



# **Dalton Public Schools**



## **DALTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

FOR

**RFP FY18 DPS Wide Area Network (WAN) & Internet**

RFP NUMBER (DPS WAN & Internet FY18)

ISSUED January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Request for Proposal

To: All Proposers

The Dalton Public School System invites you to submit a proposal to provide Wide Area Network connectivity between all DPS buildings and Internet services for DPS locations, (see specifications) in Dalton, Georgia. Proposal quoted shall remain effective for up to 36 months provided all parties are in agreement.

Responses to this request shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**RFP No. DPS WAN & Internet FY18**” Proposals may be mailed or delivered to the Dalton Public School System, Technology Department, 201 E. Franklin St., Dalton, Georgia 30721 Attn: Irene Jones or hand delivered to the Technology Department prior to proposal opening time.

Proposals will be opened at the Dalton City Schools Technology Department office @ 201 E. Franklin St. on **March 3, 2017 @ 2 PM.** (No awards of any kind are made at the time of RFP opening)

Proposers are required to use the enclosed specifications’ forms. They are instructed to read carefully all items, conditions and specifications in this letter and the attached pages before completing their proposal.

The Dalton Public School System reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, and to waive any irregularity in proposals received to award the entire RFP to one vendor or to make awards by groups or line items, whichever is in the best interest of the Dalton Public School System.

Any questions concerning this RFP may be forwarded to:

[Jorge.miranda@dalton.k12.ga.us](mailto:Jorge.miranda@dalton.k12.ga.us), [david.bynum@dalton.k12.ga.us](mailto:david.bynum@dalton.k12.ga.us), [stuart.davis@dalton.k12.ga.us](mailto:stuart.davis@dalton.k12.ga.us).

Your interest and participation are solicited and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stuart Davis  
Director of Technology

## General Terms and Conditions

1. RFPs should be mailed in ample time to assure delivery prior to the RFP opening date and time.

Mailing Address:

Dalton Public School System  
201 E. Franklin St  
Dalton, Georgia 30721  
Attn: Irene Jones

RFPs may be hand delivered to the Technology Department, Dalton Public School System prior to bid opening time.

2. RFPs must be submitted in **searchable PDF format on flash drive**, as well as a printed copy.
3. RFPs must be on the specifications forms provided within the Request for Proposals, sealed within an envelope marked as shown in the cover letter.

**No awards of any kind are made at the time of RFP opening.** A copy of the RFP tabulation and/or the awards will be available upon request for any vendor who submitted a RFP. This information may be obtained after the bid has been awarded. Results will be placed on our website **after March 31, 2017.**

4. RFPs submitted must include any AND all freight and handling cost. The Dalton Public School System will pay no additional charges.
5. The proposer's and manufacturer's representative's responsibilities to the Dalton Public Schools include, but are not limited to, handling any problems with products supplied and any necessary instruction on use and upkeep.
6. When an article of particular make or trade name is specified, it is meant to establish a quality standard and is not intended to eliminate competing articles of equal quality. Proposers are at liberty to quote on substitutions provided complete specifications are included with the RFP. Vendor is also required to describe all exceptions to our specifications and include a color photo. We need the URL for the manufacturer website for the product listed. If no substitutions are indicated, it will be assumed the quotations are based on our specifications.
7. Samples may be requested for comparison purposes. Samples, when required, must be furnished free of expense to Dalton Public Schools, and must be tagged with the proposers' name and item number. If samples are not used or destroyed in testing, the bidder must claim them within thirty (30) days from date of RFP or they will become the property of the school system. If there is a sample of the item within 50 miles that can be viewed please let us know.
8. Time of delivery is a part of this consideration and must be stated in definite terms and must be adhered to completely. Delivery must be complete on or before the specified date.
9. No partial payment will be made. The total amount of each purchase order will be paid only after the complete order has been received in good condition. The final inspection and approval must be made by an authorized representative of the Dalton Public School System.
10. The proposer, by submitting their proposals, certifies that to the best of their knowledge, neither they nor any of their suppliers discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of

race, religion, color, sex or national origin.

