wi-Fi hotspots and Internet services and makes them ineligible for E-Rate support. (WC Docket No. 21-31)
- Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries The Commission adopted a Declaratory Ruling that determined that Wi-Fi, or other similar access point technologies, including the equipment needed to provide such service, on school buses is ineligible for E-Rate funding. (WC Docket No. 13-184).



## **Bidding Exemptions**

### **Bidding Exemptions**

- Multi-year contract that was competitively bid using FCC Form 470 in a prior year
- Multi-year contract with voluntary extension term that was included in the original contract
- CABIO Commercially Available Business Internet Option
- Libraries' Category 2 purchases that total \$3,600 or less

#### **CABIO**

- Must meet all the following factors:
  - Commercially available: This means that it is publicly available to non-residential customers (such as enterprise, small business, or other government customers) in the same form and at the same rates that it is offered to schools or libraries.
    - Therefore, it may not be purchased through a master contract signed for just certain customers, even if the contract includes schools and libraries.
  - Low cost: This means that the total annual pre-discount cost for the service, including any one-time costs such as installation, does not exceed \$3,600 per year per school or library.
  - High-speed: This means that the service must provide bandwidth speeds of at least 100 Mbps downstream and 10 Mbps upstream and provide basic conduit access to the Internet at those required minimum speeds.
    - Note: the speeds listed above are advertised speeds and not necessarily actual speeds.

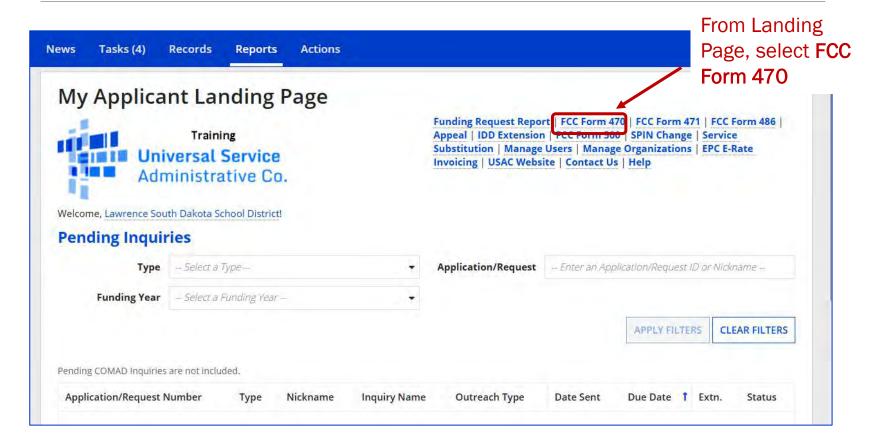
#### Low Cost, Category 2 for Libraries

- Beginning in FY 2024, a special bidding exemption is available only for libraries that meet all the following factors:
  - Purchase of C2 is \$3,600 or less in a single year
  - Exemption is specific to one library and cannot be averaged across multiple libraries in a library system
  - The exemption is for all C2 purchases in a single year
  - \$3,600.00 is the **prediscount amount** of the exemption

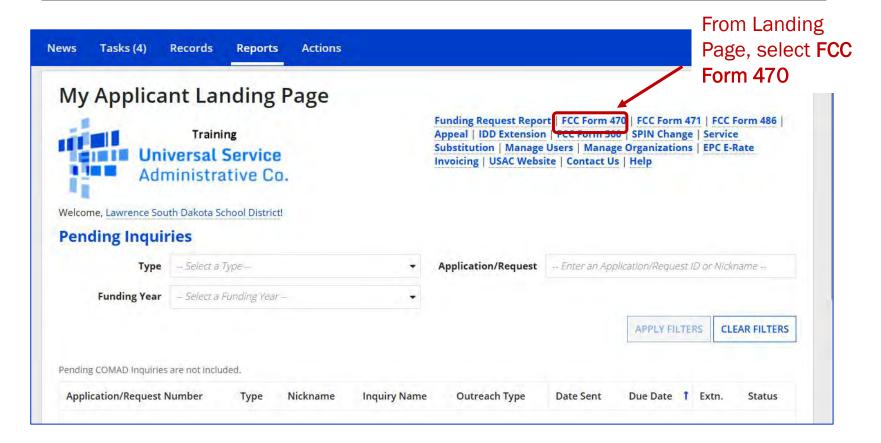


## C1 Form 470 Filing

## Starting Form 470



## Starting Form 470



#### **Application Nickname**

#### FCC Form 470 - Funding Year 2025

Lawrence South Dakota School District - Create your own nickname - this one is "FY 2025 Training 470" - Form #250000161

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**Basic Information** 

Service Requests

Technical Contact Information Procurement Information

Billed Entity Number: 120

FCC Registration Number: 1231231230

FCC Form 470 Review

Certifications & Signature

- > FCC Notice Required By The Paperwork Reduction Act (OMB Control Number: 3060-0806)
- **Billed Entity Information**

Lawrence South Dakota School District

100 Main Street

Lead, SD 57754

555-555-1231

school.district7.user1@mailinator.com

#### **Application Nickname**

Please enter an application nickname here \*

Create your own nickname - this one is "FY 2025 Training 470"

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#### **Contact Person**



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**Basic Information** 

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Certifications & Signature

Next, you will identify the individuals assisting in seeking E-rate support.

#### **Consultant Information**

There are currently no consulting firms associated with your organization. If this is in error, please update your organization profile.

#### **Contact Information**

Are you the main contact person?



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Usually this is the person who is drafting the 470.

School District 7 User 1

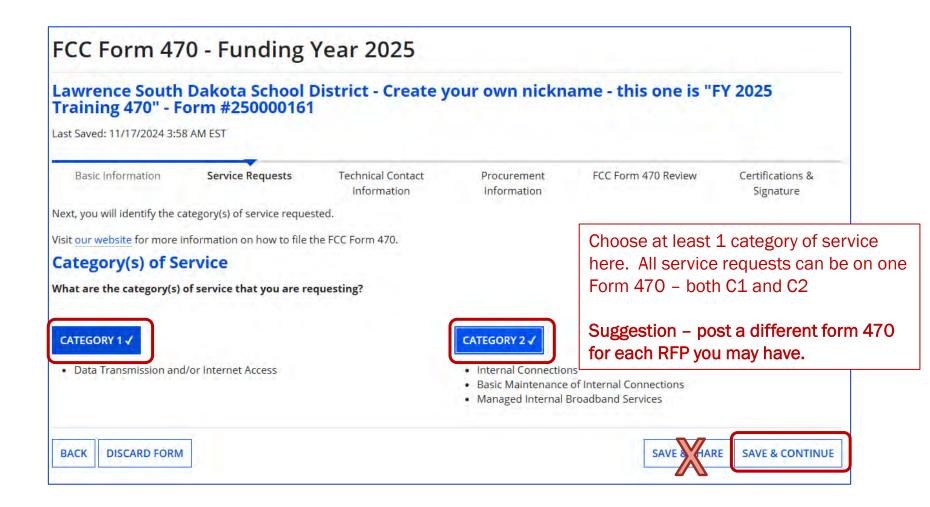
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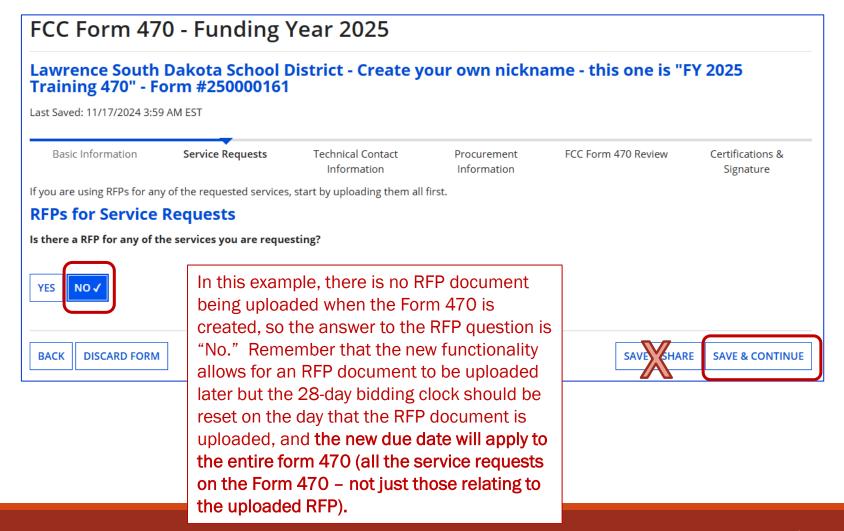


