

From page 2: “any equipment and supplies purchased with EANS funds must be able to be removed from a nonpublic school without remodeling the nonpublic school facility.” There is equipment that is installed on walls (ie. Displays, wall boxes). How can that be removed without patching the walls?

- When we speak about "remodeling" it is more that the school building wouldn't be altered in a way that it could not function as it was before. An example of this would be installation of new windows or a new HVAC unit. Neither of these could be removed without signifying altering the building.

Some of the listed items will have significant lead times of potentially a year or more. Is there a project schedule available so the bidders can understand the required timeline?

- There is not a specific timeline in place other than what was posted in the RFQ. The goal is to start the project as soon as possible, the project will need to be completed before September 30, 2023 as that is the period of availability for the grant

Will multiple spaces be made available so the installs could happen at the same time?

-This depends on the availability of the equipment and when it arrives. The intent would be to install as soon as the equipment arrives. If this happens in June there will be space available. If this happens during the school year, there would not be multiple spaces available as the classrooms will be in use.

Will the installations take place during normal business hours?

-Similar to above. If over the summer the installs could be completed over normal business hours. If during the school year, much of the install would need to be after school or on the weekends.

What is the estimated timeline for completion?

As soon as possible once the bid is awarded.

Can we get additional information related to Appendix E: Technology Upgrades, AV Network Security, and Appendix F: Technology Upgrades, Maintenance? The description is somewhat limited. Can we get any additional information in terms of expectations or needs? How is support for the school network currently handled? Is it handled internally or does the district outsource this service? Perhaps knowing that might help in answering the question about Appendices E and F.

We have an onsite technology department that handles all issues. We do have additional help through vendors when the need arises. This is why the training and warranty are important to us. Physical maintenance and repairs shall be completed within 24 hours of notification during business hours M-F 7A-4P. Excluding federal holidays.

Has there been any thought to interviewing or having a remote meeting before deciding on a vendor vs. simply awarding this project to the lowest responsible bidder? In the document, the following is noted: The competency and responsibility of the vendors and their proposed subcontractors will be considered in determining the lowest responsible proposal/bid. Additional factors that will be considered include the availability of desirable options, cost, value, quality, suitability, reliability of support, service history, ease of use, training, references, and length and conditions of warranties. How can all of that be known without having some sort of meeting with respective, potential vendors?

We would welcome a list of references of other customers the company has worked with as part of the bid if the bidder would like to provide that information.. This will allow us to check on the quality of work and promptness of service. Software licenses, minimum of 3 years. Warranties should be a minimum of 1 year manufacturer , 1 year on labor and 3 years on parts.

There is no training listed in the Video Production section of the bid. Should we list that as an option? Unless someone is familiar with the Newtek solution we recommend training.

Line item in Appendix B. 14 from the bottom of the page.