11. Quantities may vary due to budget and student enrollment.
12. Dalton Public Schools has the right to award the entire RFP to one vendor or to separate the RFP and order by line item. We will do whatever is in the best interest of the school system.
13. Please include 3 outside references where you have done work similar to the specifications in this bid within the last 5 years. Please include a name and phone number that we might contact. See attached form.
14. Proposals must include proof of relevant qualifications such as certifications, etc. for personnel working on the project.
15. Winning bidder agrees to provide recent background check information to Dalton Public Schools for all contracted and subcontracted personnel required to work at any of Dalton Public School facilities.
16. All bidders must include a name and phone number that we might reach someone in your organization with any questions about your proposal.
17. Please include the name of the sales person or account executive that will be handling our account after the RFP is awarded and we submit purchase orders.
18. The Contractor shall keep himself fully informed of all existing and future State and Federal laws, all regulations of the various departments and agencies of the State of Georgia, local ordinances, codes and regulations in any manner affecting those engaged or employed in the work, or the materials used in work, or in any way affecting the conduct of the work and of all such orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having jurisdiction or authority over the same.
19. The contractor shall notify the Owner in writing of the names and addresses (in the RFP packet) of all proposed subcontractors necessary to execute specifications of this RFP. Subcontractors will not be recognized as having a direct relationship with the Owner. The person engaged in the work, including employees of subcontractors and suppliers will be considered employees of the provider and their work shall be subject to the provisions of the agreement. References in the documents to actions required of the subcontractors, manufacturers, suppliers, or any person, other than the provider or the owner shall be interpreted as requiring the provider shall require such subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier, or any person to perform the specified action. A subcontractor for any part of the work must have experience on similar work and, if required, furnish the owner with a list of projects.
20. The company shall not assign any interest in this contractual agreement and shall not transfer any interest in the same without prior written consent of the Board.
21. No reports, information, or data given to or prepared by the company under this contractual agreement shall be available to any individual.
22. No costs can be involved which are not specifically addressed in the proposal.
23. Pricing of goods must be itemized and clearly indicate manufacturer, model, and warranty and include a clear specification summary.
24. Pricing of services must be itemized and clearly indicate the service proposed.

25. Proposal will include no obligations for Dalton Public Schools to purchase a specific number of units or to purchase additional units from the awarded vendor of this contract.
26. If additional units are needed, pricing quoted shall remain effective for the entire length of the agreement.
27. There is no estimated budget for this project.

**Information on person preparing RFP packet for telephone services:**

Name of Company\_\_\_\_\_

Address of Company\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of Company\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person preparing RFP\_\_\_\_\_

Address of person preparing RFP\_\_\_\_\_

Phone of person preparing RFP\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person in charge of our account\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of the person in charge of our account\_\_\_\_\_

## Vendor Reference Sheet

Reference 1:			
Company:			
Point of Contact Name:		Phone:	
Email:			
Description of Project: (approx. 100 words)			
Reference 2:			
Company:			
Point of Contact Name:		Phone:	
Email:			
Description of Project: (approx. 100 words)			
Reference 3:			
Company:			
Point of Contact Name:		Phone:	
Email:			
Description of Project: (approx. 100 words)			
Completed By (Name):		Completed Date:	

**PROPOSERS DECLARATION**

The proposer understands, agrees and warrants:

That the proposer has carefully read and fully understands the full scope of the specifications.

That the proposer has the capability to successfully undertake and complete the responsibilities and obligations in said specifications.

That the installer must have million dollar general liability policy, proof of workers compensation on all workers, and proof of vehicle insurance that covers all vehicles on school property and proof of all insurances must be included in the RFP.

That this proposal may be withdrawn by requesting such withdrawal in writing at any time prior to **March 3, 2017 @ 8:00 AM**, but may not be withdrawn after such date and time.

That the Dalton Public School System reserves the right to reject any or all RFPS and to accept that RFP which will, in its opinion, best serve the public interest. The Dalton Public School System reserves the right to waive any technicalities and formalities in the proposals.

That by submission of this RFP the proposer acknowledges that the Dalton Public School System has the right to make any inquiry or investigation they deem appropriate to substantiate or supplement information supplied by the proposer.

If a partnership, a general partner must sign.

If a corporation, the authorized corporate officer(s) must sign and the corporate seal must be affixed to this bid.