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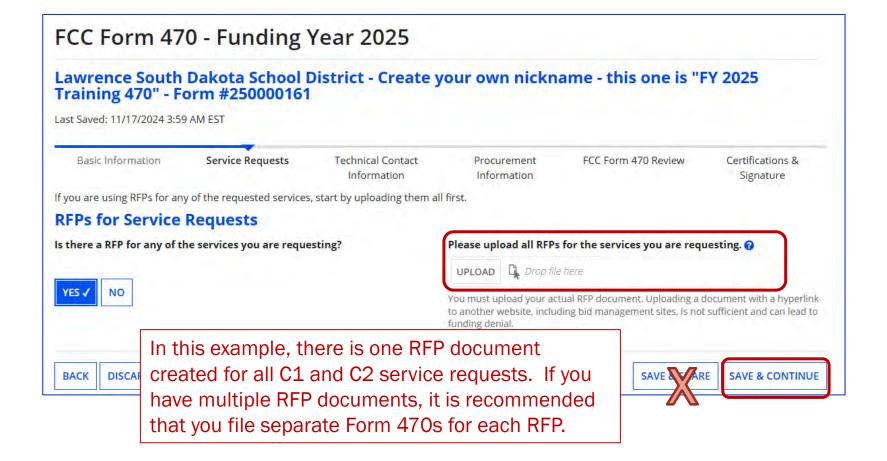
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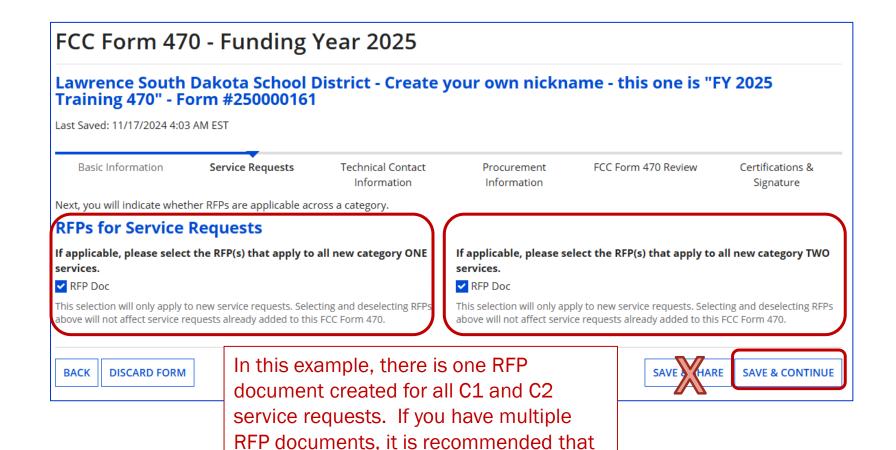
### RFP Upload?



### **Upload RFP**



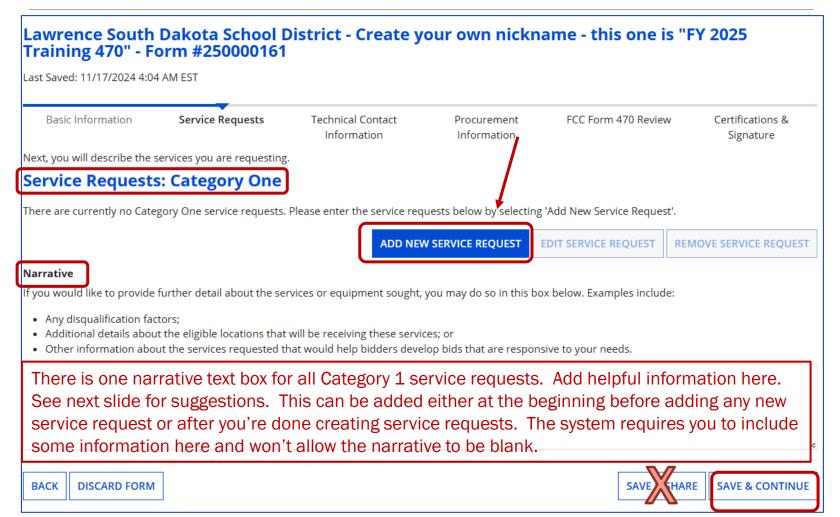
#### Associate RFPs with Service Requests



you file separate Form 470s for each RFP.

# Form 470 Category 1 Internet Service Request

#### Add New Service Request - Category 1



#### Internet Service Narrative Description Example

We request bids for internet service at <a href="Iname of school or building">Iname of school or building</a>] located at <a href="Iaddress of building">[address of building</a>]. The service is needed for approximately <a href="###">###</a> students and staff. We request bids for one year and multi-year terms. Bids are required to be emailed to <a href="Iname of person and email address">[name of person and email address</a>] and to be received by 9 am <a href="Icentral Time or Mountain Time">[Central Time or Mountain Time</a>] on or before the Allowable Contract Date for this Form 470, which is the 29th day from the certification date of this form (counting Day 1 as the date that the Form was certified). We reserve the right to reject late bids. Bidders are required to provide their SPIN and standard terms and conditions (such as an Order Form or contract). Questions are required to be emailed to <a href="#">[email address</a>]. Phone call questions will not be answered. SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

List other disqualification factors - for example -

Discounted billing must be offered

Vendor must have an office within ## miles of school or library location

#### Internet Service Choices

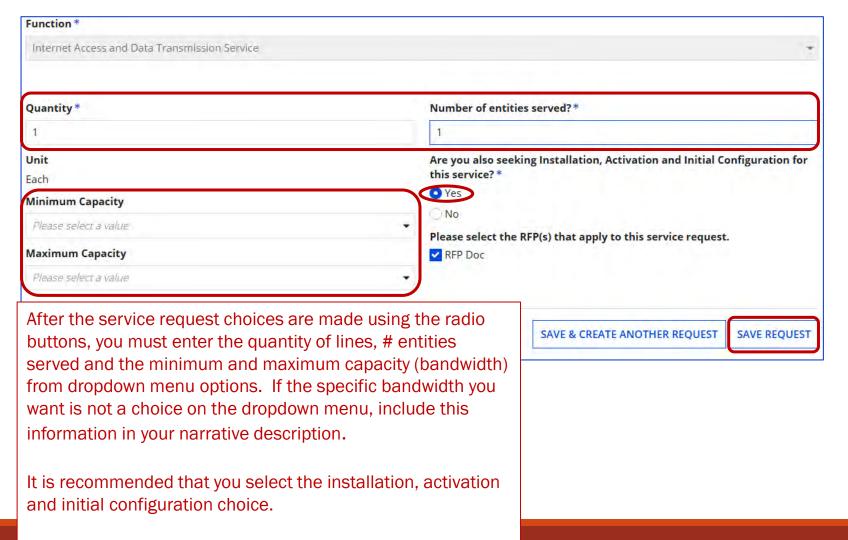
#### **Add New Service Request**

- I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service.
- I seek bids for Category One network equipment or maintenance and operations.
- I seek bids for Internet access and data transmission service (provided over any combination of transmission medium, e.g., fiber-only networks, fiber/non-fiber hybrid networks, or non-fiber networks such as cable, DSL, copper, satellite, microwave or wireless).
  - 🚽 seek bids for internet access without data transmission service and will arrange for separate data transmission service if required.
  - I seek bids to purchase data transmission service only (i.e., that does not include internet access service).
  - I seek to build my own network.
  - I seek bids for mobile service for use on school buses.
  - seek bids for wireless Internet services that can be delivered with a Wi-Fi hotspot for off-premises use.
- I seek bids for internet access and data transmission services, whether offered by one service provider(s) as a bundled package or offered by one or more service provider as independent services.
- I seek bids for data plans or wireless adapters (Air Cards) for mobile devices for commercial wireless service for a school or library that does not have an existing broadband internal connection (e.g., for use on a library bookmobile without a fixed connection).

The circled options are the most common choices for internet service such as a cable modem or bundled internet service option.

Do **NOT** select "bids for internet access without data transmission service..." This option is reserved for high-capacity purchases of internet where the applicant must buy a separate circuit to deliver the internet capacity to their building.

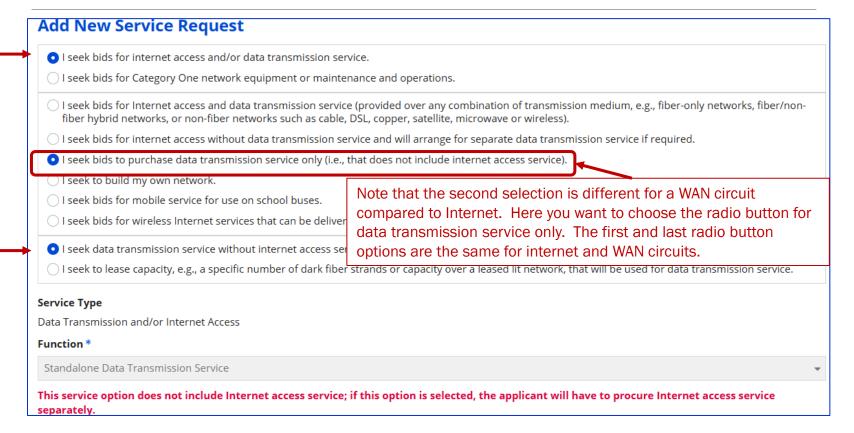
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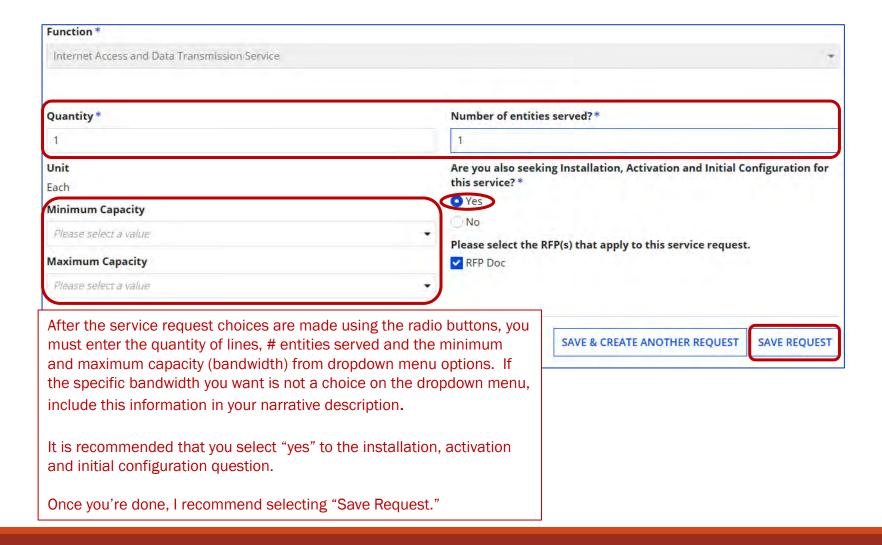


