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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Category 2 E-Rate Switch Replacements

RFP NO. L-24-06

**December 31, 2024
Harford County Public Library
1221-A Brass Mill Road
Belcamp, MD 21017**

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**PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY January 31, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M.
LOCAL TIME**

**PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 31, 2025 WILL BE
RETURNED UNOPENED**

*NOTE: QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION MUST BE FAXED TO 410-
273-5606 OR E-MAILED TO gentile@hcplonline.org NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM
January 15, 2025*

SUBMIT ORIGINAL PROPOSALS TO:

*Harford County Public Library
Administration Office
1221-A Brass Mill Road
Belcamp, MD 21017
Attn: Scott Gentile, Procurement Agent
Phone: 410-273-5600 x 6548
RFP No. L-24-06 Switch Replacements*

*OR electronically (preferred) to:
gentile@hcplonline.org*

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS (PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY)

1. INSTRUCTIONS, FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS:

Instructions, forms and specifications may be obtained at <https://hcplonline.org/rfps.php> or in person or by mail from the Procurement Department, 1221-A Brass Mill Road, Belcamp, Maryland 21017.

a) All bids are to be submitted on and in accordance with forms for this purpose, which are available from the Procurement Department.

b) All bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope with the bid number and name of the bid noted in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope.

c) Bids received after the specified time will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

d) Additional information or clarification of any of the instructions or information contained herein must be obtained from the Procurement Department.

e) Should any Bidder find discrepancy in the plans, specifications, or specimen agreement, should the Bidder be in doubt as to their meaning or intent of any part thereof, the Bidder must prior to bid submission, request clarification from the Procurement Agent, who will issue an addendum or otherwise clarify the matter. Every request for such interpretation should be in writing addressed to the Purchasing Department, 1221-A Brass Mill Road, Belcamp, Maryland, 21017 and marked "Request for Clarification". The request must be received at least seven (7) working days prior to the date fixed for bid receipt. Any and all such interpretations, any supplemental instructions will be mailed to all prospective Bidders (at the respective address furnished for such purpose), not later than five (5) working days prior to the date fixed for the opening bids. Failure to request such clarification is a waiver to any claim by the Bidder for expense made necessary by reason of later interpretation of the Contract Documents. All addenda issued during the time for bidding shall form a part of the Contract requirements and shall be considered by the Bidders in preparing their bids. Failure of any Bidder to receive any addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under his bid as submitted.

f) The Harford County Public Library will assume no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestion. All official correspondence in regard to the specifications shall be directed to and will be issued by the Procurement Agent in writing.

g) Oral, telephonic and/or telegraphic bids or modifications of bids will not be acceptable.

h) Bids must be completed in ink or typewritten by the Bidder with the signature in full. When an unincorporated business is a Bidder, the agent who signs the business name to do so bids shall state, in addition, the names and addresses of the individuals composing the firm. When a corporation is a Bidder, the person signing shall state under the laws of the State the corporation is chartered and the names and titles of the officer having the authority under the bylaws to sign contract. The bid shall also bear the seal of the corporation, attested by its secretary. Anyone signing the bid as agent must file with it legal evidence of his authority to do so Post office address, County and State, and telephone number must be given after the signature of the person signing the bid.

i) Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after this time and date specified shall not be considered. Should there be reasons why the Contract cannot be awarded within the specified period; the time may be

extended by mutual agreement between the Library and the Bidder.

2. AWARD OF CONTRACT:

a) The Library shall award all contracts in accordance with the criteria established in Section 41-26 of the Harford County Code.

b) Prompt payment discount terms will be considered in determining award.

c) Any other considerations for the award will be stated on the bid form or specifications.

3. TAXES:

The Harford County Public Library is a tax-exempt entity. The tax exemption is covered under State of Maryland Sales and Use Tax Certificate Account number 30001201.

