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Re: Belton School District 470

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Sat, Feb 27, 2016 at 7:14 PM

To: Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org>

Thanks for the help.

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On Sat, Feb 27, 2016 at 2:15 PM, Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org> wrote:

Tony--

Thanks for filing the lit service option.

Joe

From: Joe Freddoso

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 1:09 PM

To: Tony Arbisi

Subject: RE: Belton School District 470

That is correct. Any time you are proposing to bid capital work on dark fiber -- the FCC is interpreting that you have bid a lit comparison.

Thanks Tony--

Joe

From: Tony Arbisi [tarbisi@bsd124.org]

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 12:15 PM

To: Joe Freddoso

Subject: Re: Belton School District 470

So you said dark fiber again. We have an existing self provisioned fiber network in place and this is just adding and replacing a few of the connections. So either way we need to bid out the leased lit fiber option for comparison like you said previously, correct?

Thanks again,

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On Thu, Feb 25, 2016 at 11:01 AM, Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org> wrote:

Hi Tony,

You have to do a comparison for the circuits that are proposed to be category 1 dark fiber. You can file a separate

470 to bid lit for these circuits. The preference is to have this all (Dark vs. Lit) on one 470 -- but since you have already filed the dark fiber one I would file a separate 470 for lit.

In the narrative for the lit services 470 write in that the results of the lit services bid will be compared with the results of the dark fiber 470 and the most cost effective procurement will be made.

Does that make sense?

Joe

From: Tony Arbisi [tarbisi@bsd124.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 11:45 AM
To: Joe Freddoso
Subject: Re: Belton School District 470

Joe,

Ok thought this was only if we were bidding dark fiber. So do we just need to create another for 470 for this specific option for comparison and can leave the other 470 as it is? Or do we need to redo another 470 and rfp that include the option if someone wants to bid leased list service?

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On Wed, Feb 24, 2016 at 4:39 PM, Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org> wrote:

Tony--I saw the refile. Give me the number of the Form 470 where you bid the lit service comparison for the category 1 fiber builds.

Thanks!

Joe

From: Joe Freddoso
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 2:50 PM
To: Tony Arbisi
Subject: RE: Belton School District 470

Tony,

Great to talk with you, Everette and Troy.

Here is the maintenance language I have seen others use:

Dark Fiber Maintenance

Operations and Maintenance Practices: The (School District) will require on-going maintenance and operations of the fiber for the term of the lease. When pricing maintenance and operations, the respondent should include an overview of fiber maintenance practices including:

- Call before you dig locate services;
- Routine maintenance and inspection,
- Scheduled maintenance windows and scheduling practices for planned outages,
- Fiber monitoring including information on what fiber management software is used, what fiber monitoring system is used, and who performs the monitoring,
- Handling of unscheduled outages and customer problem reports?What service level agreement is included, and

what alternative service levels may be available at additional cost,
-What agreements are in place with applicable utilities and utility contractors for emergency restoration,
-Repair of fiber breaks,
-Replacement of damaged fiber,
-Replacement of fiber which no longer meets specifications,
-Policies for customer notification regarding maintenance,

Joe

From: Tony Arbisi [tarbisi@bsd124.org]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 9:18 AM
To: Joe Freddoso
Subject: Re: Belton School District 470

Ok thanks, talk to you then.

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On Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 5:55 AM, Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org> wrote:
Let's do 1 PM CT/2PM ET -- call me on 919 - 247-5121

From: Tony Arbisi [tarbisi@bsd124.org]
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2016 11:31 PM
To: Joe Freddoso
Subject: Re: Belton School District 470

I have a meeting then, can we do a 1 or 3?

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On Sun, Feb 21, 2016 at 9:29 PM, Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org> wrote:
Hi Tony,

Later in the day tomorrow works for me..how about 2 PM CT/3 PM ET.

Joe

From: Tony Arbisi [tarbisi@bsd124.org]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 9:46 AM
To: Joe Freddoso
Subject: Re: Belton School District 470

Joe,

Just saw this, had meetings all morning so far. Can we look to have a call Monday? My network engineer is out today.

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On Thu, Feb 18, 2016 at 4:22 PM, Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org> wrote:
Hi Tony,

Happy to do this. How about 9 AM CT/10 AM ET?