**PROPOSER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL (If Applicable)**



**CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the proposer agrees as follows:

The proposer agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. The vendor shall take affirmative action to insure that employees are treated without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruiting or recruitment, advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

In the event of the proposers' non-compliance with this non-discrimination clause, the contract may be canceled or terminated by the Dalton Public School System. The proposer may be declared, by the school system, ineligible for further contracts with the Dalton Public School System until satisfactory proof of intent to comply shall be made by the vendor.

The proposer agrees to include this non-discrimination clause in any sub-contracts connected with the performance of this agreement.

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**PROPOSER**

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**SIGNATURE**

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**TITLE**

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

The following affidavit is to accompany the RFP:

**STATE OF**

**COUNTY OF**

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**Owner, Partner or Officer of Firm**

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**Company Name, Address, City and State**

Being of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that he/she is the agent authorized by the proposer to submit the attached bid. Affidavit further states as bidder, that they have not been a party to any collusion among bidders in restraint of competition by agreement to propose at a fixed price or to refrain from proposing; or with any officer of the Dalton Public School System, or any of their employees as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective contract; or any discussion between proposers and any official of the Dalton Public School System, or any of their employees concerning exchange of money or other things of value for special consideration in submitting a sealed RFP for:

**FIRM NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

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**NOTARY PUBLIC**

**STATE OF GEORGIA PROMPT PAY ACT AFFIDAVIT**

***THIS AFFIDAVIT IS TO ACCOMPANY THE RFP***

GEORGIA PROMPT PAY ACT: The Georgia Prompt Pay Act was enacted by the General Assembly in 1994 and took effect January 1, 1995. This act requires owners to pay contractors within 15 days of receipt of a pay request by the owner or the owner's representative. If payment is not made the owner shall pay the contractor 1% per month interest on the delayed payment. Additionally, the contractor must pay subcontractors within 10 days of receipt of payment from the owner.

This Act is Code Section 13-11-1 (Georgia Laws of 1994, p. 1398 par. 4)

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with Dalton Public Schools has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program\* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with Dalton Public Schools, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to Dalton Public Schools at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

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EEV / Basic Pilot Program\* User Identification Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Authorized Officer or Agent  
(Contractor Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN  
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE  
\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:  
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\* As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the "EEV / Basic Pilot Program" operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA)

## Specifications for WAN and Internet FY18 RFP

### Wide Area Network

- The winning bid will provide WAN networking for all locations with varying levels of bandwidth allocation.
- Proposal must include costs for all necessary equipment to connect all sites.
- Solution must provide Ethernet WAN for all locations and the necessary hardware to terminate at each location.
- Solution should propose a hosted Internet content filter solution, which integrates with our Active Directory Database. **This service is not ERate eligible, which requires separate pricing.**
- Any network topology can be proposed and may be considered as long as it is in the best interest of Dalton Public Schools
- The winning bidder must provide uptime of 99.92% or greater.
- Solution must provide routine maintenance of all equipment provided.
- Solution must provide routing capability, support, and equipment for current and future routing protocols.
- Solution must provide VLAN routing, configuration, and support on equipment.
- Solutions must provide multicast configuration and support on equipment.
- Solution must provide SNMP community credentials on their equipment for DPS read only capabilities.
- Solution should provide 24 hours 7 days a week technical support with priority contact for critical response.
- Solution must provide verifiable evidence for expected throughput of rated bandwidth allocation.
- Solution should bid a secondary 1 Gb/s and 10 GB/s dedicated point to point circuit from City park to Dalton Middle School. **(these must be priced as separate line items)**
- Solution must provide documentation of certified bandwidth to Dalton Public Schools.
- Winning bidder will provide parts replacement or provide parts on hand for immediate repair of critical equipment within 4 hours or less.
- Only fiber solutions will be considered for this bid.
- Solutions should provide pricing for minimum (current), medium, and high bandwidth allocations for the “WAN Connections” locations listed in the table below. **(5-10Mb Ethernet WAN locations do not require a medium, or high bandwidth allocation) All options must be provided to meet minimum specifications.**

### WAN Connections

Site	Current	Medium	High
Brookwood	1 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
City Park	2Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Dalton High School	2 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Dalton Middle School	2 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Blue Ridge	1 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Park Creek	1 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Roan Street	2 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Westwood	1 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Maintenance & Ops.	1 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Central Office	1 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Fort Hill	2 Gb/s	5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s
Technology Building	1Gb/s	5Gb/s	10 Gb/s