# Form 470 Category 1 WAN Circuit

#### WAN Service Request Choices

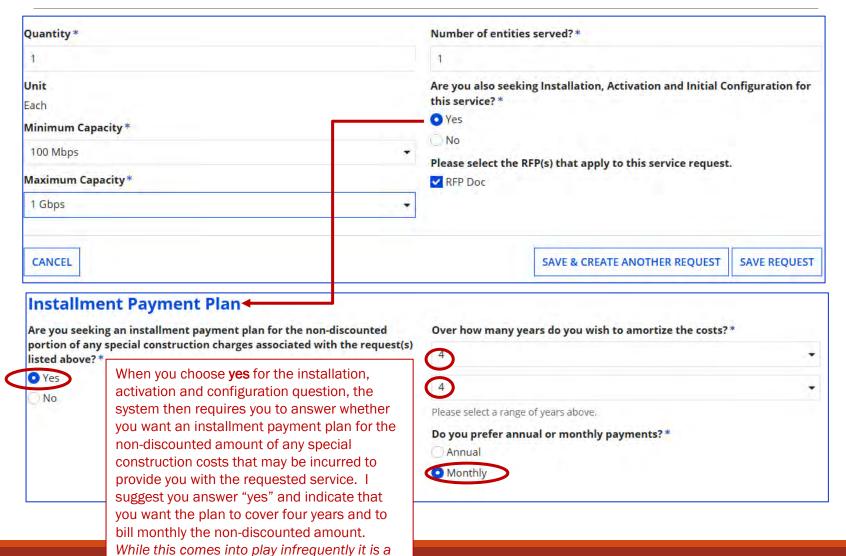


#### Details of Service Request



good option to reserve.

#### Special Construction Payment Option



#### WAN Service Narrative Description Example

We request bids for a broadband circuit to connect the [name of school or building] located at [address of building] to the [name of school or building] located at [address of building]. The service is needed for approximately ### students and staff. We request bids for one year and multi-year terms. Bids should be for the minimum speed (or as close to it as the vendor's commercially available offering) and up to the maximum speed.

Bids are required to be emailed to [name of person and email address] and to be received by 9 am [Central Time or Mountain Time] on or before the Allowable Contract Date for this Form 470, which is the 29th day from the certification date of this form (counting Day 1 as the date that the Form was certified). We reserve the right to reject late bids. Bidders are required to provide their SPIN and standard terms and conditions (such as an Order Form or contract). Questions are required to be emailed to [email address]. Phone call questions will not be answered. SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

List other disqualification factors – examples such as:

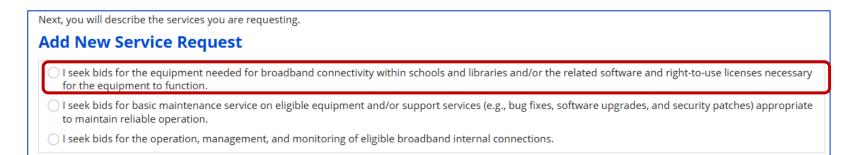
Discounted billing must be provided

Vendor must have an office within ## miles of school or library building location.



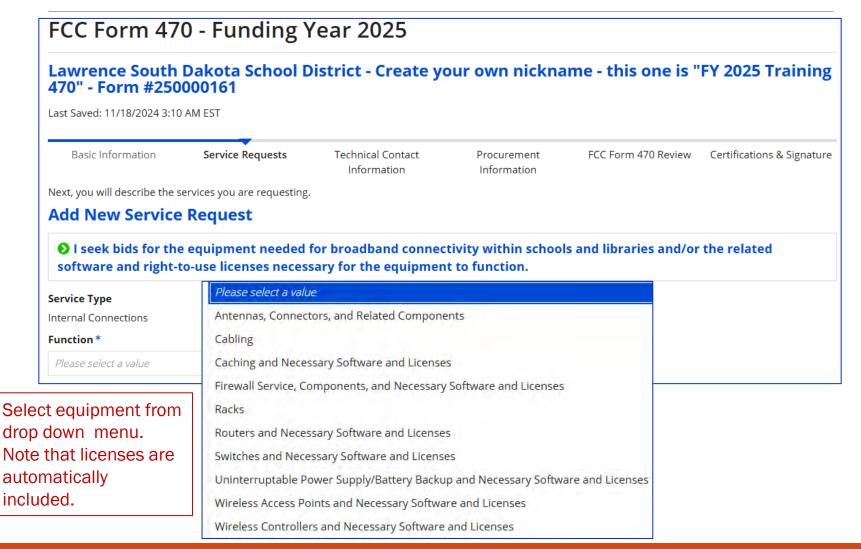
# Form 470 Category 2 Internal Connections Service Request

### **Subcategory Options**

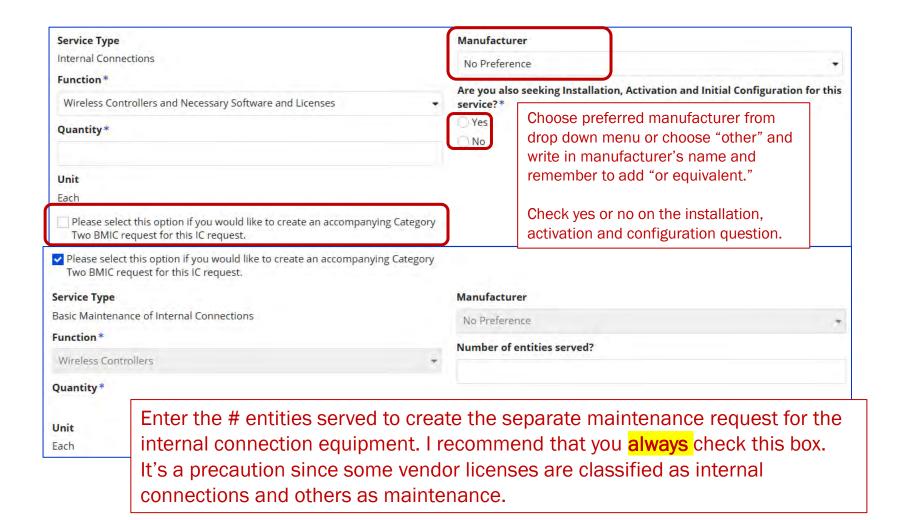


This is the internal connections equipment selection.

## Equipment "Service Request"



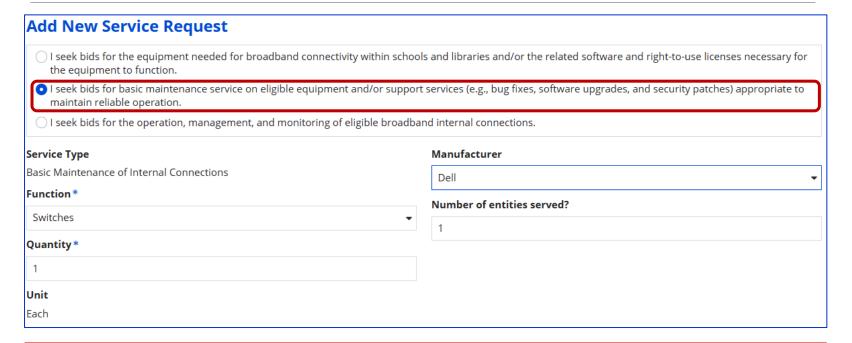
#### Check the Maintenance Box!



