

Request for Proposal

Eligible Entity:	Mille Lacs Consortium 407 130th Aev South Onamia, MN 56359
Description:	E-Rate Priority 1 & Priority 2 (IC & BM)
RFP Number:	MLA20130622211237
470 Number:	656390001148414
470 Post Date:	02/7/2014
RFP Due Date:	03/07/2014 at 2:00PM local standard time
Billed Entity Number:	16072904
Email Address:	MLA@adsadsi.com

Mille Lacs Consortium (“MLA”) seeks proposals in accordance with the terms and conditions posted within. The awarded contract may cover both E-Rate eligible and non-eligible items. If eligible and non-eligible items or services are bid, bidders must break out the non-eligible items and list them as such. Contract award(s) shall be made in accordance with FCC Universal Service Administration Company E-Rate Program Rules.

MLA shall not be responsible for the pre-opening of, post-opening of or failure to open, a RFP not properly addressed or identified.

PREQUALIFICATION:	None Required
MANDATORY JOB WALK:	None
BID MARKING:	656390001148414
PLACE OF SEALED BID RECEIPT:	Mille Lacs Consortium Attn: Randy Sundberg 407 130th Aev South Onamia, MN 56359
METHOD OF BID RECEIPT:	E-mail to MLA@adsadsi.com Personal delivery, courier, or mailed via United States Postal Service to above address. Late offers shall not be considered.

To perform the work required by this RFP, the winning Bidder must provide a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and be licensed in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, including Local and State Law.

Note: Mille Lacs Consortium MUST wait at least 28 days after the posting of the Description of Services Requested and Certification form (Form 470) on USAC's website before executing any contracts, selecting a Service Provider, or signing and submitting the Services Ordered and Certification Form (Form 471).

It is the intent to award services sought within this RFP to either one or multiple Bidders – as appropriate. By issuing this RFP, MLA is not required to award all services for which pricing is sought. An award may or may not be given for services requested. MLA retains the right to award contracts based on their evaluation of the responses received in accordance with this RFP.

Responses to the RFP shall not require demonstrations. Responses requiring demonstrations for evaluation may not be considered.

QUESTIONS:

All questions must be posted to http://adsadsi.com/rfp_year_17.shtml in order to assure all service providers have access to the same information. Please visit the website and click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with the applicant's Form 470 Application to submit a question. In addition, please click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with this application to review all questions asked and answered. Please remember that questions submitted within 5 business days of bid due date may not be answered.

If you do not have a question, but would like to stay current with questions asked and answered, please visit the website and click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with the applicant's Form 470 Application and submit a request, in the form of a question, to be added to the question and answer distribution list. If you submit a question you are automatically added to the distribution list for updates.

No other method of asking questions is acceptable. Questions asked in any other method than the acceptable method as described above may not be answered – i.e. questions submitted via text, E-mail, or asked via a telephone, or left on a voicemail may not be answered.

REFERENCES:

Bidder shall provide references that demonstrate successfully Funded E-Rate Projects from recent Funding Years. In addition, please indicate the number of positive Funding Commitment Decision Letters that applicants have received for your company's services. Applicant Name, Entity Number, and Individual Contact Information is requested for all references provided.

In addition, please provide the date and time of the Bidder's last reimbursement from the School and Libraries Division of the Universal Services Administrative Company.

ADS Advanced Data Services, Inc. role is to assist with the E-Rate Application Process:

ADS Advanced Data Services, Inc. does not evaluate Service Provider Service Offerings – The applicant is responsible for selecting all Service Providers. ADS shall not recommend Service Providers.

All information is provided on the 470, to include applicant type, service locations, addresses, and service NPA/NXXs.

If you have a proposal, or optional packages, please provide details and the eligible applicant shall evaluate all options to select a winner. Pricing specific to the applicant's requirements must be included for an evaluation to be completed. Please make sure any required Contracts or Statements of Work are authorized and included in your response.

If the applicant has a question on your service offering, terms, and/or pricing, clarification shall be sought.

The projects and services discussed within this RFP depend on funding from the E-Rate Program. If E-rate funding is deemed unavailable for any project, in whole or part, MLA may terminate any and all contractual commitments. In addition, MLA expects its Service Providers to make themselves thoroughly familiar with all rules and regulations regarding the E-Rate Program.

Terms and Conditions

Definitions of Terms as used in these instructions, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"Attachments" means any item the Solicitation requires a Service Provider to submit as part of the Offer.

"Contract" means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Service Providers, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement of Scope of Work; the Offer and any Best and Final Offers; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments; and terms applied by law.