4. RESERVATIONS:

a) The contract awarding authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts of bids when, in its judgment, the public interest will be served thereby.

b) The Contract Awarding Authority may waive informalities and irregularities in bids. (Sec. 41-26 Procurement Law) as the interest of the County may be required.

c) Interpretation of Quantities in Bid Schedule: The quantities appearing in the prepared bid schedule are approximate only and are prepared for the canvassing of bids. Payment to the Bidder will be made only for the actual quantities of items furnished in accordance with the Contract and it is understood that the scheduled quantities of items to be furnished may be increased, diminished or omitted without in any way invalidating bid prices.

d) The Contract Awarding Authority may waive minor differences in specifications provided these differences do not violate the specification intent nor materially affect the operation for which the item or items are being purchased nor increase estimated maintenance and repair cost to the Library.

5. DELIVERY:

a) Bidders shall guarantee delivery of materials in accordance with such delivery schedule as may be provided in the specifications and bid forms.

b) All items shall be delivered F.O.B. destination and delivery costs and charges included in the bid unless otherwise quoted in Special Conditions.

c) Delivery time may be a factor in award of bid.

6. COMPETITION, LITERATURE, SAMPLES:

a) To better ensure fair competition and to permit a determination of the lowest Bidder, bids may be rejected if they show any omission, irregularities, alteration of forms, additions not called for, conditional or unconditional unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced.

b) The name of any manufacturer, trade name, or manufacturer or vendor catalog number mentioned in specifications is for the purpose of designating a standard of quality and type and for no other. Even though a particular manufacturer's name or brand is specified, bids will be considered on other brands or on the product of other manufacturers. On all such bids the Bidder shall indicate clearly the product on which he is bidding and shall supply a sample or sufficient data to enable an intelligent comparison to be made with the particular brand or manufacturer specified. Catalog cuts and descriptive data shall be attached to the

original copy of the bid where applicable. Failure to submit the above information may be sufficient grounds for rejection of bids.

c) No Bidder will be allowed to offer more than one price on each item even though he may believe that he has two or more types or styles that will meet the specifications. Bidders must determine for themselves which item to offer. If the Bidders should submit more than one price on any item, all prices for that item may be rejected at the discretion of the Contract Awarding Authority.

d) A statement of the origin, composition and manufacturer of any or all materials to be used in the work shall be supplied, if requested, on the Bid Form.

e) Specifications provided are based on Library needs and uses, estimated costs of operation and maintenance, and other significant and/or limiting factors to meet Library requirements and consistent with Library policies. Minimum specifications, and maximum specifications where included, are not established arbitrarily to limit competition or to exclude otherwise competitive Bidders.

7. DEVIATION FROM SPECIFICATIONS:

In addition to the above requirements, all deviations from the specifications must be noted in detail by the Bidder in writing, at the same time of submittal of the formal bid. The absence of a written list of specification deviations at the time of submittal of the bid will hold the Bidder strictly accountable to Harford County Public Library for furnishing material, equipment or services in full accordance with the specifications as written. Items not meeting the specifications may be rejected upon delivery to the Library.

8. INSPECTION:

All materials, supplies, and/or services delivered or performed for Harford County Public Library shall be subject to final inspection by Harford County Public Library and/or the Procurement Agent may designate other independent testing laboratories as may be deemed necessary. If the result of one or more of such tests indicates that any part of the materials or supplies are deficient in any respects, the Library may reject all or any part of the materials and supplies to be provided under the contract. The Procurement Agent may waive variances in materials, supplies, and/or service upon written recommendation by the Library Department involved in the purchase.

9. ERRORS IN EXTENSION:

Where the unit price and the extension price are at variance, the unit price will prevail.

10. LAW AND REGULATIONS:

In all operation related to the subject item, all laws and regulations of Harford County and all United States, State of Maryland Laws, which are applicable to the Contract, must be strictly complied with. The Contractor shall protect and indemnify Harford County Public Library and its agents or employees against any claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any such laws, ordinances or regulations, whether by him or his employees.

11. QUALIFICATION AND LICENSE:

The Library may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish the Library all such information and data for this purpose as the Library may request. The Library reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Library that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

12. FORM OF ORDER:

An appropriate Harford County Public Library Purchase Order will be executed as required to the successful Bidder.

13. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING:

Results of this bid may be made available to Harford County Public Schools, Harford Community College, and Harford County Municipalities. Upon mutual agreement of both parties (successful Bidder(s) and any of the above-mentioned entities), this bid may be utilized to affect such contracts. Results may also be made available to the State of Maryland, and other public or nonprofit agencies within or outside the State of Maryland.

14. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

Awarded Bidders of all Harford County Public Library contracts agree to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws relating to equal opportunity employment. All Harford County Public Library bid submissions will be considered without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability or veterans' status and to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

Request for Proposal

Category 2 E-Rate Wireless Access Points

A. Introduction

Harford County Public Library (HCPL) is an 11-branch public library with a separate administrative office and five outreach vehicles serving a growing, diverse community of approximately 264,000 residents in northeast Maryland at the head of the Chesapeake Bay. In fiscal year 2023, the Library circulated more than 3.1 million items and handled more than 379,000 information/reader assistance requests, utilizing a collection of just over 1,000,000 physical items, online databases, and the worldwide web. The Library also offers an extensive array of downloadable and streaming audio/video products (movies, television shows, music albums and audio books). Harford County Public Library holds more than 9,600 classes, workshops, programs and events with more than 480,000 attendees. HCPL has been the recipient of numerous awards including The Daily Record Innovator of the Year and Library Journal's Star Library.

B. Purpose

Harford County Public Library is inviting proposals for an E-rate Category 2 funded project set to participate in the 2024/2025 funding year, commencing on July 1, 2024. This project involves the replacement of aging network equipment across all library locations. Specifically, the Library intends to procure and install the following equipment (or approved equivalents):

- **39 units of Cisco Catalyst C9300L-48UXG-4X-E:** 48-port, 12MGIG switches with Network Essentials, each including four 10G uplinks.
- **39 units of PWR-C1-1100WAC-P/2:** Secondary 1100W AC 80+ Platinum power supplies.
- **39 units of C9300L-DNA-E-48-3Y:** Cisco DNA Essentials 48-port, 3-year term licenses.
- **29 units of C9300L-STACK-KIT:** Stacking kits for Cisco Catalyst 9300L switches.

As part of this solicitation, vendors are requested to provide pricing structures encompassing 1, 3, and 5-year terms for licensing and support. Furthermore, we require that hardware purchases, licensing acquisitions, and installation and setup services be treated as distinct transactions in the proposals.

C. Submission of Questions and Proposal

The deadline for the submission of questions is *January 15, 2025*

. Questions must be submitted by email to gentile@hcplonline.org. Any questions proposed after this date will not be answered. Any questions posed will be answered via an addendum to the RFP and all participants will receive notice of the posted addendum no later than January 22, 2025.

Should bidders elect to submit a printed proposal, bidders are required to submit one (1) original and five (5) copies of their proposals by 1:00 PM, local time, January 31, 2025 . Please refer to **Section G** for additional submission format instructions. Any proposal not received by the listed bid opening date and time will be returned unopened. Any questions requiring clarification of bid submission should be directed to Scott Gentile, Procurement Agent, in writing, via email (gentile@hcplonline.org) or fax 410-273-5606 by no later than 1:00 P.M. on January 31, 2025 .

Bidders who elect to submit an electronic proposal need only submit one technical proposal in an Adobe PDF document, and a separate PDF document for the pricing proposal.

THE BIDDER SHALL SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO:

Harford County Public Library
Administrative Office
1221-A Brass Mill Road
Belcamp, Maryland 21017

Attention: Scott Gentile, Procurement Agent
RFP No. L-24-06 Switch Replacements

OR electronically (preferred) to:

gentile@hcplonline.org

Any conditions which the Bidder wishes to stipulate other than those included in this RFP must be specifically stated in writing in the Bidder's cover letter. If the Bidder cannot accept a provision of the RFP, it must state and explain why provision cannot be accepted. Any supporting literature that the Bidder wants to include should be placed in an appendix. All materials, documents, and information generated are the property of Harford County Public Library.

NOTE: EACH BIDDER MUST SUBMIT AS PART OF THEIR PROPOSAL THE COMPLETED PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT (PAGES 12 - 14.) FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT WILL CAUSE THE PROPOSAL TO BE REJECTED.