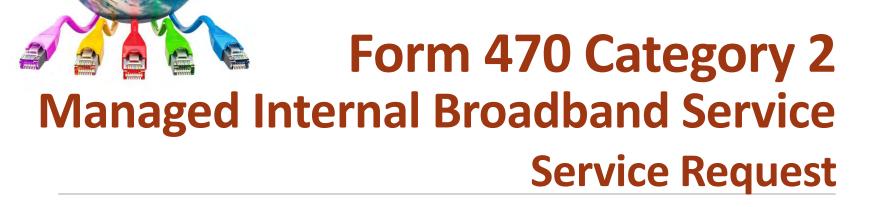


# Form 470 Category 2 Basic Maintenance Service Request

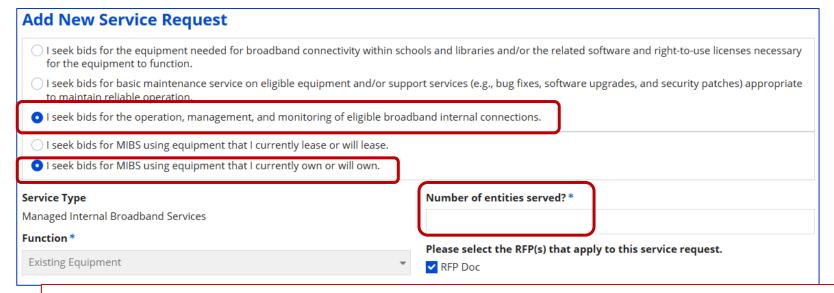
## Stand-Alone Maintenance Request



- Select this option if you want to purchase maintenance service for equipment you already own or plan to buy outside of the E-Rate process.
- Choose the function and manufacturer's preference from drop down menu choices.
- Enter the quantity of equipment associated with the maintenance request.



## MIBS Service Request

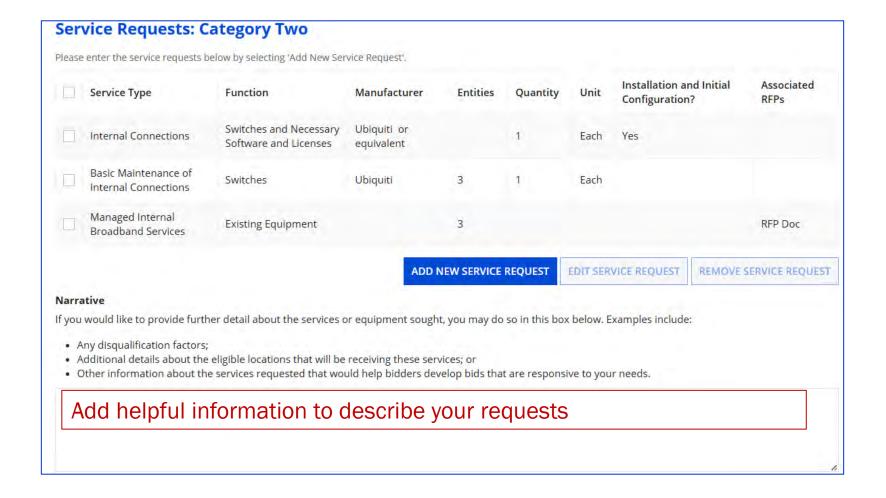


- If you have an RFP, associate it with this service request.
- I recommend creating an RFP to provide the list of equipment to be managed.
- Indicate whether you want to lease the equipment or will provide it on your own.
   Typically, you will procure the equipment on your own.
- Specify the number of schools or libraries associated with the service request



# Finishing Form 470 Category 2 Service Requests

## Category 2 Narrative



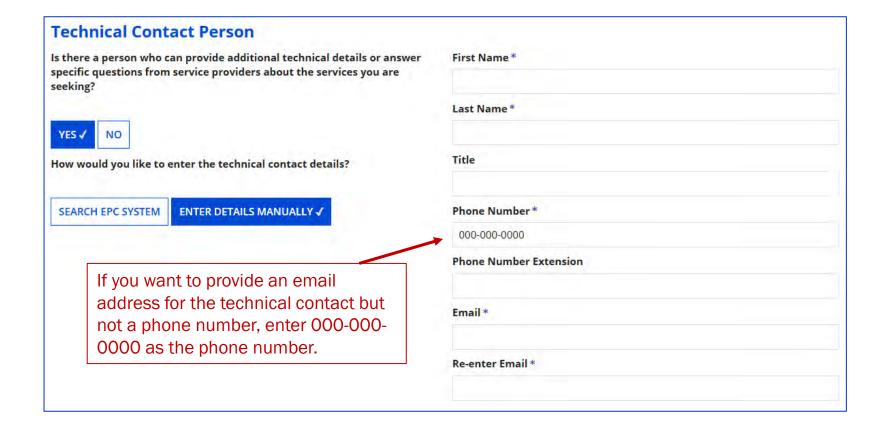
### Category 2 Narrative Suggestions - General

- Add disqualification factors
  - If installation is requested does vendor bidding equipment also have to include installation?
  - Do you need discounted billing as a requirement?
  - Deadline for bids Allowable contract date for the Form 470
  - Reserve the right to reject late bids
  - Specify whether installation must be included in equipment bids and equipment only bids will be disqualified
  - Explain whether maintenance request is for time/materials or for technical support/software updates
  - Include list of equipment to be maintained
- Specify how bids should be submitted? Email? To whom?
- Specify how vendors should ask questions? Email? To whom?
- If you have an RFP for one or more service requests, mention this in the narrative.



## Form 470 Finish

## **Technical Contact**



### State or Local Procurement Rules?

#### **State or Local Procurement Requirements**

Are there state or local procurement/competitive bidding requirements that apply to the procurement of services sought?



If applicable, provide a description of state or local procurement rules and/or restrictions on how or when service providers may contact you or on other bidding procedures.

Always select "YES" Use this space to provide instructions to bidders; for example --

- Questions should be submitted via [specify email, phone call etc.] to [email address or phone number].
- -- Bids must be submitted by Allowable Contract Date for this Form 470. Applicant reserves the right to reject late submitted bids.
- Vendor must agree to provide discounted bills
- -- Vendor must provide SPIN as part of bid

## Review Form 470

After completing the State or Local Requirements description, select **Review FCC**Form 470

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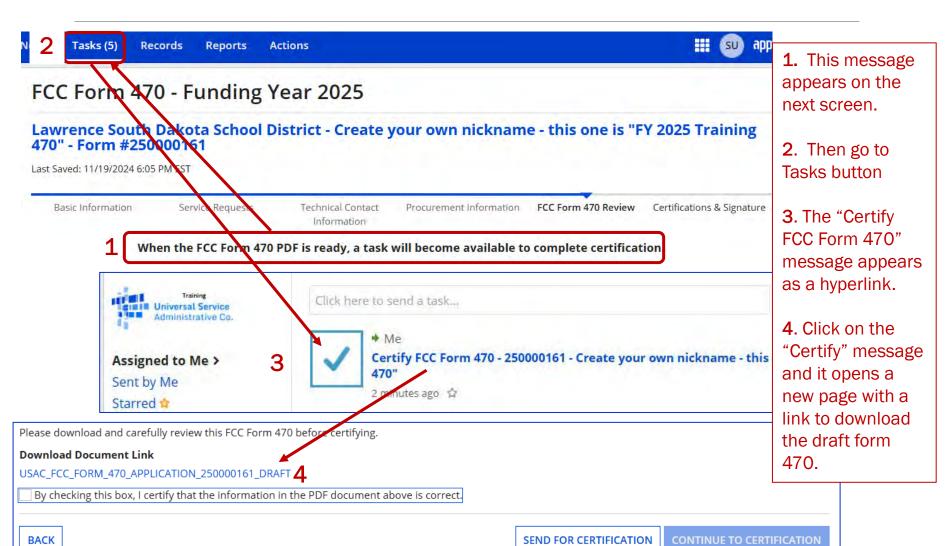
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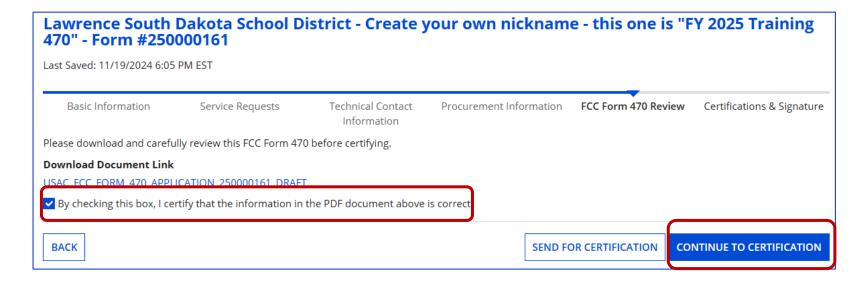




## Review Form 470



## Certify Form 470



Once you confirm that the draft form is accurate, then you can either "Send for Certification" to other full rights users in your EPC account or check the box that the form is ready for certification and select "Continue to Certification."

## Certify Form 470

#### **Applicant Certifications**

✓ I certify that the applicant includes schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7801 (18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.