"Contract Amendment" means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.

"Days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.

"Exhibits" means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the solicitation.

"Gratuity" means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.

"Offer" means bid, RFP, proposal or quotation.

"Service Provider" means a Service Provider who responds to a Solicitation.

"Purchasing Manager" means the person duly authorized to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract or his or her designee.

"Solicitation" means an Invitation for Bids (IFB), a Request for Proposals (RFP), or a Request for Quote (RFQ).

"Solicitation Amendment" means a written document that is authorized by the Purchasing Manager and issued for the purpose of making changes to the Solicitation.

"Subcontract" means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishings of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.

Inquiries

Duty to Examine. It is the responsibility of each Service Provider to examine the entire Solicitation, seek clarification in writing, and check its Offer for accuracy before submitting the Offer. Lack of care in preparing an Offer shall not be grounds for withdrawing the Offer after the Offer due date and time nor shall it give rise to any Contract claim.

Solicitation Contact Person. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation, including any requests for or inquiries regarding standards referenced in the Solicitation shall be posted to http://adsadsi.com/rfp_year_17.shtml. The Service Provider shall not contact or direct inquiries concerning this Solicitation to any other employee unless the Solicitation specifically identifies a person other than the Solicitation contact person as a contact.

Submission of Inquires. The Purchasing Manager or the person identified in the Solicitation as the contact for inquires requires that all inquiries to be posted to http://adsadsi.com/rfp_year_17.shtml. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation shall refer to the appropriate Solicitation number, page, and paragraph.

Timeliness. Any inquiry shall be submitted as soon as possible and at least five (5) days before the Offer due date and time. Failure to do so may result in the inquiry not being answered.

No Right to Rely on Verbal Responses. Any inquiry that results in changes to the Solicitation shall be answered solely through a written statement posted to http://adsadsi.com/rfp_year_17.shtml. A Service Provider may not rely on verbal responses to inquiries.

Solicitation Amendments. The Solicitation shall only be modified by a post to http://adsadsi.com/rfp_year_17.shtml.

Job Walk or Pre-Offer Conference. If a Job Walk or Pre-Offer conference has been scheduled under this Solicitation, the date, time, and location appear on the Solicitation cover sheet or elsewhere in the Solicitation. A Service Provider should raise any questions it may have about the Solicitation or the procurement at that time. A Service Provider may not rely on any verbal responses to questions at the conference. Material issues raised at the conference that result in changes to the Solicitation shall be answered solely through a written Solicitation Amendment.

Persons with Disabilities. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the appropriate Solicitation contact person. Requests shall be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Offer Preparation

Forms: No US Mail, Third Party Shipper, Facsimile or Telegraphic Offers. An Offer shall be submitted via email. A facsimile, telegraphic or mailgram offer shall be rejected.

Evidence of Intent to be Bound. The offer and acceptance within the agreement must be submitted with the Offer and must include a signature by a person authorized to sign the Offer. The signature shall signify the Service Provider's intent to be bound by the Offer and the terms of the Solicitation and that the information provided is true, accurate, and complete. Failure to submit verifiable evidence of intent to be bound, such as an original signature, shall result in rejection of the Offer.

Exceptions to Terms and Conditions. All exceptions included with the Offer shall be submitted in a clearly identified separate section of the Offer in which the Service Provider clearly identifies the specific paragraphs of the Solicitation where the exceptions occur. Any exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting Contract unless such exception is specifically referenced by the Procurement Officer in a written statement. The Service Provider's preprinted or standard terms shall not be considered as a part of any resulting Contract.

Invitation for Bids. An Offer that takes exception to a material requirement of any part of the Solicitation, including terms and conditions, shall be rejected.

Request for Proposals. All exceptions that are contained in the Offer may negatively affect the proposal evaluation based on the evaluation criteria as stated in the Solicitation or result in rejection of the Offer.

Subcontracts. Service Provider shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities in the Offer.

Cost of Offer Preparation. MLA shall not reimburse any Service Provider the cost of responding to a Solicitation.

Solicitation Amendments. Each Solicitation Amendment shall be signed with an original signature by the person signing the Offer, and shall be submitted no later than the Offer due date and time. Failure to return a signed copy of a material Solicitation Amendment shall result in rejection of the Offer.

Provision of Tax Identification Numbers. Service Providers are required to provide their State Tax Number and/or Federal Tax Identification Number, if applicable, in the space provided on the Service Provider RFP Response and provide the tax rate and amount, if applicable, on the price sheet(s).

