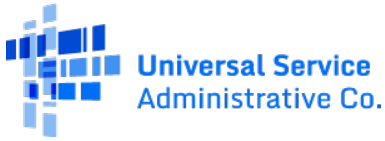


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FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2023

Form 470 Application Number: 230014343

Freshwater 2023 Internet

Billed Entity

FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT  
2222 Industrial Drive  
Wadena, MN 56482-2549  
Wadena  
218-631-3505  
wiron@fed.k12.mn.us

**Billed Entity Number:** 133964  
**FCC Registration Number:** 0006833669

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Application Type

**Applicant Type:** Consortium  
**Recipients of Services:** Head Start; Pre-K; Public School; Public School District

**Number of Eligible Entities:** 32

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
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RFPs

Id	Name
14532639	FED Internet RFP 2023

Category One Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Function Other Description	Minimum Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Standalone Internet Access Service		2 Gbps	5 Gbps	32			Yes	14532639

Description of Other Functions

Id	Name
	<b>Narrative</b> Freshwater Education District is seeking proposals for Internet Access to serve it's member districts. WAN data transmission services are requested on 470 # 230014341. See attached RFP for details.

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer Description	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs

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**Description of Other Manufacturers**

Id	Name
<b>Narrative</b>	

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Erate Clerk  
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wiron@fed.k12.mn.us

**State and Local Procurement Restrictions**

See details in RFP.
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**Billed Entities**

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
133927	LONG PRAIRIE-GREY EAGLE 2753
133960	SEBEKA SCHOOL DISTRICT 820
133947	Bertha-Hewitt Public School
133957	PILLAGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 116
133961	STAPLES-MOTLEY ISD 2170
133965	VERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 818
133966	WADENA-DEER CRK SCH DIST 2155
133990	HENNING SCHOOL DISTRICT 545
133948	BROWERVILLE SCHOOL DIST 787
133953	MENA HGA SCHOOL DISTRICT 821
17016893	Freshwater Education School District #6004

# E-Rate Category 1 – Internet Access Request for Proposal

Issue Date: January 20, 2023

Prepared by: Rich Murdock, Network Administrator

Freshwater Education District (FED) is seeking proposals for Internet Access Category 1 bandwidth with or without a transmission circuit for all 11 school districts for 32 entities under the Freshwater Consortium. This RFP is for a 1 year contract of Internet connectivity from the end point located in the Midwest Hut building in Wadena, Minnesota. The real-world IP ranges must be included in the bid price. The successful bidder shall provide a contract agreement with FED for the unrestricted use of the installed Internet Access with bandwidth starting at 2 GB up to 2.5 GB. The new contract agreement will start on July 1, 2023 and end on June 30, 2024.

## The goals and objectives of the project include:

1. Data, Video and Voice share the same bandwidth from the Midwest Hut location:  
**Midwest Hut**  
1018 Olmsted Ave SW  
Wadena, MN 56482
2. Video for gateway connections to a higher education network would be available.
3. All sites need real world IP addresses, ranges must be at least 32 real IPs per school for a total of 14 Ranges at 32 IPs each, plus one IP address range must provide at least 64 real IPs for Freshwater buildings, for a total number of Real IPs of 416.
4. We would accept a full Class C range of Real IP's.
5. Total bandwidth options should be for 1 year, with bandwidth options of 2 GB to 2.5 GB, with incremental adjustment costs at 500 GB.

## Proposal Submission:

Sealed proposals will need to be received at Freshwater Education District by 1:00 PM local time on February 17, 2023 by mail or digital form. FED reserves the right to extend the due date or disqualify late submissions. All proposals will be reviewed internally and the results of all decisions announced to all respondents.

Sealed proposals can be mailed or dropped off at the Freshwater Education District building and shall be addressed as follows:

Freshwater Education District  
2222 Industrial Drive  
Wadena, Minnesota 56482  
Attn: Wendy Irons

Or proposals can be emailed to: [wirons@fed.k12.mn.us](mailto:wirons@fed.k12.mn.us)

Please add in the subject line: Internet Access Bandwidth Proposal.

For questions concerning the Freshwater Education District Internet Access Proposal, please contact Wendy Irons at [wirons@fed.k12.mn.us](mailto:wirons@fed.k12.mn.us). All questions must be in writing and submitted no later than February 3rd. Phone calls will not be accepted during the bid period. Questions and answers will be posted as an RFP addendum to the Form 470 on USAC's website at <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/resources/tools/#FCC-Form-470-Tools>. It is the service provider's responsibility to check this site for any Q&A's or RFP revisions.

**E-rate Requirements:**

1. Services must start on July 1, 2023.
2. Contracts should allow for scalability, increased bandwidth, and the addition of sites, equipment, and service to meet the future needs of the consortium.
3. All quotes must be in writing and include the Vendor's SPIN
4. Quotes must include all charges including prices for internet bandwidth at both 2 and 2.5 GB, at least 416 IP addresses, connection fees, and an approximate cost of all taxes and surcharges.
5. No generic price sheets will be accepted. Bids must specifically address the needs of the school as presented in the Form 470 with itemized pricing and final tally. If proposals indicate that additional costs may apply, and the proposal does not contain the itemized costs, the proposal will be considered incomplete and will be disqualified.
6. E-rate ineligible items need to be clearly identified on the proposal.
7. Service providers must be in compliance with all E-rate rules, including Lowest Corresponding Price (LCP). In addition, vendors must have a Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN), be on green light status with USAC and remain so during the life of the contract; and be in compliance with all SLD/USAC/FCC regulations. Quotes that fail to meet these requirements will be disqualified.
8. FED shall select the qualified bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to FED with price and other factors considered as allowed by E-Rate.
9. FED reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for good cause pursuant to E-Rate.
10. If any changes are made to this RFP, the changes will be uploaded to the Form 470. It is the service provider's responsibility to check the 470 for amendments.
11. If awarded, contractor shall coordinate with Freshwater Education District to complete all required E-Rate documentation and forms including but not limited to E-Rate form 471.
12. If you need assistance navigating the E-rate program, contact USAC's Client Service Bureau at 888-203-8100, or visit the website at <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/service-providers/>.