#### Other Certifications

- ✓ I certify that this FCC Form 470 and any applicable RFP will be available for review by potential bidders for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted will be carefully considered and the bid selected will be for the most cost-effective service or equipment offering, with price being the primary factor, and will be the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology goals.
- ✓ I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification) after the later of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the form for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.
- ✓ I certify that I have reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that I have complied with them. I acknowledge that persons willfully making false statements on this form may be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
- I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.
- ✓ I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used primarily for educational purposes, see 47 C.F.R. § 54.500, and will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513. Additionally, I certify that the entity or entities listed on this form have not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment sought by means of this form, from the service provider, or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.
- ✓ I acknowledge that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) and/or library(ies) I represent securing access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that I have considered what financial resources should be available to cover these costs. I certify that I am authorized to procure eligible services for the eligible entity(ies). I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this form, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

## Certify Form 470

#### NOTICE

In accordance with Section 54.503 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, certain schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts must file this Description of Services Requested and Certification Form (FCC Form 470) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. Schools and libraries must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information requested in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether you have complied with the competitive bidding requirements applicable to requests for universal service discounts. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, rule or order, the information you provide in this form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information you provide.

in this form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, info response to subsequent inquiries, may also be subject to disclosure consistent with the Communications Act 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the information you provide in this form may also be Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or o provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC or Universal Service Administrator marequest for universal service discounts.

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click "Yes" below. To affirm that you (1) understand the

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statements above and (2) represent the entity featured, and have

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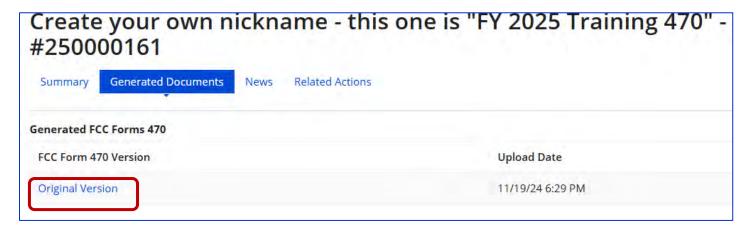
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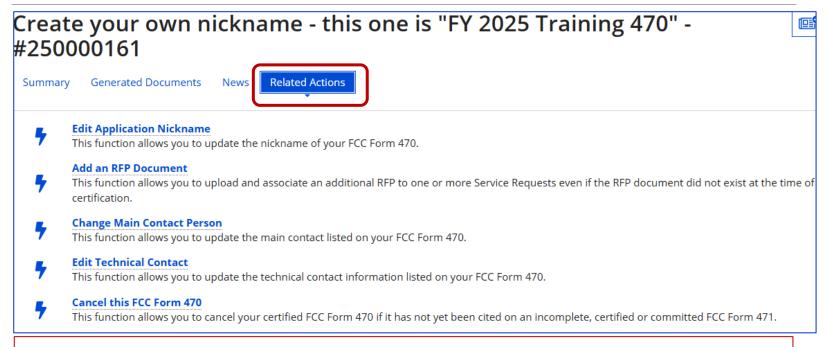
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# Category 2 Bidding Exemption for Libraries FY 2026



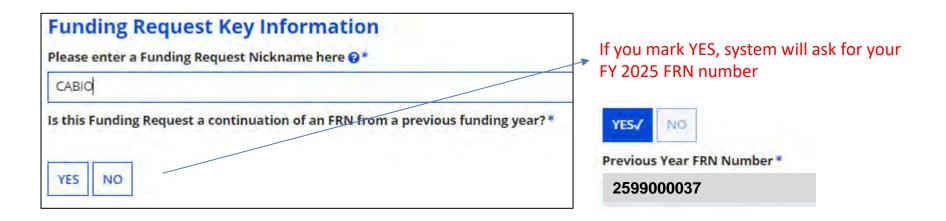
## **CABIO Internet Bidding Exemption**

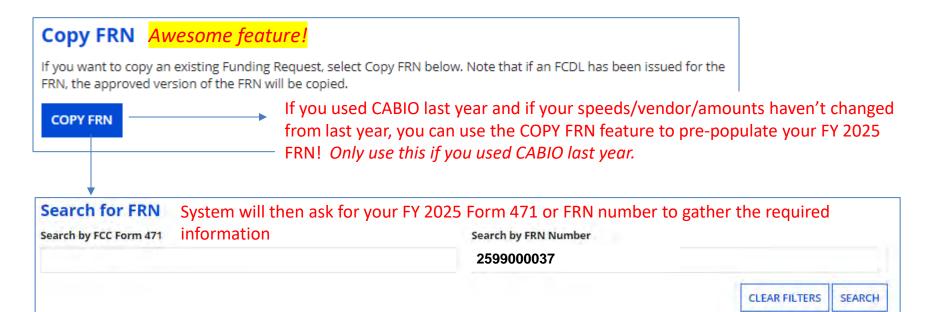
#### **Commercially Available Bundled Internet Option**

- Schools and libraries seeking "Commercially-Available Business Class Internet Services" are not required to file a Form 470
- **Commercially Available** means that it is publicly available to non-residential customers (such as enterprise, small business, or other government customers) in the same form and at the same rates that it is offered to schools or libraries
  - In layman's terms, this means an internet service that is available on a vendor's website for its business customers.
  - Typically, only Cable-Modem, DSL, or a shared Internet Service
- Minimum speeds must be 100 Mbps downstream and 10 Mbps upstream per building
- Prediscount annual cost must be \$3,600 or less per building
  - Cost must be per-building and cannot be averaged across multiple buildings
  - \$3,600 includes any installation costs, equipment rental, taxes and fees

The CABIO option is geared toward small libraries and small schools not on the State Network and that are using cable modem-type services

## Form 471 Answers for CABIO





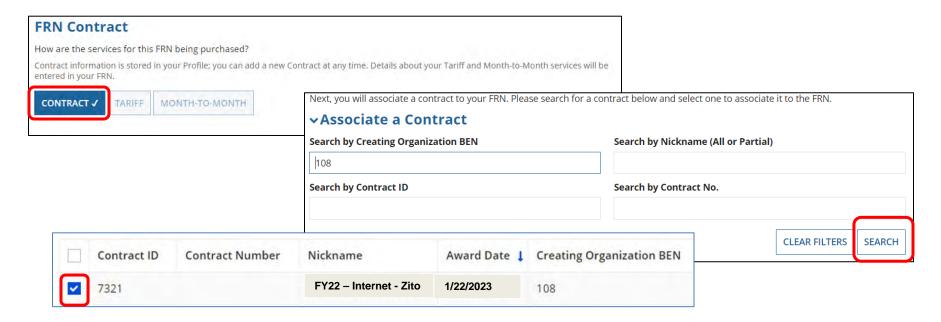
## CABIO, MTM Services

- MTM Services: Applicants can elect to purchase CABIO services on a month-tomonth basis and not sign a contract
  - Proceed directly to the Form 471



## CABIO, Contracted Services

- Contracted Services: Applicants using CABIO may sign multi-year or one-year vendor contracts, but they're not required
  - If a new contract is signed, the applicant should first create a Contract Record in EPC,
     then proceed to the Form 471 and follow these steps on the Form 471 to link the FRN to the Contract Record:



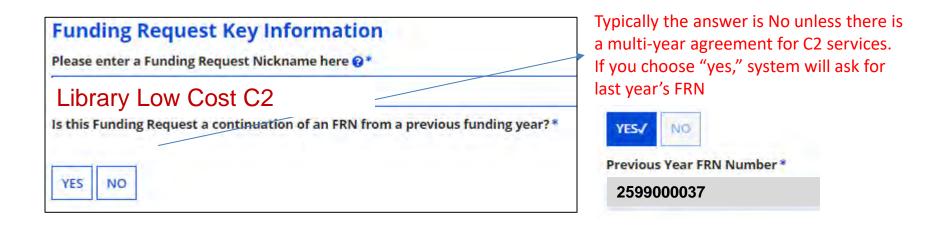
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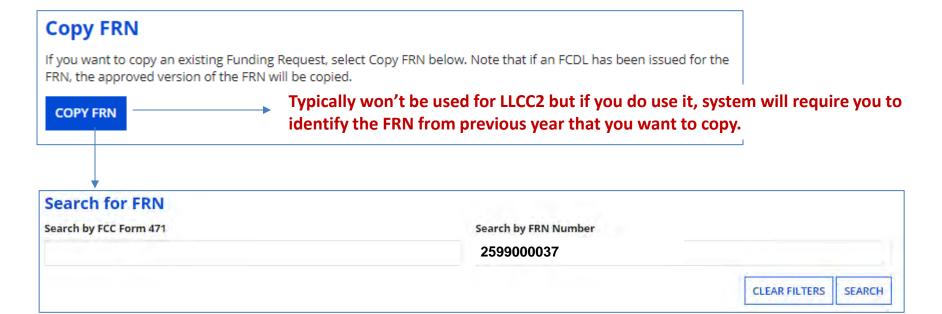


## Libraries Low Cost C2 Bidding Exemption (LLCC2)

- Beginning in FY 2024, libraries that apply for C2 funding that totals a pre-discounted amount of \$3,600 or less per library in a single funding year are exempt from posting FCC Form 470.
  - "LLCC2" exemption
  - Costs must be based on actual costs of equipment and services
  - Costs may not be averaged across multiple libraries