Identification of Taxes in Offer. MLA is subject to all applicable state and local taxes. If Service Providers do not indicate taxes on a separate item in the Offer, MLA shall conclude that the price(s) offered includes all applicable taxes.

Disclosure. If the Firm, business, or person submitting this Offer has been debarred, suspended, or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a subcontractor with any federal, state, or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the Service Provider must fully explain the circumstances relating to the preclusion or proposed preclusion in the Offer. The Service Provider shall include a letter with its Offer setting forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of this suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating the suspension or debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above must be provided.

Submission of Offer

Email. Each Offer shall be submitted to the submittal email address identified in this Solicitation that identifies its contents as an Offer and the Solicitation and FCC Form 470 Number to which it responds. The appropriate Solicitation number shall be identified in the Subject of the email.

Offer Amendment or Withdrawal. An Offer may not be amended or withdrawn after the Offer due date and time except as otherwise provided under applicable law.

Public Record. Under E Rate Program Rules, all Offers submitted and opened must be retained by MLA to maintain E Rate compliance. Offers shall be open to inspection by the FCC or its authorized agent(s) after Contract award, except for such Offers deemed to be confidential by MLA. If a Service Provider believes that information in its Offer should remain confidential, it shall stamp as confidential that information and submit a statement with its Offer detailing the reasons that information should not be disclosed. MLA shall make a determination on whether the stamped information is confidential pursuant to MLA's Procurement Policy.

Non-collusion, Employment, and Services. By signing the Service Provider Authorized Response, the Service Provider certifies that: it did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its offer; and It does not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability, and that it complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and executive orders regarding employment.

Evaluation

Unit Price Prevails. Where applicable, in the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.

Taxes. All applicable taxes in the Offer shall be considered by MLA when determining the lowest bid or evaluating proposals.

Late Offers. An offer submitted after the exact Offer due date and exact time shall be rejected.

Disqualification. The Offer of a Service Provider who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity may be rejected.

If the Service Provider does not have a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN), the offer shall be rejected.

If the Service Provider does not provide Item 21's, the offer shall be rejected.

Offer Acceptance Period. A Service Provider submitting an Offer under this Solicitation shall hold its Offer open for processing during the E-rate Funding Year for which an application is processed.

Payment. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment within ninety (90) days.

Waiver and Rejection Rights. Notwithstanding any other provision of the solicitation, MLA reserves the right to:

- Waive any minor informality;
- Reject any and all offers or portions thereof; or
- Cancel a solicitation.

Award

Number or Types of Awards. Where applicable, MLA reserves the right to make multiple awards or to award a Contract by individual line items, by a group of line items, or to make an aggregate award, whichever is deemed most advantageous to MLA. If the Purchasing Manger determines that an aggregate award to one Service Provider is not in MLA's interest, "all or none" Offers shall be rejected.

Contract Inception. An Offer does not constitute a Contract nor does it confer any rights on the Service Provider to the award of a Contract. A Contract is not created until the Offer is accepted in writing by MLA's signature of the Service Provider Authorized Response. A letter or other notice of award or of the intent to award shall not constitute acceptance of the Offer. Contracts shall only be enforceable after the products/services have been approved for funding through E Rate and Form 486 has been submitted certifying use of the products/services being purchased.

Effective Date. The effective date of this Contract shall be the date that the Purchasing Manager signs the Service Provider Authorized Response or other official contract form, unless another date is specifically stated in the Contract. Under no circumstances shall the equipment being sought be installed and put into use at its respective location prior to July 1, 2014.

Final Acceptance. Final acceptance for MLA shall be contingent upon the approval of the Purchasing Manager, if applicable and the execution and submission of FCC Form 486.

Contract Interpretation

Local and State Law. All local and state law of Eligible Entity issuing this RFP applies to this Offer and any resulting Contract(s).

Implied Contract Terms. Each Provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.

Relationship of Parties. The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee agent of the other party to the Contract.

Severability. The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.

No Parole Evidence. This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document.

No Waiver. Either party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

Contract Administration and Operation

Records. Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each Subcontractor to retain all data and other records ("records") relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.

Nondiscrimination. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Audit. At any time during the term of this Contract and five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor's and applicable Subcontractor's books and records shall be subject to audit by MLA and, where applicable, the Federal Government, to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the Contract or Subcontract.

