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Case Details

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Priority	Medium	Created By	Diane Evans
Inquiry Type	Web	Created On	3/6/2017 9:34 AM EST
		Organization	MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DIST

Case Description

Description We are considering issuing a 470 for cellular service and voice services for next year. We will not be issuing a RFP. When the 470 is issued and any possible vendors who would like to respond have questions, are we allowed to answer those questions? Or will the response to any questions constitute an RFP?
Thank you
Diane Evans

Case Artifacts

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USAC	<p>Diane,</p> <p>Responding to questions is not considered an RFP.</p> <p>Any information provided to a bidder about a project that an FCC Form 470 has been filed for must be made available to all other potential bidders. This includes any RFP documents that you may issue, which must also be uploaded to your FCC Form 470 as of Funding Year 2016.</p> <p>For more information on the Open and Fair bidding regulations please see our webpage</p> <p>http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step01/default.aspx</p> <p>Or our File Along With Me blog, Post 13</p> <p>http://filealongwithrate.org/keep-the-bidding-process-open-and-fair/</p>	3/6/2017 3:10 PM EST
Diane Evans	<p>To be sure I understand... as of August 2016, if you post ONLY a 470 and not an RFP, you can not answer any questions from any vendor or it will be considered an RFP to answer these questions?</p> <p>I am trying to find out if an RFP is not posted - only a 470, are we allowed to answer any questions that may come up without it being considered an RFP?</p> <p>Thank you Diane Evans</p>	3/6/2017 12:27 PM EST
USAC	<p>Diane,</p> <p>The entity filing an FCC Form 470 can issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) in addition to the FCC 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, we use "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 FCC Form 470. An RFP document can be any formal bidding document – for example, an Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Quote (RFQ) – or it could be any document issued as part of your competitive bidding process to provide more information to potential bidders.</p> <p>You are not required to issue an RFP unless your state or local procurement rules or regulations require you to do so. However, it is a good idea to have one. Applicants may choose to issue RFPs to provide more information than they can fit on an FCC Form 470 or for other reasons. Note that RFPs are required for Cellular Data Plan/Air Card Service, Dark Fiber, Self-Construction of fiber networks, and when choosing Other as the service type in the Form 470. For more information, please see the March 18, 2016, News Brief: http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/news-briefs/preview.aspx?id=672</p> <p>If you have issued or intend to issue an RFP or similar document, the RFP document or documents must be uploaded to your</p>	3/6/2017 11:55 AM EST

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	<p>online FCC Form 470. It is not sufficient for you to upload a document that contains a link to another website where the RFP can be accessed (for example, a procurement portal). The actual RFP itself (along with all subsequent addendums) must be made publicly available through USAC's website by uploading the RFP in EPC. In addition, RFP documents issued AFTER an FCC Form 470 is certified and posted MUST be uploaded to that certified FCC Form 470. To add an RFP document to a certified FCC Form 470, pull up the form in EPC, choose "Related Actions" from the left-hand menu, and then choose "Add an RFP Document." Note that you cannot add an RFP document if you did not indicate on the certified form that you had an RFP. Like the original RFP, you must upload the actual addendum. Uploading a document with a link to another site is not sufficient. However, you cannot remove any RFP documents from your online form after it has been certified.</p> <p>This information is referenced in the following places on the Schools and Libraries website:</p> <p>Step 1 Competitive Bidding: http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step01/default.asp August 5, 2016 News Brief: https://usac.org/sl/tools/news-briefs/preview.aspx?id=711</p>	

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