Joe

From: Tony Arbisi [tarbisi@bsd124.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 3:16 PM
To: Joe Freddoso
Subject: Re: Belton School District 470

Joe,

Do you have time for a quick call on Friday? I want to include my put my network, myself and erate person as well as you all in the same conversation so I can to be the middle man. Figure it may be easier.

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On Tue, Feb 16, 2016 at 10:09 AM, Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org> wrote:
Hi Tony,

Answers embedded..Thanks for the quick reply..

From: Tony Arbisi [tarbisi@bsd124.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 9:59 AM
To: Joe Freddoso
Cc: Troy Shaw; Everett Loughridge
Subject: Re: Belton School District 470

Hi Joe, thanks for the follow up. I will meet with our network manager and erate person on these items.

1. Yes, we will be building our own.
2. You are correct, We need to update our RFP, we had originally planned to finish the 470 earlier. Do we need to resubmit this RFP to USAC with the updated dates? Or just update our website. **Update both the 470 and the RFP -- to be safe -- if you can make the deadline 28 days from the addendum date -- that would be great...if its today its March 15th for example.**
3. I will double check on that.
4. Can you explain this one a little more please? We just need to have lit service bid as well to show comparison of pricing?
That's correct -- list the bandwidth you think you need during the term of the bid (so estimate growth before you bid a level) for each route, if this were a fully managed lit service, and bid that.
5. What kind of justification documentation is needed? I will get with my network manager on this. Do we need to submit it to you?
You need to submit this with the 471 -- tell us how you are using more than 12 strands--

are you linking data center racks with several applications for example? Will all the fibers you build be put into service.

6. I didn't know we could include this, we usually just take care of these costs. I know locates can add up. How would we include this? These are kind of random costs. **Its a separate category 1 bid -- so ask for a separate annual recurring cost for maintenance...I would ask for a**

7. I would say maybe, it probably depends on the cost, do we need to write this into the rfp? **Yes and check the box on the 470 for installment payments..here is some language I have seen other applicants use.**

In the case of any NRC special construction charges, bidders are requested to provide installment payment pricing for the applicants E-rate non-discounted charges, with such installment payments to be paid in equal installments over four years. No increased pricing will be allowed during the term of the quoted NRC and MRC rate in each pricing cell of the spreadsheet.

So it sounds like we need to resubmit our 470 with some corrections then right? **Yes--if you refile today or tomorrow you still have plenty of time I think...these are relatively short builds.**

Thanks for the help, it is appreciated.

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On Sat, Feb 13, 2016 at 3:10 PM, Joe Freddoso <JFreddoso@usac.org> wrote:
Tony,

I hope you are doing great.

I am USAC's contracted dark fiber consultant. Part of my role is to make contact with applicants who file a dark fiber option. I saw the Belton School District filing and read through the RFP. Thanks for the detailed technical spec and the outline of what you need.

I have a few comments and questions..

1) You checked the dark fiber option for category 1--I think what you really want is self provisioning--because you want to build and own the fiber. Is that correct?

2) Your dates seem a little off -- you have to start the USAC required 28 day bid window from whichever is filed last the 470 or the RFP. Since the 470 was filed yesterday, your earliest deadline for bids can be March 11th. You have March 3rd in the calendar.

3) Your indoor cabling runs are category 2 not category 1. Didn't know if you had made that separation.

4) I see your category 1 cabling runs as the following:

- Mill Creek Upper to Cambridge Elementary-approximately 1.3 miles
- Belton Middle to the Central Office - 0.3 miles
- Belton Middle to district data center- 0.3 miles
- District data Center to Scott Elementary - 400 feet

For each of these you have to bid a lit services comparison according to the order.

5) For self provisioning, USAC is going to want to see justification for builds of more than 12 strands.

6) Did you need to include longer term maintenance of the outdoor dark fiber (cut repair, locates, etc) in your spec? I didn't see that anywhere.

7) The E-rate modernization order allows you to pay the non discount share of outdoor fiber construction charges over up to four years in installments -- did you want to take advantage of that.

Happy to talk with you directly if you want to speak more. Let me know. I am here to help.

Joe

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