Inspection and Testing. The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, Subcontractor facilities and the Contractor's processes for producing the materials, at reasonable time for inspection of the materials and services covered under this Contract. MLA shall also have the right to test at its own cost the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection at the Contractor's facilities nor testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials. If MLA determines noncompliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by MLA for testing and inspection.

Notices. Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by MLA to the person indicated on the Service Provider Authorized Response submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to MLA required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Purchasing Manager and an authorized Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notices shall be given by written notice and an Amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.

Advertising and Promotion of Contract. The Contractor shall not advertise or publish information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of MLA.

Property of MLA. Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of MLA. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of MLA.

Costs and Payments

Payments. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from MLA within ninety (90) days. The RFP number must be referenced on the invoice.

Delivery. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract, all prices shall include delivery and unloading at the destinations.

Applicable Taxes.

Payment of Taxes by MLA. MLA shall pay only the rate and/or amount of taxes identified in the Offer and in any resulting Contract.

State and Local Taxes. MLA is subject to all applicable state and taxes. Failure to collect taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.

Tax Indemnification. Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay all federal, state, and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all Subcontractors to hold MLA harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.

IRS W-9. In order to receive payment under any resulting Contract, Contractor may be required to have a current I.R.S. W-9 Form on file with MLA.

Availability of Funds for the Next Fiscal Year. Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of MLA for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of the Contract. MLA shall make reasonable efforts to secure such funds.

Contract Changes

Amendments. This Contract is issued under the authority of the Purchasing Manager who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment within the scope of the Contract signed by the Purchasing Manager. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by an unauthorized employee or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments, shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim and this Contract based on those changes.

Subcontracts. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract without the advance written approval of the Purchasing Manager. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.

Assignment and Delegation. The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Purchasing Manager. The Purchasing Manager shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

Risk and Liability

Risk of Loss. The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.

General Indemnification. MLA shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Contractor for its vicarious liability as result of entering into this Contract. Each party to this Contract is responsible for its own negligence.

Indemnification - Patent and Copyright The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless MLA against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark, or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by MLA of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. MLA shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph.

Force Majeure. Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes: acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injections-intervention-acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.

Force Majeure shall not include the following occurrences:

Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market; or

Late performance by a Subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition; or

Inability of either the Contractor or any Subcontractor to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses, or permits.

If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified-return receipt requested, and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.

Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.

Third Party Antitrust Violations. The Contractor assigns to MLA any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violation to the extent that those violations concern materials or services supplied by third parties to the Contractor toward fulfillment of this Contract.

Warranties

Liens. The Contractor warrants that the materials supplies under this Contract are free of liens.

Quality. Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that for one year after acceptance by MLA of the materials or services, they shall be:

Of a quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;
Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials or services are used;
Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quality, and quality within each unit and among all units;
Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and
Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.

Fitness. The Contractor warrants that any material or service supplied to the Eligible Entity shall fully conform to all requirements of the Solicitation and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.

Inspection/Testing. The warranties set forth in subparagraphs A through C of this paragraph are not affected by inspection testing of or payment for the materials or services by MLA.

Exclusions. Except as otherwise set forth in this Contract, there are no express or implied warranties or merchant ability fitness.

Compliance with Applicable Laws. The materials and services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and the Service Provider shall maintain all applicable licenses and permits.

Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination.

Contractor's Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration of termination hereof.

Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Purchasing Offices, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

MLA's Contractual Remedies

Right to Assurance. If MLA in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing the Contract, the Purchasing Manger may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent or ability to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of days specified in the demand may, at MLA's option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform General Terms and Conditions.

Stop Work Order.

MLA may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for a period of up to ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.

If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Purchasing Manager shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.

Nonexclusive Remedies. The rights and the remedies of MLA under this Contract are not exclusive.

Nonconforming Tender. Materials supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or a portion of the materials in an installment that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of Contract. On delivery of nonconforming materials, MLA may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or remedy available to it.

Right to Offset. MLA shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by MLA or damages assessed by MLA concerning the Contractor's nonconforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform General Terms and Conditions.

Contract Termination

Cancellation for Conflict of Interest. MLA may cancel this Contract within three (3) days after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting, or creating the Contract on behalf of MLA is, or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension the Contract is in effect, an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time.

Gratuities. MLA may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if MLA determines that employment or gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of MLA for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an Amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about Contract performance. MLA, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three (3) times the value of the gratuity offered by the Contractor.

Suspension or Debarment. MLA may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if MLA determines that the Contractor has been disbarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a Subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body.

