

Response to Questions

Questions Submitted by Learning Tech

Q: FYI, this “excluded parties” reference provided in the RFP is not active: <http://www.epls.gov>. Do you have a new link?

A: SJVLS erroneously included the EPLS link which previously identified suppliers and vendors that were excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and some types of Federal financial and non-financial assistance. On November 21, 2012, the EPLS was replaced by the System for Award Management (SAM). The SAM system consolidates the Federal procurement system and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, into one large entity. This new database may be consulted in the following url: <https://sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/searchRecords/advancedPIRSearch.jsf>

Q: Is a performance bond anticipated for RFP 20-002, a service project?

A: No

Q: Please confirm that this RFP’s Scope of Work is for 20 locations that are primarily T1 infrastructure under the CALNET3 contract “due to various financial and logistical challenges.”

Please provide a list of these 20 locations, including: address, BEN, current Mbps, vendor, MRC, and contract terms (appreciating that CALNET3 ends 6/30/20, but individual vendor “continued use” terms might vary).

A: As a telecommunications consultant, the scope of work would encompass the entire SJVLS member library system. The service area of SJVLS libraries can be viewed in the following map <https://tinyurl.com/yyoo8fls>

In terms of the specific work related to Erate, oversight would include the following libraries:

BRANCH NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	USAC Entity Number	Current Speed	Vendor
Armona Branch	11115 C Street	Armona	CA	93202	211108	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Auberry Branch	33049 Auberry Road	Auberry	CA	93602	110444	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Bear Mountain Branch	30733 E Kings Canyon Rd	Squaw Valley	CA	93675	205001	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Big Creek Branch	55185 Point Road	Big Creek	CA	93605	205002	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Boron Branch	26967 Twenty Mule Team Road	Boron	CA	93516	107117	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Buttonwillow Branch	101 N. Main Street	Buttonwillow	CA	93206	106430	1.5 Mb	AT&T

Delhi Branch	16881 West Schendel Road	Delhi	CA	95315	110474	1.5 Mb	AT&T
El Portal Branch	9670 Rancheria Flat Road	El Portal	CA	95318	210914	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Fowler Branch	306 South 7th Street	Fowler	CA	93625	194430	3 Mb (See note)	AT&T
Kern River Valley Branch	7054 Lake Isabella Blvd	Lake Isabella	CA	93240	106525	1.5 Mb (See note)	AT&T
Piedra Branch	25385 E. Trimmer Springs Road	Sanger	CA	93657	205016	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Red Cloud Branch	10332 Fiske Road	Coulterville	CA	95311	210915	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Shafter Branch	236 James Street Suite 2	Shafter	CA	93263	106618	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Shaver Lake	41344 Tollhouse Rd.	Shaver Lake	CA	93664	205026	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Sierra Vista Library Kiosk	1050 Shaw Ave.	Clovis	CA	93612	17009109	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Snelling Branch	15916 N Highway 59	Snelling	CA	95369	110733	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Teague Branch	4725 N. POLK	Fresno	CA	93722	17010919	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Wawona	7971 Chilnualna Falls Rd	Wawona	CA	95389	210912	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Wofford Heights Branch	6400-B Wofford Blvd	Wofford Heights	CA	93285	106713	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Yosemite Branch	9042 Village Drive	Yosemite	CA	95389	210913	1.5 Mb	AT&T
Note: These branches are scheduled to be migrating to the CENIC network.							

Q: Why were these 20 sites not included in CENIC or Califa contracts? What are the “various financial and logistical challenges?”

A: Many of these sites are outside outlying rural areas where connectivity is not economically feasible due to the costs associated with providing adequate connectivity.

Q: Can you provide a logical network diagram for these 20 sites?

A: This will be provided to the vendor

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<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?msa=0&mid=12Sjy0p17HaRzjq0FSKAbsHqkBO4&ll=36.29770172339001%2C-119.33404200000001&z=8>

Q: On page 39 of the RFP, this “exception” is listed twice: Exceptions to Proposal Content Requirements. Is this a simple error? Or, should there be another item for “e”?

A: That is an error, there is no other exception.

Q: Is the Technology Planning task listed in the Scope of Work section for the whole organization, or just for the 20 sites?

A: For the whole organization

Q: What is meant by “give educational initiative” in the CIPA Compliance task of the Scope of Work?

A: Any sort of activity oriented towards educating clients on CIPA related issues.

Questions submitted by EdTechnologyFunds

Q: How would you describe the level of E-rate understanding by the site representatives?

A: The SJVLS staff has been working with E-rate and has knowledge of the process & policies. We hope the consultant can help compliment this knowledge by bringing in their own perspective and knowledge acquired through work in varying contexts and challenges.

Q: Please explain the communication flow between the vendor to SJVLS and the libraries. Will there be a centralized point of contact or will we communicate with each location directly?

A: The SJVLS staff will be the primary point of contact for E-rate. The SJVLS office files e-rate on behalf of the entire consortia and oversees the project throughout its process.

Q: On Page 39, it states that vendors must include a completed Cost Proposal sheet. There is currently no cost proposal sheet offered in this RFP. Will it be sent to the distribution list later? If so, when?

A: Vendors may submit a cost proposal sheet that best communicates their proposal in as best as possible.

Q: Does this proposal for E-rate include Category 2 services?

A: **see** Questions asked during teleconference

Q: Will prior years’ E-rate matters be handled by the system’s current consultant?

A: see Questions asked during teleconference