

RFP NUMBER SJVLS 20-002
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & E-RATE CONSULTANT
Vendor Teleconference Summary & Submitted Questions

Thursday August 1, 2019 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Introductions

Alberto Martinez - SJVLS Administrator

Kevin Nelson - Senior Network Systems Engineers

Oversees the network, Erate planning, project management for installs, contact with equipment vendors

Mary Ellen Tyckoson - Library Program Manager

21 years with the organization handles telco billing verifies payment processing, invoices, and very extensive background overseeing Erate.

Organizations who participated on the call:

Ed Technology Funds

Learning Tech

About SJVLS

Library Consortia established in 1979 and currently made up of 10-member library jurisdiction with Mariposa County as its norther most jurisdiction & Kern County to the south.

This service area reaches from the Yosemite village library all the way down to California City on the east and from the western side it reaches from Los Baños and all the way down south to Frazier park.

You can see a map of our service area at SJVLS.org under the "Find a SJVLS library" tab.

Regarding Erate & the RFP

We have been filing for Erate for quite a while now.

We had a vendor helping us for a good while.

Felt it was good time to explore new options and expand the scope.

Recently we began migrating to the CENIC network

The libraries that have not been migrated to CENIC network have not done so due to challenges dealing with the cost of getting decent bandwidth out to those areas such as Yosemite, Auberry, Shaver Lake, Wawona.

We feel that to get the entire service area up to par in terms of connectivity, we need to look beyond Erate to see how we can overcome these challenges, and this is why the RFP mentions a telecommunications consultant.

As such the work involved would not be limited to these branches 20 branches under erate, but would definitely be a starting point.

We hope we can establish a working relationship with a vendor who can continually identify funding strategies continually better our capacity including in places like Fresno, Tulare & Bakersfield.

Questions asked during teleconference

Ed Tech Funds

Q: Is the scope limited to Category 1? Telecommunications is associated with Cat1.

A: Sjvls Responded that it would include both Category 1 and 2

Q: Would the new vendor work with past Erate projects?

A: The consultant who filed those would be seeing those filings through. However, we do anticipate dialogue & cooperation between the old & new consultants.

After these questions were answered, Alberto proceeded to go over previously submitted questions that were received via Email. These questions and answers are included in the response to questions addendum.

Emailed request for interpretations or corrections of RFP

No requests for interpretations or corrections of RFP were received.