D. Schedule

RFP L-24-06 Posted:	December 31, 2024
Questions Due:	January 15, 2025
Addendums Posted, if necessary:	January 22, 2025
Proposals Due:	January 31, 2025 1:00 PM local time
Award Made:	No later than February 5, 2024

E. Outline of Scope of Work

Harford County Public Library is seeking proposals for the replacement of aging network equipment at all library locations for the 2024/2025 funding year under the E-Rate Category 2 program. The Library intends to procure and install the following equipment (or approved equivalents):

- **45 units of Cisco Catalyst C9300L-48UXG-4X-E:** 48-port, 12MGIG switches with Network Essentials, each including four 10G uplinks.
- **45 units of PWR-C1-1100WAC-P/2:** Secondary 1100W AC 80+ Platinum power supplies.
- **45 units of C9300L-DNA-E-48-3Y:** Cisco DNA Essentials 48-port, 3-year term licenses.
- **45 units of C9300L-STACK-KIT:** Stacking kits for Cisco Catalyst 9300L switches.

Note: HCPL has historically preferred Cisco products; however, we will consider equivalent or superior solutions from different manufacturers. Proposals including equivalent products must demonstrate how the alternative solutions meet or exceed the specifications and performance standards outlined in this RFP. Additionally, equivalent hardware proposals must include pricing for installation, configuration, testing, and staff training services for proposed equipment.

Participation in the 2024/2025 E-rate funding year underscores our dedication to meeting the increasing demand for seamless connectivity in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

Vendors are encouraged to submit comprehensive proposals that meet the technical requirements and specifications outlined in this RFP, with strict adherence to E-Rate compliance regulations for the specified funding year. The selected vendor will collaborate closely with Harford County Public Library to deliver scalable, cost-effective, and E-Rate compliant solutions.

See Addendum 1 attached for full Scope of Work & Preferred Hardware.

F. Evaluation and Selection Criteria

F.1 Evaluation Committee

Harford County Public Library has established an evaluation committee who will review and score each proposal for adherence to the requirements in accordance with the criteria as described below.

F.2 Evaluation Criteria

All proposals will be evaluated based on their technical and price merits. The weights and evaluation criteria for each are described under Sections F.3 & F.4.

A complete proposal is considered a submission in which all information as requested by HCPL has been supplied, areas requiring a signature have been acknowledged and both the technical and financial proposals have been submitted per the terms of this RFP. Any proposal found to be missing any item requested in this RFP will be considered incomplete and disqualified.

HCPL reserves the right to award all or part of the project based solely on the best interest of HCPL as determined by the Library's CEO.

F.3 Technical Proposal (70%)

The technical proposal must be submitted in the format as outlined below. Next to the title is the weight factor assigned to each category.

F.3.1 Participation in Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium (MEEC) 20 points

A maximum of 20 points will be awarded to vendor's involved or compliant with MEEC. Criterion will include adherence to regional contracting standards, with higher points awarded to stronger alignment for E-rate eligible goods and services.

F.3.2 Understanding of the Project **20 points**

A complete response should cover all requirements, specifications, and requests outlined in the RFP. Points are deducted for missing or insufficiently addressed elements.

F.3.3 Recent and Relevant Experience **10 points**

Consider any previous engagements or relationships with the vendor. Positive past experiences could indicate reliability, understanding of your needs, and a proven track record. Allocate points based on the strength and success of prior relationships.

F.3.4 Technical Expertise **10 points**

Assess the vendor's technical expertise and experience in deploying similar E-rate compliant wireless network solutions. The criterion include vendor's track record, certifications, case studies, or client references from similar projects.

F.3.5 Geographical Preference **5 points**

This criterion evaluates the vendor's geographical proximity to your organization. Local vendors offer advantages in terms of accessibility, support, and understanding of local regulations and conditions.

F.3.6 Innovation and Additional Value **5 points**

Evaluate any innovative features, added value, or unique benefits offered by the vendor's proposal. This criterion encourages vendors to provide extra benefits or innovative solutions beyond the basic requirements.

