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**RE: Response to Russellville Independent School District WAN Connectivity RFP**

To whom this may concern:

I am writing in response to Russellville Independent Schools (RISD) Wide Area Network (WAN) Connectivity Request for Proposal on behalf of the Russellville Electric Plant Board (EPB). Please find EPB's proposal for partnership with RISD, I am confident that EPB meets the requirements listed.

**Section 1: Overview**

- 1.1 RISD has identified the need for a fiber connected wide area network (WAN) provided by a single vendor/provider. EPB understands what this includes and is confident it meets the standards set forth.
- 1.2 EPB understands RISD (owner) is accepting proposals for lit and dark fiber, as well as network hardware and hardware maintenance for lit and dark fiber, which will meet KET standards. EPB's proposal is for dark fiber, and if selected EPB will adhere to all provisions under Option B.
- 1.3 EPB has provided dark fiber service to RISD since 2013, however, EPB will provide further references upon request.
- 1.4 EPB understands that RISD reserves the right to determine the ability of vendor and/or reject all proposals, as well as requirement for selected vendor to maintain E-Rate SPIN number and adhere to E-Rate guidelines.
  - Current USAC 498 ID (SPIN): **200000018**

## **Section 2: Wide Area Network Specifications and Requirements**

### **Option A: Lit Fiber**

EPB does not wish to bid on Lit Fiber

### **Option B: Dark Fiber**

EPB's bidding efforts are for dark fiber service, and EPB will provide such service under the following terms and conditions:

1. Service will be provided using two (2) strands of fiber optic cable between each RISD school location and the RISD Board of Education, and two (2) strands of fiber optic cable between the RISD Technology Office and the RISD Board of Education.
2. EPB will be responsible for the maintenance of its fiber optic cable between each location and the RISD Board of Education. In the event service between any of the locations and the RISD Board of Education is interrupted due to damage to the EPB's fiber, the EPB will make reasonable effort to have service restored as soon as possible after being notified by RISD of an interruption of service.
3. Service is defined as the ability to pass light through the fiber optic cable from each school location to the RISD Board of Education.
4. RISD agrees not to hold the EPB liable for any monetary damages due to the loss or interruption of service that might occur due to acts, whether natural or caused otherwise.
5. RISD and the EPB agree that the point of demarcation shall be the patch panels located at each of RISD's location.
6. RISD agrees that the EPB's responsibility ends at supply side of the respective patch panels and that RISD is responsible for any equipment and all connections made on the receiving side of the respective patch panels that are required to transmit or receive light.
7. RISD agrees to pay EPB \$1100.00 per month for a contract period of sixty (60) months.
8. RISD will have voluntary twelve (12) month extensions at \$1100.00 per month for up to an additional three years following the initial contract period.

## **Section 3: Hardware and Maintenance**

EPB does not wish to bid on Hardware and Maintenance

## **Section 4: Technical Points of Contact**

EPB acknowledges points of contact

**Section 5: District Locations**

EPB understands and acknowledges there are 5 locations within the district of which we are bidding. All 5 locations are currently serviced with dark fiber owned by EPB. If selected, EPB will provide a service contract between RISD and EPB for dark fiber services as presented in this RFP.

On Behalf of the EPB, we ask that you accept our team's response to the Russellville Independent Schools Wide Area Network (WAN) Connectivity Request for Proposal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale Vowell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dale Vowell  
General Manager  
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Enclosures.