

Questions and Responses 11.29.18

1. Will all the access switches be implemented in a rack?
Yes, racks exist at all locations. Rack mounting hardware (brackets, rails, nuts/bolts, etc.) should be included in the proposal.
2. Do the services require that the provider racks/stacks the hardware?
This should be included in your installation services cost.
3. Do the services require that any cabling be run?
No
4. Will the provider be leading the cutover of the access switching or just prepping the hardware for CML to perform cutovers?
CML plans to lead the cutover and may prep the hardware. This should be costed as an option in your installation section of the proposal.
5. Can you define early morning option for implementation? Is that 6AM-8AM?
Activities should be wrapped up by 8AM. Our locations open at 9AM.
6. Can they provide the breakdown of current # of switch stacks at each location and # of switches per stack at each location?
19 locations are single IDF closet, 5 locations have multiple IDF closets. Number of switches per location is detailed in the RFP.
7. Will the provider be required to remove old switches and dispose of them?
This should be included in your buyback offer if applicable. If no buyback, we will dispose of the switches.
8. RFP says to give copper GLCs and Fiber GLCs to the switches but doesn't specify any quantities needed per switch.
 - a. Will there be redundant uplinks per stack or single?
Redundant links per stack. The quantities we asked for in the bidding tables of the RFP indicate 2 SFPs per switch in most cases.
 - b. How many stacks are at each location or are they single IDF closets?
19 locations are single IDF closet, 5 locations have multiple IDF closets.
 - c. How many copper vs fiber?
The quantities we asked for in the bidding tables of the RFP.
9. RFP says to give a stacking cable per switch – what number of stacks are per site and how many switches are in each stack?
19 locations are single stack, 5 locations are multi stack. Every switch should have a cable and stacking module to accommodate the various configurations.

- a. Also are standard 50CM stack cables acceptable or do we need longer lengths due to rack layouts (Patch panels and wire management between switch stack members)?

1.5 meter stack cables.

10. Total quantity of GLC-T SFPs SFPs?

The quantities we asked for are in the bidding tables of the RFP.

11. Total quantity of GLC-SX-MMD SFPs?

The quantities we asked for are in the bidding tables of the RFP.

12. Total quantity of 10GBase-SR SFPs?

The quantities we asked for are in the bidding tables of the RFP.

13. Once awarded what kind of time frame is projected for project completion?

We are asking you to define your project approach and estimated timeline as part of the RFP. We will however work together to finalize the approach, phasing, and scheduling. This is an E-Rate project so it must follow all E-Rate project timeline requirements.

14. Currently the Hilliard branch has 2 3850s instead of the 3650s the other branches have. Was this additional sizing done intentionally, or can Hilliard receive the same model switch as the other sites?

Hilliard has 4 MFP closets. The 3850s are the core of this site, and are stacked. There are redundant fiber links to the 3 other closets. (1 link to each 3850). The 3850's also act as the access layer for all devices terminating in that closet.

15. Will the Library extend the due date for this 10 days?

The due date has been extended to Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

16. We would like to request clarification on the target percentage for MBE participation on this RFP.

There is no target percentage for MBE participation.