## Form 471 Answers for LLCC2



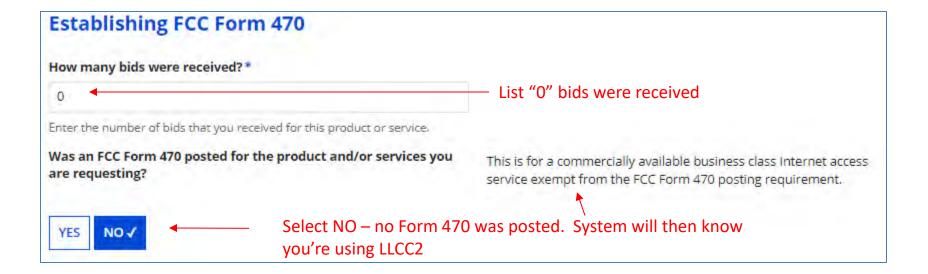


## **LLCC2 Contracted Services**

- Contracted Services: Applicants are required to sign an agreement for all C2 purchases.
  - If a new contract is signed, the applicant should first create a Contract Record in EPC,
     then proceed to the Form 471 and follow these steps on the Form 471 to link the FRN to the Contract Record:

FRN Contract						
How are the services for this FRN being purchased?						
Contract information is stored in your Profile; you can add a new Coentered in your FRN.	ontract at any time. Details about yo	our Tariff and Month-to-M	onth services will be	4		
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## More Form 471 Answers



#### E-Rate RFP & Form 470 Narrative Guide

A Request for Proposal (RFP) is a bidding document that describes the project and requested services/equipment in sufficient detail so that potential bidders understand the scope, location, and any other requirements. USAC uses the term 'RFP' or 'RFP document' generically to refer to any bidding document that describes a project and requested services/equipment in more detail than in the fields provided on FCC Form 470. Applicants should consider *any* supplemental document, including Q & As, to be an RFP document, and therefore must follow the E-Rate rules applicable to RFPs.



#### When are RFPs Required?

In general, RFPs are generally *helpful but not mandatory* for E-Rate eligible services and equipment to be able to provide additional information that vendors may find helpful to prepare their bids, in addition to the information that is required to be provided on FCC Form 470. Because E-Rate rules require a fair and open competitive bidding process, the issuance of an RFP and establishment of a systematic way to field and respond to all vendor inquiries -- so that vendors have access to the same information -- can greatly assist applicants in documenting compliance with E-Rate bidding rules. E-Rate rules *require* an applicant to release an RFP when bidding these specific Category 1 services and/or equipment:

- Leased Dark Fiber or Self-Provisioned Fiber projects
- Category 1 Network Equipment
- Operations & Maintenance Services for Leased Dark Fiber or Self-Provisioned Fiber Services
- Aircards when used for internet access service

If an RFP is issued, it is strongly recommended that it be uploaded at the time of the Form 470 filing. Although an RFP can be uploaded at a later time, the deadline for submission of bids must be extended to be 28 days from when the RFP is first uploaded. Further, all supplemental information provided to vendors or modifications to the information provided in the RFP must be uploaded as an RFP amendment to the original Form 470 filing. If the information is in addition to the original RFP, then the applicant's bid due date must be extended to allow for all bidders to have access to all RFP information for at least 28 days. To upload an RFP amendment: EPC Landing Page > Locate, select Form 470 using search feature bottom of page > Related Actions > Add an RFP Document > Upload document.

#### What Should be Included in the RFP?

The actual content of the RFP can be broken down into two sections – information provided <u>to</u> bidders and information requested <u>from</u> bidders. The more detailed the information you provide, the better the quality of proposals should be. This document contains suggested RFP outlines for both Category 1 and Category 2 requests.

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#### What Should be Included in the Form 470 Narrative if No RFP is Issued?

Suggested wording for the Form 470 narrative section is below for applicants <u>not</u> issuing an RFP. Note: If you don't upload an RFP when the Form 470 is initially released, due to EPC system limitations, it is not possible to upload any additional documents such as Q & A, changes to scope of work, etc.

#### What Are the Biggest Mistakes Applicants Make in their RFPs or Form 470s?

<u>Category 1:</u> Applicants select the wrong category of service for Internet access, don't include the service addresses, don't bid a range of bandwidths, don't mention a preferred technology, or don't seek bids for the range of services as required by their specific fiber request (see page 3). Applicants also forget to upload the additional vendor RFP information/addendum to their original Form 470 and then restart their 28-day clock.

<u>Category 2:</u> Applicants forget to bid "equivalent" services, don't create a 'basic maintenance' service request in addition to the internal connections equipment request on the Form 470, or don't include a description of their existing equipment so vendors bidding equivalent product lines know whether their proposed equipment will be interoperable. Applicants also forget to upload the additional vendor RFP information/addendum to their original Form 470 and then restart their 28-day clock.

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#### Category 1

Category 1 consists of Internet access and data transmission services, including Leased Lit, Leased Dark and Self-Provisioned Fiber services, and special construction build-out charges (see below for special bidding requirements for fiber services).



#### **Category 1 RFP Outline**

#### A. Information to Provide to Vendors

- 1) Project Summary
- 2) Proposal deadline (date and time)
- 3) Proposal submission requirements including where and in what format to submit bids
- 4) Vendor pre-bid meeting date/time (if any), and if it is a mandatory or optional meeting
- 5) E-mail address where vendor questions must be sent and deadline for questions
- 6) Detailed scope of services/project (see below for special fiber requirements)
- 7) Bandwidth increases
- 8) Whether partial bids for some but not all of the service locations will be accepted
- 9) Service addresses
- 10) Term of contract, including specific number of voluntary extension years
- 11) Technical service/network configuration requirements
- 12) Disqualification factors
- 13) Requirements for service turn-up date
- 14) Administrative and legal requirements (background checks, etc.)
- 15) Detailed list of information vendors must submit with proposals (see next section)
- 16) A specific response template, such as an excel worksheet, for vendors to use when submitting their proposal (see examples below). This will limit irrelevant information and reduce the likelihood of receiving "boilerplate" responses.

#### B. Information to Request from Vendors

- 17) Detailed service proposal
- 18) Cost by service address and any special construction fee, and itemized taxes/fees
- 19) Service delivery date commitment and when installation, if any, will begin
- 20) Network map/diagram
- 21) Service level agreements and penalties
- 22) Example of invoice and description of online customer service portal, if any
- 23) Company history and financial information
- 24) References of in-state clients of similar size/nature providing these services
- 25) Cost of specific mid-contract bandwidth increases
- 26) E-Rate experience and expertise

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- 27) Whether the vendor will provide discounted bills
- 28) Identification of all RFP sections that are objectionable and alternative provisions in place of any objectionable requirement

#### **Fiber RFP Requirements:**

- ✓ Leased Dark Fiber RFP Requirements: If you are seeking a Leased Dark Fiber network, E-Rate requires you to <u>also</u> seek bids for Leased Lit Fiber in the same RFP and then compare all bids received. Applicants are not permitted to indicate a preference in their RFP. The modulating electronics/equipment necessary to make the Dark Fiber service functional and the ongoing operations/maintenance of the Dark Fiber service are eligible to be purchased with Category 1 funds and RFPs should seek quotes for these items, if needed. Typically, such RFPs will request proposals for a specific Leased Lit Fiber <u>bandwidth</u>, while Dark Fiber networks will seek pricing to lease a certain number of <u>strands</u> to each building (2 or 12 strands to each location, typically). Applicants also must seek pricing for an extended period of service for both services to be able to do an apples to apples comparison.
- ✓ Self-Provisioned Fiber RFP Requirements: If you are seeking to contract with a vendor to install fiber between buildings where you will then own that fiber, E-Rate requires you to seek bids for "all services provided over third party networks" in the same RFP and then compare all bids received. "Services provided over third party networks" means all other possible data transmission technologies. The modulating electronics/equipment necessary to make the self-provisioned fiber circuit(s) functional and the ongoing operations/maintenance of the fiber are eligible to be purchased with Category 1 funds and RFPs should seek quotes for these items, if needed.
- ✓ Leased Lit Fiber Bidding Requirements: E-Rate rules do not require an RFP, nor the comparison with any other data transmission service, when seeking just Leased Lit Fiber services. However, an RFP is strongly recommended due to the amount of information that vendors will need in order to submit a responsive proposal.

**Reminder**: If a vendor submits questions about the RFP and your answer provides additional information not found in the RFP, that information must be publicly posted in EPC as an addendum to your RFP. This addendum also restarts the 28-day 'clock.' Failure to post questions and answers that contain new information or failure to wait 28 days after posting of the questions and answers to evaluate bids is a violation of E-Rate's fair and competitive bidding rules which can result in the denial of a funding request.