Termination for Convenience. MLA reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time, when in the best interests of the Eligible Entity without penalty recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all Subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to MLA. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to MLA. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed, and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. Project completion is contingent upon E-Rate reimbursement.

Termination for Default. In addition to the rights reserved in the Uniform Terms and Conditions, MLA reserves the right to terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Purchasing Manger shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.

Upon termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to MLA.

MLA may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials and services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to MLA for any excess costs incurred by MLA reproducing the materials or services.

Continuation of Performance through Termination. The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

Contract Claims

All Contract claims and controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to the Eligible Entities applicable state law(s).

Installation Locations Specifics

Recipients of Service:

Sub Entity	Location Name	Address
<u>65403</u>	Mille Lacs Academy	407 130th Ave South Onamia MN 56395
<u>16072907</u>	Mille Lacs New Trails	312 South Elm Street Onamia MN 56359

Please include any proposed Shipping, Project Management, Engineering, Installation, Activation, Configuration and/or Documentation Costs on individual line items.

Please include a reasonable contingency fee if it is a regular business practice. This fee will be reimbursed only if the work is performed.

Scope of Work - Priority 1

Service providers shall propose an implementation plan with a seamless transition for the delivery of service. The service delivery plan must mitigate the risk of downtime and assure continued uptime during business hours. Work that requires the interruption of the current service shall be performed after hours and at a time that is agreeable to MLA. All proposed solutions shall be fully tested to assure the service expectations defined within this document. If a new service provider is selected and their services deployed, it is expected to run alongside the current solution and in conjunction with MLA expectations for at least 10 days prior to replacing the existing service.

Service or Function / Quantity and/or Capacity

-Telephone Service: Converged Local, Long Distance Telephone and Video Service of up to 3 T1s. Bundled Service offering preferred (bonding is OK) – please include option for Data (or Internet)

-Telephone Service: up to 24 POTs lines and switched long distance for up to 24 lines

-Telephone Service: Toll Free number and service for at least 1 number

-Telephone Service Components: Up to 500 DIDs, Text Messaging, Directory Assistance and Inside Wire Maintenance.

-Telephone Service / Internet Access: Wireless (cellular) service up to 25 lines w/optional internet/data and text messaging

-Digital Transmission Service: New connection for transport (local access) with at least 10MB and up to 1GB of bandwidth or similar sized circuit capacity, please provide pricing options for bandwidth (like 25 and 50MB) - please include all non-reoccurring fees or construction costs required to deliver service to applicant dmarc, with option for managed CPE (note: the winning service provider shall install service to the customer dmarc and provide options for required CPE)

-Digital Transmission Service: A fiber or copper to the curb service, or some similar technology for transport (including circuit loop and port charges) - may consist solely of, or be a combination of DS1, DS3, optical, Ethernet or similar type of technology designed to provide bandwidth, voice, video and data services - please include all setup costs (NRCs) and any required equipment cost.

-Internet Access: Delivered via fiber, or similar technology with a speed of up to 100Mbps - at minimum, pricing should include a 10, 15 and 25Mbps connection options (note: the winning service provider shall install service to the customer dmarc and provide options for required CPE) - the service may be used to support converged voice and data requirements, Ethernet interface requested

Scope of Work - Priority 2 Internal Connections – Equipment

Internal Connections are components located at MLA's site that are necessary to transport information to classrooms and to eligible administrative areas or buildings. Internal Connections include connections within, between or among instructional buildings that comprise a school campus, but do not include services that extend beyond the school campus. Components at MLA's site are eligible only if they are an essential element in the transmission of information within the school. The components must be necessary to transport information all the way to individual classrooms. Internal Connections do not include services that extend across a public right of-way beyond the school.

Using the provided requirements, specifications, and other information as needed, MLA is looking for Service Provider(s) to supply:

1. Labor, materials, tools, equipment and services for the installation and use of equipment as requested.
2. Completely coordinate with work of all other trades.
3. Supplementary or miscellaneous items, appurtenances and devices incidental to or necessary for a sound, secure and complete installation, whether or not specifically indicated in the Specification Documents.

4. Cabling pathways between equipment and buildings as needed, including conduit and/or trenching.
5. Weekly status reports on work progress.

Type of Installation: New Equipment

Installation Timeframe: No sooner than July 1, 2014

Installation and Configuration Options Required: Provide Options

Type of Procurement: Purchase - final approval may be based upon receipt of a positive Funding Commitment Decision Letter and, or the governing board's approval.