F.4 Price Proposal (30%)

F.4.1 The committee will award the full 30 points available to the lowest price proposal. Higher-priced proposals will receive a lower score, prorated from the lowest proposal's 30-point basis.

F.4.2 The rates proposed will be for the duration of the project following the date of award.

F.4.3 The Committee may enter cost and scope negotiations, only with the highest rated firm. If the Committee and firm cannot agree upon the scope and cost, the Committee will negotiate with the next highest rated firm. This process is continued until a fair and reasonably priced contract can be awarded.

G. Information Required In Proposal Submission

- G.1 Each Bidder submitting printed copies shall submit one (1) original and five (5) copies of its technical proposal, with the original clearly marked. A brief transmittal letter, signed by an officer authorized to bind the firm to its proposal, with Bid Form and Affidavit from pages 11-14 of this document, attached must accompany the technical proposal.
- G.2 The selection procedure for this RFP requires that technical evaluations be completed before price proposals are opened and submitted to the Evaluation Committee. Each Bidder submitting printed copies shall submit one (1) original and five (5) copies of the price proposal, using **Attachment A**, provided herein, **separately sealed** in an envelope clearly marked "Price Proposal," with RFP number/title.
- G.3 Bidders who elect to submit an electronic proposal need only submit one technical proposal in an Adobe PDF document, and a separate PDF document for the pricing proposal.

H. Basis of Award

The firm with the highest combined technical and price rating will be recommended for an award of contract.

HCPL reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time after issuance, to reject, in whole or in part, any and all offers received, to waive minor technicalities in proposals, and to negotiate with responsible offers in any manner necessary to serve its best interests.

Any necessary additions or corrections to this RFP will be made by addenda and issued to all Bidders of record. Addenda will become part of the RFP and must be acknowledged by each Bidder; failure to acknowledge any addenda shall not relieve Bidders of compliance with the terms thereof. HCPL assumes no responsibility for oral instructions.

HCPL may request Bidders to make oral presentations of their qualifications, and to substantiate any portion of proposals submitted. The Procurement Agent will schedule such presentations if deemed necessary.

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Bidder's ability to satisfy the requirements of this RFP.

Bidders are responsible for proposal preparation and submission costs, as well as travel costs incurred in connection with oral presentations or other pre-award discussions.

By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, the Bidder accepts the terms and conditions set forth herein, unless stated otherwise.

HCPL may require Bidders to submit additional information regarding financial responsibility, technical expertise, and other qualifications, and may consider any information otherwise available concerning those qualifications.

HCPL reserves the right to accept the best written proposal without further discussions, and may do so; thus, Bidders should ensure that the initial proposals are both complete and competitively priced.

The Bidder shall identify any actual or potential conflicts of interest that exist, or which may arise if the Bidder is recommended for award and propose how such conflicts might be resolved.

The laws of Harford County and the State of Maryland, and where applicable, federal laws and regulations, will govern the contract awarded pursuant to this RFP.

The Bidder is required to perform all services in accordance with generally accepted standards of professional practice, and in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

HCPL maintains the right to delete or insert tasks in the scope with appropriate changes in cost.

I. Proposal Content

To be considered as a complete submission, respondents are required to present:

- A cover letter providing a brief description of the firm or individual, name, address of consultant, telephone number, e-mail, and fax of principal contact person.
- An executive summary of the highlights of the proposal, which should not exceed one page in length, conveying the Bidder's understanding of the purpose and expected outcomes of the project.
- A summary of the consultant's qualifications and experience as well as up to five references. Experience in the administration of libraries is preferred. Successful firms and their subcontractors will have demonstrated expertise in library operations, technology and facilities. Evidence of successful experience in communication and planning is crucial to the selection.
- Exclusion or exceptions – Note any parts of the proposal that is beyond the expertise of the consultant or would be better handled by local library staff.
- Additional documentation – Consultants are welcome to provide additional documentation that will assist HCPL in the selection process.

NOTE: Harford County Public Library will not reimburse the costs of preparing the proposal.