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#### C. Sample Vendor Response Templates for Category 1

#### **Leased Lit Fiber**

APPENDIX A		To be comple	eted by bidder:		
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE - Leased Lit Fiber to each building as identified in RFP. Bandwidth:	#CIRCUITS	UNIT MONTHLY RECURRING COST/CIRCUIT Years 1 - 5	MONTHLY TAXES/FEES	ONE-TIME NON- RECURRING COST/SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION COST	WILL SERVICE BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 1, 2021? Y/N
1 Gbps	6	\$	\$	\$	
10 Gbps	6	\$	\$	\$	

#### **Leased Lit Fiber & Leased Dark Fiber**

APPENDIX A			To be	completed by bi	dder:			
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE - Leased Lit Fiber to each building as identified in RFP. Bandwidth:	#CIRCUITS	UNIT MONTHLY RECURRING COST/CIRCUIT Years 1 - 5	MONTHLY TAXES/FEES	ONE-TIME NON- RECURRING COST/SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION COST	UNIT MONTHLY RECURRING COST/CIRCUIT Years 6 - 20	WILL SERVICE BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 1, 2021? Y/N		
1 Gbps	6	\$	\$	\$	\$			
10 Gbps	6	\$	\$	\$	\$			
				To be co	mpleted by bidd	er:		
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	#STRANDS TO EACH BUILDING	UNIT MONTHLY RECURRING COST/BUILDING	MONTHLY TAXES/FEES	ONE-TIME NON- RECURRING COST/SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION COST	UNIT MONTHLY RECURRING COST/CIRCUIT Years 6 - 20	COST OF C1 NETWORK EQUIPMENT	COST OF MAINTENANCE /OPERATION OF DARK FIBER	WILL SERVICE BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 1, 2021? Y/N
Leased Dark Fiber to each building as identified in RFP	2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	

#### **Internet Access**

APPENDIX A	To be completed by bidder:					
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE - Internet Access delivered via fiber to district head-end as identified in RFP. Bandwidth:	MRC for 2 Year Contract	MRC for 3 Year Contract	MRC for 5 Year Contract	ONE-TIME NON- RECURRING COST/SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION COST	WILL SERVICE BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 1, 2021? Y/N	
1 Gbps	\$	\$	\$	\$		
2 Gbps	\$	\$	\$	\$		
3 Gbps	\$	\$	\$	\$		

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#### No RFP? Sample Category 1 Form 470 Narrative Language

It is strongly recommended that you include the following basic information in your Form 470 narrative text box if you choose not to issue an RFP (maximum of 5000 characters):

- Description of service, minimum and maximum bandwidth speeds, and number of lines.
- Minimum length of term, and any voluntary extension options
- Request for specific expanded or increased bandwidth prices during the life of the contract
- Building name and addresses where service is needed. Include the network hub building if the service needs to go back to the hub site.
- Any minimum bid (disqualification) factors that must be met in order for the vendor's bid to be
  qualified for review and scoring. These factors must be answerable as yes/no and cannot be
  subjective.

#### A. Internet Access w/Fiber Transport

#### FY 2024 Form 470 Required Selections:

Level A: I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service (1<sup>st</sup> bullet)

> Level B: I seek bids for internet access and data transmission service... (1<sup>st</sup> bullet)

> Level C: I seek bids for internet access and data transmission service... (1<sup>st</sup> bullet)

Form 470 Narrative: We are requesting symmetrical Internet access delivered over leased lit fiber. Service should be terminated at [name and address of district hub]. Pricing should be included for [xxx bandwidth increments]. We are seeking [2, 3, or 5] year contract options, with [2] one-year renewal options. Contracts must allow for upgrades to quoted bandwidth throughout the terms of the contract without additional bidding. Proposals must include description of service outage reports and method for customer to report service outages, in addition to what technical support is included without additional service fees, and a proposed service level agreement.

All costs must be included and proposals that say "additional charges may apply" will be disqualified. All special construction charges must be outlined in the bid response. The non-discounted portion of any special construction charges will be required to be amortized over four years. Proposals must disclose whether any services/circuits are being leased from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and if so, name that 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Additional reasons that a proposal may be disqualified are [list disqualification reasons here].

Proposals due by [date/time – be sure it is at least 29 days after 470 posting date] to [e-mail address]. All questions must be submitted via e-mail to [e-mail address].

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#### B. Internet Access w/Cable Transport (if not using CABIO bidding exemption\*)

#### FY 2024 Form 470 Required Selections:

**Level A**: I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service (1<sup>st</sup> bullet)

> Level B: I seek bids for internet access and data transmission service... (1st bullet)

> Level C: I seek bids for internet access and data transmission service... (1st bullet)

**Form 470 Narrative:** We are requesting bundled Internet access delivered over coaxial cable or equivalent transport. Service should be terminated at [name and address of district hub]. Pricing should be included for [xxx] bandwidth increments]. We are seeking contract and MTM pricing proposals.

All costs must be included and proposals that say "additional charges may apply" will be disqualified. All special construction, installation or "turn-on" charges must be outlined in the bid response. The non-discounted portion of any special construction charges will be required to be amortized over four years. Additional reasons that a proposal may be disqualified are [list disqualification reasons here].

Proposals due by [date/time – be sure it is at least 29 days after 470 posting date] to [e-mail address]. All questions must be submitted via e-mail to [e-mail address].

#### \* CABIO Bidding Exemption

Schools and libraries are exempted from the E-Rate competitive bidding process if they purchase a commercially-available Internet package that meets the following conditions:

- Package costs less than \$300 per month, per building (pre-discount)
- Minimum speed must be 100 mbps downstream and 10 mbps upstream
- Cost must be based per building and cannot be averaged across multiple buildings
- "Commercially available" typically means you can look on a vendor's website and see the bundled
   Internet package that is generally available to the public
- If CABIO applies, applicants can proceed directly to the Form 471 filing if filing for MTM services, or to the Contract Record creation if signing a multi-year contract (then to the Form 471).

#### C. Leased Lit Fiber Circuits (WAN) – No Internet

#### FY 2024 Form 470 Required Selections:

**Level A**: I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service (1<sup>st</sup> bullet)

> Level B: I seek bids to purchase data transmission service only... (3rd bullet)

> Level C: I seek bids for data transmission service without internet access... (1<sup>st</sup> bullet)

**Form 470 Narrative:** We are requesting Leased Lit Fiber transport from the district hub location to each of the following locations for the purposes of a wide area network:

District hub site: [name of location, address]

[name of school #1, address]

[name of school #2, address]

[name of school #3, address]

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[name of school #4, address]

[name of school #5, address]

Pricing should be included for [1 Gbps, 10 Gbps or both]. We are seeking [3, 5, 10] year contract options with [2, one-year renewal options]. Contracts must allow for upgrades to quoted bandwidth throughout the terms of the contract without additional bidding.

Proposals must include description of service outage reports and method for customer to report service outages, in addition to what technical support is included without additional service fees, and a proposed service level agreement.

All costs must be included and proposals that say "additional charges may apply" will be disqualified. Proposals must provide service to all buildings listed above. All special construction charges must be outlined in the bid response. The non-discounted portion of any special construction charges will be required to be amortized over four years. Proposals must disclose whether any services/circuits are being leased from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and if so, name that 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Vendors must provide references from at least 3 PA school clients of the same approximate size. All taxes, fees, surcharges must be itemized separately and disclosed in the vendor proposal. Additional reasons that a proposal may be disqualified are [list disqualification reasons here].

Proposals due by [date/time – be sure it is at least 29 days after 470 posting date] to [e-mail address]. All questions must be submitted via e-mail to [e-mail address].

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#### **Category 2**

Category 2 consists of three subcategories -- internal connections, basic maintenance of internal connections, and managed internal broadband services. The most widely used subcategory is internal connections which consists of switches, routers, wireless access points and controllers, cabling, firewall appliances, caching servers, UPSs, racks, including related installation/configuration, licenses and cloud-based functionality.



#### **CATEGORY 2 RFP Outline**

#### A. Information to Provide to Vendors

- 1) Project Summary
- 2) Proposal submission guidelines including deadline for vendor questions
- 3) Vendor pre-bid meeting date/time (if any), and if it is a mandatory or optional meeting
- 4) E-mail address where vendor questions must be sent
- 5) Detailed scope of services/project
- 6) Whether installation and/or configuration is required
- 7) Whether partial bids for some but not all of the equipment/services will be accepted
- 8) Statement that district retains the option to increase or decrease quantities based on current budget conditions
- 9) Floorplans of each building with data closets labeled (for C2 that involves structured cabling, installation services, or managed internal broadband services)
- 10) Disqualification factors
- 11) Compatibility/interoperability requirements with school's existing network equipment \*
- 12) Requirements for installation timeline
- 13) Administrative and Legal Requirements (background checks, etc.)
- 14) Detailed list of information vendors must submit with proposals (see next section)
- 15) A specific response template for vendors to use when submitting their proposal (see example below). This will limit irrelevant information and reduce the likelihood of receiving "boilerplate" responses.

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<sup>\*</sup> Important: Applicants may indicate a preferred manufacturer but must also use the phrase "or equivalent" and then evaluate all bids that meet the minimum bid requirements outlined in the RFP. Applicants are permitted – and encouraged - to include the requirement that the proposals must be compatible with a specific manufacturer's equipment or service that is installed in your network, and then include a list of the existing equipment. Also, applicants may require that proposals for "equivalent bids" are required to provide in their bid response documentation to substantiate that the equipment does have comparable specifications and is compatible with existing network equipment.