All provided equipment lists are simply proposed to give service providers a better understanding of the project requirements. MLA seeks a solution that is compatible with the existing network infrastructure. The proposed solution must provide functionality similar to the functionality of the equipment in provided equipment list. All components, connectors, couplers, jacks, panels, raceways, conduit, faceplates, wire managers, and patch cables necessary to transport information, cables to interconnect components, modules, licenses, and cable system costs must be provided in the response.

FCC rules require that an applicant sign a contract with the service provider before signing and submitting a completed *Services Ordered and Certification Form* (Form 471). Consequently, all Contracts, Statements, of Work, and/or Service Agreements must be submitted with this response with a handwritten signature and date. Countersigned documents may be provided after the Funding Commitment Decision Letters are issued by the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Services Administrative Company.

Please note that fees and charges that are a necessary component of an eligible product or service are generally eligible, including: change fees, freight assurance fees and shipping charges. The following fees and charges are eligible only if a contract with a vendor for eligible product or services specifically provides for these costs: per diem and travel time.

Equipment:

-Storage Area Network: Rails and rack mountable SAN similar or equivalent to a Dell MD3220i iSCSI, 24 bay controller with at least 8, 15K SAS hard drives equal to or greater than 300GB each - installation not required but please include shipping and handling - specifications are meant to provide an example or sense of configuration and similar and/or equivalent equipment is acceptable and shall be considered

-Servers: Two rackmountable servers similar or equivalent to a Dell R620 with a minimum of dual 2.6GHz processors in each with 8 or more cores, a minimum of 64GB of RAM and minimum of two hard drives greater than or equal to 146GB each - installation not required but please include shipping and handling - specifications are meant to provide an example or sense of configuration and similar and/or equivalent equipment is acceptable and shall be considered

-Server Licenses: OS - MS Server 2012 or similar/equivalent for all systems requested within this request for proposal and E-mail - MS Exchange 2013 or similar/equivalent

-Data Distribution: Two 24-port copper gigabit Ethernet server switches, layer 2 manageable with power supply - installation not required but please include shipping and handling - specifications are meant to provide an example or sense of configuration and similar and/or equivalent equipment is acceptable and shall be considered

-Data Distribution: 2 managed, 24 Port, L2 Switches, with power supply and 1Gb Copper ports, include all licensing options - installation not required but please include shipping and handling - specifications are meant to provide an example or sense of configuration and similar and/or equivalent equipment is acceptable and shall be considered.

-Data Distribution: SonicWall TZ 215 Wireless-N Network Security Appliance, installation not required but please include shipping and handling - specifications are meant to provide an example or sense of configuration and similar and/or equivalent equipment is acceptable and shall be considered.

-Firewall: NSA 3500 Security Appliance with Secure Upgrade Plus Program, installation not required, but please include shipping and handling - specifications are meant to provide an example or sense of configuration and similar and/or equivalent equipment is acceptable and shall be considered.

-Cabling and Connectors: As needed to install the products and services contained within this request for purchase.

All provided equipment lists are simply proposed to give service providers a better understanding of the project requirements. GCO seeks a solution that is compatible with the existing network infrastructure. The proposed solution must provide functionality similar to the functionality of the equipment in provided equipment list. All components, connectors, couplers, jacks, panels, raceways, conduit, faceplates, wire managers, and patch cables necessary to transport information, cables to interconnect components, modules, licenses, and cable system costs must be provided in the response.

Scope of **Work - Priority 2 Internal Connections – Basic Maintenance**

Internal Connections are components located at MLA's site that are necessary to transport information to classrooms and to eligible administrative areas or buildings. Internal Connections include connections within, between or among instructional buildings that comprise a school campus, but do not include services that extend beyond the school campus. Components at MLA's site are eligible only if they are an essential element in the transmission of information within the school. The components must be necessary to transport information all the way to individual classrooms. Internal Connections do not include services that extend across a public right of-way beyond the school.

Basic maintenance services are defined as follows: "but for the maintenance at issue, the connection would not function and serve its intended purpose with the degree of reliability ordinarily provided in the marketplace to entities receiving such services without E-rate discounts." Please provide a Basic Maintenance Contract to perform the following tasks on the equipment listed below:

1. Repair and upkeep of eligible hardware
2. Wire and cable maintenance
3. Basic technical support
4. Configuration changes

Bidder's Basic Maintenance Agreement must contain the Location, Product, and Make / Model number of the equipment to be covered by the proposed Basic Maintenance Contract (note the table below). This table (or a similar table with like data) must be included in with the Bidder's Basic Maintenance Agreement:

Location Deployed	Product / Service to be Covered	Make/Model Number

Note: The above worksheet is available for download – please visit: http://adsadsi.com/rfp_year_17.shtml.