J. Procurement of Additional Goods and Services/Coterminous Expiration

During the term of any Agreement resulting from this RFP, HCPL may elect to procure additional or like goods and/or services offered by the Respondent. Such services shall be negotiated and obtained via an official amendment to this Agreement and approval by HCPL's Governing Board. All terms, conditions, warranties, obligations, maintenance and support of said goods or services shall have a coterminous expiration date with the original date of this Agreement. HCPL shall not enter into a

separate Agreement for said goods or services. Respondents must state in their proposal that they acknowledge, accept and agree with coterminous expiration conditions.

BID FORM

The undersigned, duly authorized to bind the named firm, agrees, upon receipt of acceptance of this proposal within fourteen (14) calendar days, to proceed to execute the contract in accordance with the proposal as accepted.

Signature _____

Type/Print Name _____

Title _____

Name of Firm _____

Address

Street

City

State

Zip

Mailing Address (if different from Street address)

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

If corporation, place corporate seal beside signature and state:

Name of President _____

Name of Secretary _____

Under laws of what state incorporated _____

Acknowledgement of Addenda (if applicable)

#1 _____
date

#2 _____
date

#3 _____

date

PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I am the (title) _____ and the duly authorized representative of (name of business) _____ and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the business for which I am acting.

B. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies (as is defined in Section 16-101(f) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Article 27, Section 641 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded *nolo contendere* to a charge of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows:

(Indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business):

C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows:

(List each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension)

D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The above business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

(2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows: (Indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given without qualification):

E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the agents, servants and/or employees of the above business have:

(1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;

(2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the Bidder or contractor or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted.

F. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, the provisions of Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of the contracts, leases, or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

G. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with the provisions of Article 33, Sections 30-1 through 30-4 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year under which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall, on or before February 15, of the following year, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of political contributions in excess of \$500 to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

H. CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION REGISTRATION AND TAX PAYMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The business named above is a (Check one) _____ Maryland (domestic) corporation
_____ foreign (non-Maryland) corporation

registered in accordance with the Corporations and Associations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and that it is in good standing and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and that the name and address of its resident agent filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is:

Name:

Address:

(If not applicable, so state).

(2) Except as validly contested, the business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Employment Security Administration, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

I. CONTINGENT FEES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Contract.

J. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

This Affidavit is furnished to the Procurement Agent and that nothing in this Affidavit or in any contract arising from this bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive the exercise of any statutory right or remedy with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) this Affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): _____

Addendum 1

Category 2 E-Rate Wireless Access Points Scope of Work & Preferred Hardware

Preferred Specifications and Rationale

The Cisco Catalyst C9300L series switches are the preferred solution due to their reliability, performance, and integration capabilities within the Library's existing network infrastructure. The Cisco equipment provides a robust, secure, and scalable networking solution that can meet current and future needs, offering flexibility for various configurations and network management. Equivalent Hardware Consideration: Vendors proposing alternative solutions must meet or exceed the following specifications:

- 48-port, 12MGIG switches with support for 10G uplinks.
- Network Essentials or equivalent licensing options.
- 1100W AC 80+ Platinum certified power supply units or equivalent.
- A stacking kit that is compatible with the proposed switch model, offering a secure, scalable design.
- Comprehensive software licensing options for network management and monitoring, similar to Cisco DNA Essentials.

Additional Conditions for Alternative Proposals: Proposals with alternative solutions must include:

- A description of the alternative product(s), highlighting how it meets or exceeds the specified requirements.
- Detailed quotes for hardware, including installation, configuration, testing, and training services.
- Product warranty and post-installation support information.
- Service levels for support and post-installation assistance.

Hardware Locations

Below is a breakdown of the required equipment replacements at various Library locations:

Library Location	Equipment Replacement Details
Aberdeen Library	Replace __3_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Abingdon Library	Replace __4_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Bel Air Library	Replace _14_ units, Add _1_ new unit
Darlington Library	Replace __0_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Edgewood Library	Replace __3_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Fallston Library	Replace __2_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Havre de Grace Library	Replace __3_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Jarrettsville Library	Replace __2_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Joppa Library	Replace __2_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Norrisville Library	Replace __2_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Whiteford Library	Replace __2_ units, Add _0_ new unit
Administrative Office	Replace __0_ units, Add _1_ new units