**5-10 Mb Ethernet WAN:**

Harmon Field	5 Mb/s
DMS Field House	5 Mb/s
Westwood Pre-K Trailers	10 Mb/s

**Internet Access**

- Solution should provide a minimum of 2 Gb/s (Up & Down) resilient connection to the Internet.
- Solution should also bid pricing for 5 Gb/s, and 10 Gb/s (Up & Down) connection to the internet as separate line item options. **All options must be provided to meet minimum specifications.**
- Solution should bid a secondary ingress point option at Dalton Middle School for resilient internet connectivity.
- Solution should include all equipment, installation, and maintenance cost for implementation. This includes High Availability firewall and internet content filtering functionality. **All items must be priced separately.**
- Solution must scale to 10,000+ users.
- Solution should provide customer portal for usage, hardware monitoring, and analytics.
- Solution should provide reporting as needed per Dalton Public Schools.
- Solution should provide 24 hour 7 days-a-week technical support.

<b>Blue Ridge Elementary</b>	<b>100 Bogle Street</b>
<b>Brookwood Elementary</b>	<b>501 Central Ave</b>
<b>City Park Elementary</b>	<b>405 School Street</b>
<b>Park Creek Elementary</b>	<b>1500 Hale-Bowen Drive</b>
<b>Roan Street Elementary</b>	<b>1116 Roan Street</b>
<b>Westwood Elementary</b>	<b>708 Trammell Street</b>
<b>Westwood Pre-K Trailers</b>	<b>Richardson Street</b>
<b>Dalton Middle School</b>	<b>1250 Cross Plains Trail</b>
<b>Dalton Middle School Field House</b>	<b>1250 Cross Plains Trail</b>
<b>Dalton High School</b>	<b>1500 Manly Street</b>
<b>Harmon Field</b>	<b>112 Capps Street</b>
<b>Morris Innovative High School</b>	<b>104 Fort Hill Terrace</b>
<b>Central Office</b>	<b>300 West Waugh Street</b>
<b>Maintenance and Operations</b>	<b>412 South Hamilton Street</b>
<b>Technology Building</b>	<b>201 E. Franklin st.</b>

## BID EVALUATION RUBRIC

Criteria	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>Pricing 50%</b>	All proposals will be ranked based on total cost. The proposal with the lowest total cost will get the highest score. The proposal with the highest total cost will get the lowest score on a scale of 1 to 10.					
<b>Technical Specifications 25%</b>	All proposed equipment/services/services exceeded stated minimum technical specifications.	More than half, but not all of the proposed equipment/services exceeded stated minimum technical specifications.	Proposed equipment/services met stated minimum technical specifications.	More than half, but not all of the proposed equipment/services met stated minimum technical specifications.	Less than half of the proposed equipment/services met stated minimum technical specifications.	Proposed equipment/services did not meet stated minimum technical specifications.
<b>DPS Prior Experience 25%</b>	DPS experience with vendor was very positive. Vendor exceeded the expectations by completing the project before deadline. Customer service was exemplary. Vendor provided satisfactory on-site management. Additional solutions were proposed.	DPS experience with vendor was positive. Vendor completed work as requested in the time frame agreed upon and was done to the satisfaction of the District. Vendor provided satisfactory on-site management. Additional solutions were proposed.	DPS has had no experience with this vendor	DPS experience was negative. Vendor completed work as requested in the time agreed upon but not to the satisfaction of the District.	DPS experience with vendor very negative. Vendor did not complete work as expected/agreed upon to the satisfaction of the District.	DPS experience with vendor was extremely negative. Vendor did not complete stated work.



# COST PROPOSAL

We have examined the Request for Proposals, Specifications, Requirements, and related documents and are familiar with all the conditions surrounding this Request for Proposals, and hereby propose in accordance with these Contract Documents, the costs stated below. These costs are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the Work required as defined herein.

We agree that this offer may not be revoked or withdrawn after the time set for the opening of bids but shall remain open for acceptance for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days following such time.

We agree to execute a Contract for the Work as stated herein.

By submitting this proposal, we agree to perform all work as described herein based on the following fee schedule:

Total All –inclusive Maximum Price for the proposal for Copiers and Service.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am entitled to represent the firm, empowered  
(PLEASE PRINT)  
to submit this proposal, and authorized to sign a contract with the Dalton Public Schools

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_