In the FCC's *Sixth Report and Order* (FCC 10-175), the FCC included the following information on unbundled warranties and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections ("BMIC"):

- We find that an unbundled warranty is an ineligible BMIC service because it is purchased as a type of retainer and not as an actual maintenance service. That is, BMIC contracts that require an upfront payment and that payment is required regardless of whether any service is actually performed are not eligible.
- ...if applicants are able to estimate a certain number of hours per year for maintenance, based on the current life of their equipment and a history of needed repairs and upkeep, they may seek E-rate funds for upfront costs on service contracts designed to cover this estimate of repairs and upkeep. Reimbursements will be paid on the actual work performed and hours used only. For example, if a school determines it will need 30 service hours in a given year to maintain its internal connections but uses only 20 hours, the school will be reimbursed only for 20 hours even if they were approved for E-rate funds on 30 hours.

The *Sixth Report and Order* deems unbundled warranties ineligible for support beginning with Funding Year 2011. Applicants cannot simply cost-allocate out the ineligible portion because the Commission's rules do not allow applicants to receive support for services in a basic maintenance contract that contains both eligible and ineligible services. See paragraph 24 of the *Third Report and Order*, CC Docket No. 02-6, FCC 03-323 (2003).

Software downloads, bug fixes, and access to a technical assistance center may be eligible.

For additional information on the changes to the eligibility of basic maintenance contracts and other changes to the E-rate program you can refer to the following documents:

- *Sixth Report and Order* (FCC 10-175)
- Order DA 10-2355, clarifying the eligibility of basic maintenance and the new E-rate gift rules adopted in the Sixth Report and Order
- Public Notice DA 10-2356, providing further guidance to E-rate participants, listing effective dates of the proposals adopted in the Sixth Report and Order, and answering Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
- *Third Report and Order* (FCC 03-323)

Please make sure any required Contracts or Statements of Work are authorized and included in your response.

Maintenance Logs are required to be kept by the service provider and sent to school quarterly (please include a sample log).

Please note: The following products and services **are NOT eligible (Equipment not eligible for E-Rate reimbursement shall not be covered under this agreement):**

1. On-site technical support (*i.e.*, contractor duty station at the applicant site) when off-site technical support can provide basic maintenance on an as-needed basis.
2. Services such as network management and 24-hour network monitoring.
3. Help desks that provide a comprehensive level of support beyond basic maintenance of only eligible components.
4. Technical support contracts that are more than basic maintenance.
5. End User Equipment (PCs and Phones).

Eligible basic maintenance does not include services to maintain ineligible equipment, to enhance the utility of equipment beyond the transport of information, or to provide diagnostic services in excess of those necessary to maintain the equipment's ability to transport information.

Basic Maintenance for Proposed New Equipment:

Coverage: Provide options for 1 and 3 year Basic Maintenance on hardware only with next business day onsite support.

Maintenance Logs are required to be kept by the service provider and sent to school quarterly or as requested (please include a sample log).

Requested Services:

- Service Provider Authorized Basic Maintenance for all listed eligible Equipment.
- Proposal may include a block of hours for Basic Maintenance – minimum of 10 hours per month requested – payment shall only be remitted for service provided.
- Proposed agreements or contracts offered **must** specifically identify the eligible components covered, including location deployed, product name, and make/model number.

Equipment to be covered: All Proposed New Equipment.

Please note: The following products and services **are NOT eligible:**

- On-site technical support (*i.e.*, contractor duty station at the applicant site) when off-site technical support can provide basic maintenance on an as-needed basis.
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Proposals offered must specifically identify the eligible components covered, including location deployed (if known), product name, and make/model number.

Service Provider Instructions

Service Provider RFP Response Cover Sheet:

Service Provider must complete the Service Provider Authorized Response on the following page and include it as the first page of the Service Provider response. Bids submitted without a Service Provider Authorized Response Cover Sheet may not be evaluated.

In addition to the Service Provider Quote Cover Sheet, please include all relevant documentation to include, but not limited to: Scope of Work, Authorized Master Service Agreement, Detail Line Item Pricing, Taxes, Surcharges, and/or Maintenance Service Agreement, etc. A proposed agreement or contract **must** specifically identify the eligible components covered, including product name, model number, and location.