#### **B.** Information to Request from Vendors

- 1) Detailed service proposal if installation and/or configuration are required, and for all cabling projects
- 2) Unit cost of equipment or network drop
- 3) Ongoing licensing and maintenance costs
- 4) Percentage of E-Rate eligibility (firewalls, licenses, and maintenance)
- 5) Service delivery date commitment and when installation, if any, will begin
- 6) Network map/diagram (for structured cabling, equipment installation)
- 7) Example of invoice and description of online portal if any
- 8) Company history and financial information
- 9) References of in-state clients of similar size/nature providing these services
- 10) Documentation to substantiate any "equivalent bid" is comparable to preferred make/model and is compatible with the district's existing network equipment
- 11) Whether the vendor will offer discounted bills

**Reminder**: If a vendor submits questions about the RFP and your answer in any way changes the RFP or provides additional information than what was given in the RFP, those questions and answers must be publicly posted as an addendum to your RFP. This addendum also restarts the 28-day Form 470 clock. Failure to post questions and answers publicly or failure to wait 28 days after posting is a violation of fair and competitive bidding. This can result in the denial of a funding request.

#### C. Sample Vendor Response Template – Internal Connections

APPENDIX A			То	be completed by bidder	:	Only required for ve	ndors bidding product li manufacturer	ine different than preferred
Preferred Manufacturer Name or Equivalent	Model Number (SKU)	Estimated Quantity	Price/Unit	Extended Price (quantity * unit price)	% E-rate Eligible	Equivalent Make	Equivalent Model	Has the equivalent equipment met the compatibility requirements listed below, if any, and have you attached the required proof of quality and functionality equivalency? Yes/No
Cisco or equivalent	C9115AXI-B-EDU	211	\$	\$	%			
Cisco or equivalent	AIR-AP-BRACKET-1	211	\$	\$	%			
	Installation per WAP	211	\$	\$	%			
				TOTAL BID	\$0.00			

If vendors are bidding an "equivalent" product line that is different than what is listed in Column A, the products must be equivalent in quality and functionality, and must be fully interoperable and compatible with the District's existing equipment/systems which are as follows: District's existing EIGRP protocol and cisco wireless and switching equipment infrastructure.

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#### No RFP? Sample Category 2 Form 470 Narrative Language

#### A. Category 2 Internal Connections

Form 470 Narrative: We are requesting vendor proposals for the following equipment [list equipment description, model numbers, and quantities, if known. If not known, describe what functionality you need such as wireless internal network for 12 classrooms.] District is [or is not] seeking installation of equipment. Equipment will be located in the following buildings [list name of buildings and addresses]. District retains the option to increase or decrease quantities based on current budget conditions.

Our preferred manufacturer is [manufacturer name] or equivalent. Equivalent proposals must be comparable in quality and functionality and must be fully interoperable with our existing [name of school/library's existing equipment]. Bids for an alternative manufacturer must also explain, in detail, that the equipment included in the proposal is equivalent to the preferred manufacturer equipment. The bid specification sheets for the alternative manufacturer equipment must be included in the bid. Alternative manufacturer equipment proposals that do not include this information will be rejected due to failure to comply with the minimum bid requirements.

Bids must include all charges, including equipment costs itemized by component, shipping and any surcharges. Labor/installation, if requested as part of the service request, shall be itemized separately.

Vendor must indicate whether licenses and or operating system software of internal connections equipment are classified as maintenance or internal connections.

Additional reasons that a proposal may be disqualified are [list disqualification reasons here].

Proposals due by [date/time – be sure it is at least 29 days after 470 posting date] to [e-mail address]. All questions must be submitted via e-mail to [e-mail address].

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#### FY2025+ FCC Form 470 Services Guiding Statements Table

Starting with Funding Year 2022, the FCC Form 470 includes guiding statements to help applicants request E-Rate eligible services and/or equipment for the upcoming funding year. The following tables provide a quick way to reference the options provided in the form along with guiding messages. Please see footnotes for additional information where provided.

#### **Category One**

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select "I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service." Next, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
Internet Access and Data Transmission Service	I seek bids for Internet access and data transmission service (provided over any combination of transmission medium, e.g., fiberonly networks, fiber/non-fiber hybrid networks, or non-fiber networks such as cable, DSL, copper, satellite, microwave or wireless).	I seek bids for internet access and data transmission services, whether offered by one service provider(s) as a bundled package or offered by one or more service providers as independent services. <sup>1</sup>
Cellular Data Plan/Air Card Service	I seek bids for Internet access and data transmission service (provided over any combination of transmission medium, e.g., fiberonly networks, fiber/non-fiber hybrid networks, or non-fiber networks such as cable, DSL, copper, satellite, microwave or wireless).	I seek bids for data plans or wireless adapters (Air Cards) for mobile devices for commercial wireless service for a school or library that does not have an existing broadband internal connection (e.g., for use on a library bookmobile without a fixed connection). <sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicants can use the narrative field on the FCC Form 470 and/or their RFP, if applicable, to provide additional details regarding their service need requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cellular data plans and air cards for mobile devices (above) are eligible for on-premises use only in instances when the school or library seeking support demonstrates that the individual data plans are the most cost-effective option for providing internal broadband access for mobile devices at schools and/or libraries (e.g., for use on a library bookmobile that cannot use a fixed connection). If seeking bids for off-premises Wi-Fi hotspots, refer to page 3.



If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select "I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service." Next, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
Standalone Internet Access Service	I seek bids for internet access without data transmission service and will arrange for separate data transmission service if required. <sup>3</sup>	N/A
Standalone Data Transmission Service	I seek bids for data transmission service only (i.e., that does not include internet access service).4	I seek data transmission service without internet access service.
Leased Dark Fiber and Leased Lit Fiber	I seek bids for data transmission service only (i.e., that does not include internet access service). <sup>5</sup>	I seek to lease capacity, e.g., a specific number of dark fiber strands or capacity over a leased lit network that will be used for data transmission service.
Self-Provisioned Network (Applicant Owned and Operated Network) and Services Provided Over Third-Party Networks	I seek to build my own network.	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This is not a commonly selected service option. It does not include transport service, which may be needed to deliver Internet access to the school or library building.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This service option does not include Internet access service. If this option is selected, the applicant will have to request Internet access service separately.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This service option does not include the modulating equipment needed to light the dark fiber; applicants are responsible for requesting modulating equipment separately.



If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select "I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service." Next, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
Mobile Service	I seek bids for mobile service for use on school buses.	N/A
Off-Premises Wi-Fi Hotspots	I seek bids for wireless Internet services that can be delivered with a Wi-Fi hotspot for off-premises use.	N/A

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
C1 Network Equipment	I seek bids for Category One network equipment or maintenance and operations.	I own or lease my own network or network capacity and seek bids for the electronics to make the network functional.
		I seek bids for school bus     Wi-Fi network equipment.
		I seek bids for Wi-Fi     hotspots for off-premises     use.

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
C1 Maintenance & Operations	I seek bids for Category One network equipment or maintenance and operations.	I own or lease my own network and seek bids for maintenance and operations of the connections.



#### **Category Two**

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the Function from the drop-down menu:
Internal Connections	I seek bids for the equipment needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries and/or the related software and right-to-use licenses necessary for the equipment to function. <sup>6</sup>	<ul> <li>Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components</li> <li>Cabling</li> <li>Caching &amp; Necessary Software &amp; Licenses</li> <li>Firewall Service, Components, &amp; Necessary Software &amp; Licenses</li> <li>Racks</li> <li>Routers &amp; Necessary Software &amp; Licenses</li> <li>Switches &amp; Necessary Software &amp; Licenses</li> <li>Uninterruptable Power Supply/Battery Backup &amp; Necessary Software &amp; Licenses</li> <li>Wireless Access Points &amp; Necessary Software &amp; Licenses</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> If only requesting software necessary to use the equipment (e.g., right-to-use software or client access licenses), the applicant can request these under Internal Connections and then select the option that identifies the specific type of internal connection (e.g., routers, switches, etc.) and necessary software and licenses. The



fact that they are only requesting the software and not new equipment should be explained in the narrative field and included in the RFP, if applicable.

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the Function from the drop-down menu:
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	I seek bids for basic maintenance service on eligible equipment and/or support services (e.g., bug fixes, software upgrades, and security patches) appropriate to maintain reliable operation.	<ul> <li>Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components</li> <li>Cabling</li> <li>Caching</li> <li>Firewall Service and Components</li> <li>Racks</li> <li>Routers</li> <li>Switches</li> <li>Uninterruptable Power Supply/Battery Backup</li> <li>Wireless Access Points</li> <li>Wireless Controllers</li> </ul>

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS): Leased Equipment	I seek bids for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections.	I seek bids for MIBS using equipment that I currently lease or will lease.
Managed Internal Broadband Services: Existing Equipment	I seek bids for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections.	I seek bids for MIBS using equipment that I currently own or will own.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> If requesting a maintenance support subscription (e.g., bug fixes and security patches), the applicant can request these under Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections.