

Notice of Request for Quotations for Internet Access

Notice is hereby given that the following public schools will accept quotations for furnishing an Intranet and Internet access including data transport at the indicated levels in the table at the end of this document. Quotations will be received on or before **4:30 PM** local time on **Tuesday, January 2, 2001** at which time they will be opened and read. Faxed quotations will be accepted. Quotations shall be submitted to the following address:

Rod Wrege, Director
Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative
PO Box C-177
41835 US HWY 71
Windom, MN 56101
Fax: 507-831-6944

Access shall include the following:

1. Support, maintenance, and management of circuits, routers, CSU/DSU's, and associated equipment (including hardware and software upgrades of existing routers).
2. Allocation, support, and management of IP addresses as required by each School.
3. On-site technical support as required by each School's technical coordinators.
4. Vendor shall ensure circuit capability for data, voice, and H.320 and H.323 video transport.
5. Vendor shall monitor all circuits and hardware and provide real-time, accurate utilization statistics to each school.
6. Vendor shall be responsible for working with appropriate LEC(s) to resolve circuit problems.
7. Vendor shall ensure adequate data connectivity to the Regional Management Information Center located in Marshall, MN.
8. Vendor will ensure adequate bandwidth to the Internet.

The term of this contract shall be three years commencing July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2003. Each individual School shall have the right to terminate the contract, without penalty, on June 30 of each year of the contract by giving written notice to Vendor no later than July 1 of the preceeding year.

Questions relating to this Request for Quotes or the project may be directed to:

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All bidders note: E-rate discounts have been requested from the Federal Communications Commission's Universal Service Fund. Payments of invoices may be made in part by the School and the Federal Communications Commission. Schools reserve the right to reject any and all quotes, in part or in their entirety, and to award the contract to the lowest bidder in their best interest. Vendors may quote services for entire group of schools or individual schools. Preference shall be given to vendors that quote service for the entire group of schools.

Table of service levels for Schools

School Name	Level of Service	School Name	Level of Service
Adrian	T1 P-to-P	Milroy	56k FRS
Balaton	56k FRS	Minneota	T1 P-to-P
Brewster	56k FRS	Mt. Lake	T1 P-to-P
Butterfield	T1 FRS	Murray County Central	T1 P-to-P
Canby	T1 P-to-P	Pipestone	T1 P-to-P
Cedar Mt.	T1 P-to-P	Okabena	T1 P-to-P
Comfrey	T1 P-to-P	Red Rock Central	T1 P-to-P
Edgerton	T1 P-to-P	Round Lake	T1 P-to-P
Ellsworth	T1 FRS	Russell	56k FRS
Fulda	T1 P-to-P	Ruthton	56k FRS
Hendricks	56k FRS	Sleepy Eye	T1 P-to-P
Heron Lake	56k FRS	Springfield	T1 P-to-P
Hills	T1 P-to-P	Tracy	T1 P-to-P
Ivanhoe	T1 P-to-P	Tyler	T1 P-to-P
Jackson County Central	T1 P-to-P	Walnut Grove	T1 P-to-P
Lake Benton	56k FRS	Westbrook	T1 P-to-P
Luverne	T1 P-to-P	Windom	T1 P-to-P
Lynd	56k FRS	Worthington	T1 P-to-P