Service Provider Evaluation:

Factor	Value	Weight	Score
Price of the ELIGIBLE goods and services		30%	0
Prior experience		20%	0
Other Cost Factors (Ineligible Goods and Services)		20%	0
Personnel, Management Qualifications and Capability		25%	0
Local Vendor		5%	0
Total		100%	0

Note: The above worksheet is available for download – please visit: http://www.adsadsi.com/rfp_fy17.htm.

Ability to meet billing preference and provide a Service Level Agreement shall be considered a Capability.

Service Provider RFP Response:

Item 21s, by location or entity number, must be included with the Service Provider response. All Service Provider responses without Item 21 attachments shall be considered incomplete and NOT considered. A sample and interactive worksheet is attached on the next page. Make and Model Numbers must be included on the Item 21 Attachments for Eligible Products and Services. Eligible Products and Services must be clearly separated from any and all Ineligible Products and Services.

Successful Bidder shall provide a complete inventory upon project completion. All Invoices must cross reference the Inventory Documentation provided.

All bids may be submitted in sealed envelopes (appropriately marked) or sent via e-mail to: MLA@adsadsi.com with the 470 Number in the subject line. Bids submitted without the 470 Number in the subject line may be disqualified and may not be evaluated. Please submit bids in either Microsoft Office Format (.doc, .xls, etc.) or Adobe .pdf files. Facsimile, telegraphic or mailgram offer(s) shall be rejected and not considered.

By submitting a response, Service Provider Agrees to all Terms and Conditions contained within. If Service Provider's response is selected, Mille Lacs Consortium shall award MLA20130622211237 to Service Provider and authorize this cover page - creating a contract. If required, an authorized and dated Service Provider Contract is encouraged to be submitted with the Service Provider's response. All signatures MUST be original.

Service Provider Terms, Conditions and/or additional Contracts:

In order to be considered for award any and all terms, conditions and, or contracts required by the Service Provider must be signed, dated and submitted with the RFP Response.

All Priority 2 Basic Maintenance agreements or contracts must specifically identify the eligible components covered, including product name, model number, and location.

Invoicing the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC):

Unless otherwise agreed upon, the Service Provider shall be responsible for invoicing USAC by using the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) methodology. Mille Lacs Consortium shall be responsible for their share.

Contracts:

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Mille Lacs Consortium
 Item 21 for 470 656390001148414

Location: _____
 Category of Service: Internal Connections Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections Both

Narative:	
Additional Information:	

Quantity	Product Description (please include Make and Model when appropriate)	Unit Cost	Extended Eligible Pre-discount Cost		Extended Ineligible Pre-discount Cost	
			Eligible Recurring Cost	Eligible Non-Recurring Cost	Ineligible Recurring Cost	Ineligible Non-Recurring Cost
Totals:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Note: The above worksheet is available for downloaded – please visit: http://www.adsadsi.com/rfp_fy17.shtm.

Service Provider Authorized Response

This form must be completed and returned with RFP response.

Form 470 Number:	656390001148414
Description:	E-Rate Priority 1 & Priority 2 (IC & BM)
RFP Number:	MLA20130622211237
RFP Due Date:	03/07/2014 at 2:00PM local standard time
Term:	July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015 unless otherwise specified

Service Provider Name:	
Service Provider Address:	
Service Provider City, State and Zip:	
Service Provider Contact Name:	
Service Provider Contact Phone Number:	
Service Provider Contact FAX Number:	
Service Provider Contact Email Address:	
State Tax Number(s):	
Federal Tax Identification Number:	
Service Provider SPIN:	

By submitting an authorized response, Service Provider Agrees to all Terms and Conditions contained within. If additional Terms, Conditions or contracts are required please submit a signed copy within the RFP Response.

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Internal Connections (including Basic Maintenance) Pricing must be included with the Bidder response in the form of an ITEM 21 – by location. All Service Provider responses without Item 21 attachments shall be considered incomplete and may NOT be considered. Make and Model Numbers must be included on the Item 21 Attachments and all agreements. Eligible Products and Services must be clearly separated from any and all Ineligible Products and Services.

All invoices must cross reference the Bidder provided Inventory Documentation.

The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as "E-Rate," is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To qualify as a Service Provider, your organization must be able to produce a valid SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number). If your organization does not currently have a valid SPIN and wishes to submit a response to this RFP, please visit: <http://www.universalservice.org/sl/providers/step01/> and obtain a SPIN prior to submitting a bid for consideration.

Service Provider Authorized Signature (Original)
Please do not submit with an electronic signature

Date of Service Provider Signature

MLA Authorized Signature

Date of MLA Signature