

Questions & Answers - 1

Solicitation 22-680-010 - E-Rate Category 2 Cabling Services
Buying Organization Poudre School District

No	Question/Answer	Question Date
Q1	<p>Question: Manufacturer Certification</p> <p>Need clarification on Manufacture Certification. Do we have to have Certifications from Commscope and Siemon to quote on this project?</p> <p>The following is from Exhibit A Tech Specifications:</p> <p>1.Manufacturer Certifications. Buildings constructed in 2018 and earlier have Cat. 5e wiring infrastructure. Contractors for Cat. 5e structured cabling shall be Siemon Certified Installers. They must provide a Siemon end-to-end solution, with certification and application warranty to that end. New buildings constructed in 2019 and later will have Cat. 6a infrastructure. Contractors for Cat. 6a structured cabling shall be CommScope Certified Installers.</p> <p>Division 27 Communications 3</p> <p>They must provide a Commscope end-to-end solution, with certification and application warranty to that end.</p> <p>The following is from the E-Rate Cabling IFB</p> <p>4.0 PROJECT SCOPE AND SPECIFICATIONS</p> <p>4.7 Contractors must be CommScope Certified Installers.</p> <p>Answer: Must have Commscope certification</p>	03/03/2022
Q2	<p>Question: ANM Questions</p> <p>1.Is Siemon brand Category 6A and Category 5e cable and associated components an acceptable manufacturer for this project? ANM staff are Certified Siemon Installers</p> <p>2.Will drawings be provided for each site?</p> <p>3.Are there existing cabling pathways in place such as cable tray, j hooks, and conduit stubs into ceiling for wall and ceiling mounted APs?</p> <p>4.If there are existing cable pathways in place, do they have the capacity to add the necessary number of cables, or will existing cabling have to be removed, or new pathways installed?</p> <p>5.How is the ceiling type (drop ceiling or hard lid) supposed to be confirmed without reflected ceiling plans?</p> <p>6.Is awarded contractor responsible for mounting new Access Points?</p> <p>7.Will contractor be responsible for providing patch cables at each site?</p> <p>8.What is the process to be a prequalified contractor with PSD?</p> <p>Answer: 1.Commscope brand cable only. Cat 5e jacks and wallplates can be Siemons or Commscope but cat 6a cable, wall plates, jacks, and patch panels must be Commscope end to end. Only one site uses cat 6. 2.Drawings are available upon request by emailing kwailly@psdschools.org. 3.There are existing pathways and conduit stubs in most areas. 4.Most pathways should have space for extra wires but there may be certain areas that need additional stubs or pathways. 5.Should be almost exclusively drop ceiling but there may be special situations with some hard lid. 6.No access points will be installed. This is for wiring only. 7.No. The District will have a third party access point installer with necessary patch cables. 8.A complete response meeting all the requirements of this IFB is sufficient.</p>	03/14/2022