

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2021-004  
DATA TRANSPORT SERVICES  
RESPONSE ADDENDUM # 3  
November 17, 2020**

**CLARIFICATION**

**QUESTIONS**

1. We assume the VLAN IDs shown within Figure 1 on page 38 represent C-tags or VLAN IDs included with the customer traffic. Is that correct?  
ANSWER: Yes
2. On the sample diagram within Figure 1 on page 38 the Hub1 UNI shows four VLAN IDs. Do these represent Ingress traffic (VLAN 10 & 11) and egress traffic (VLAN 2 & 3)?  
ANSWER: No, those are both representations of egress traffic to the end-site. VLAN IDs 2 & 3 are PtP virtual circuits that come back to our core PoP's (2->Orono/3->Portland) and get translated to the Site ID at each PoP. While VLAN IDs 10 & 11 are the intra-district multi-point virtual circuits. The difference this year is we are requesting that VLAN IDs 10 & 11 also get transported back to our core PoP's (10->Orono/11->Portland) and get translated to the District Bridge ID at each PoP.
3. Will you accept separate physical ports to terminate the ELAN and ELINE traffic at the Hub1 location?  
ANSWER: If a bidder cannot provide services as requested, they may propose an alternative. The bidder's proposal must include a detailed explanation of why and how the proposed alternative meets or exceeds the service configurations requested by the University.
4. The four VLAN's on a single hand off design does not lend itself to leveraging multiple carriers within a district, but can you elaborate on this design and the idea of using multiple carriers within a district?  
ANSWER: That first statement is false. Requesting VLAN IDs 10 & 11 come back to our core PoP's (10->Orono/11->Portland) will enable us to bridge between service providers. Thus, allowing us to split districts up between different carriers.
5. On Page 51, section "Carrier Ethernet Service", subsection 6, please define "District Bridge ID".  
ANSWER: The District Bridge ID is the translated VLAN ID for VLANs 10 & 11, which represents the intra-district VLAN traffic. District Bridge IDs have been provided in Exhibit 1 for all schools that currently have intra-district networks defined. District Bridge IDs will be provided for all schools prior to the implementation of contracted services. It is not anticipated that libraries, other than the Portland Public libraries, will have a need for multi-point services which is why District Bridge IDs have not been provided and VLAN IDs 10 & 11 will not be required for the libraries.
6. On Page 51, section "Carrier Ethernet Service", subsection 7, please expand on what is meant by "The Carrier Ethernet service should allow "local" VLANs to be transported transparently among district sites".  
ANSWER: This language was accidentally left in the RFP and can be ignored. However, no filtering should be done on any of the VLAN traffic being transported either between district end-sites or end-sites to the core PoP.
7. On Page 52, section "Carrier Ethernet Service", subsection 11, please provide expanded network diagram that details desired VLAN tag mapping to be performed by carrier. Network diagram should include example usage of "DistrictID".

ANSWER: Figure 1 on page 38 reflects the mapping you are requesting. To clarify VLAN IDs 2 & 3 are PtP virtual circuits between the end-site and the two core PoP locations (2->Orono/3->Portland) and get translated to the Site ID. VLAN IDs 10 & 11 are the multi-point virtual circuits and as they come back into our core PoPs (10->Orono/11->Portland) we wanted them translated to the District Bridge ID. District Bridge IDs have been provided in Exhibit 1 for all schools that currently have intra-district networks defined. District Bridge IDs will be provided for all schools prior to the implementation of contracted services. It is not anticipated that libraries, other than the Portland Public libraries, will have a need for multi-point services which is why District Bridge IDs have not been provided and VLAN IDs 10 & 11 will not be required for the libraries.

8. We would like to formally request a two-week extension so that we can perform the necessary site surveys to provide you with the best possible costing.  
ANSWER: We are sorry we cannot grant an extension.
9. Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?  
ANSWER: No
10. What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?  
ANSWER: Refer to RFP Section 2.0 for details.
11. Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at [www.mygovwatch.com/free](http://www.mygovwatch.com/free)?  
ANSWER: No
12. Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?  
ANSWER: It was also posted in the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC) per E-rate rules
13. Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this (like, from India or Canada)?  
ANSWER: Refer to RFP Appendix D, Rider A, Business and Performance Reviews
14. Whether we need to come over there for meetings?  
ANSWER: Refer to RFP Appendix D, Rider A, Business and Performance Reviews
15. Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA (like from India or Canada)?  
ANSWER: Refer to RFP Section 1.3.2 Eligibility to Submit Responses.
16. Can we submit proposals via email?  
ANSWER: Refer to RFP Section 1.3.8.