

Request for Proposal: Wireless Access Points

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Bennington Public Schools
11620 N 156th Street
Bennington, NE 68007

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Overview

Bennington Public Schools is seeking proposals for One Hundred and Forty-two (142) wireless access points and any required licenses to connect to Aruba controller. See Appendix A for further information on breakdown by location.

All proposals which are highly equivalent to Aruba Instant IAP 515/535 access points will be considered. (Part numbers provided in Section 1.1)

Top two Resellers may be asked to present their proposal to the district technology staff in person.

All proposals must include a lifetime warranty after online diagnosis and RMA issuance.

Vendors will have 24 hours after vendor selection is announced to raise any questions. Questions will be addressed via the web site posting answers to all questions. The District will have the final authority to the resolution of all questions.

Cabling, installation and implementation is not part of this RFP. Equipment will be drop shipped to the warehouse at Bennington Public Schools, 11121 N 168th St, Bennington, NE 68007.

All bidding vendors must be Erate eligible and have an updated Form 473 (SPAC) on file to provide the services requested and provide their Service Provider's Form 498 ID (formally known as SPIN) as part of this RFP. **Vendors are required to state if any proposed equipment and/or services are ineligible for Erate funding as part of their proposal documentation.**

Proposals are due in either hardcopy or in electronic form (PDF format) on or before **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 3:00 pm CST** at Bennington Public Schools, Attn: Rob Uchtman – RFP Response, 11620 N 156th St, Bennington, NE 68007 or emailed to ruchtman@bennps.org. Emailed proposal documents will be time-stamped from the receiving computer.

Proposals will be available for inspection, at the District Office (11620 N 156th Street, Bennington, NE) by Noon on March 10, 2021.

Questions should be addressed, no later than February 23, 2021, to:

Rob Uchtman

Ph: 402.238.3044 | Email: ruchtman@bennps.org

Questions and Answers will be posted on district website (<http://projects.benningtonschoools.org/>) by February 25, 2021.

1.1 Product Specifications.

All proposals which are highly equivalent to Aruba Instant IAP-515/535 access points access points will be considered.

Description	Model	Qty
Aruba Instant IAP-515	Q9H63A	117
Aruba Instant IAP-535	JZ337A	25

Minimum System Requirements: Aruba 500 Series:

- 802.11 ac access point
- 2.4 Ghz (574 Mbps max rate) and 5 Ghz (1201 Mbps max rate) radios
- 4x4 MIMO
- Integrated four total omni-directional downtilt antennas
- One 10/100/1000 BASE-T Ethernet network interface
- Auto-sensing link speed and MDI/MDX
- 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)
- Supports direct DC power and PoE
- Limited Lifetime Warranty

2.1 Pricing and Payment Structure.

Vendors are required to breakdown equipment as outlined in the table in Appendix A. Vendors are required to complete Appendix A as part of their proposal.

Contracts will be awarded only after receiving a funding commitment and decision letter from SLD or agreed upon by the district. This RFP will automatically become part of any contract awarded to a vendor. The District requests vendors to file a Form 474 (Service Provider Invoice; SPI) to request reimbursement directly from USAC for the eligible Erate portion of the contract.

3.1 Evaluation Process.

Please refer to Appendix B for further details regarding the evaluation process.

4.1 Discrepancies and Omissions.

Vendors finding discrepancies or omissions in the RFP or having any doubts as to the meaning or intent of any part thereof shall submit such questions or concerns to Rob Uchtman, Bennington Public Schools, ruchtman@bennps.org. Addenda issued in

correspondence to this RFP shall be considered a part of this RFP and shall become part of any final Contract that may be derived from this RFP. This RFP and its addenda will be part of any possible future contract with successful vendor(s).

5.1 Contingencies.

This RFP should not be considered as a Contract to purchase goods or services, but is a Request for Proposal in accordance with the Terms and Conditions herein and will not necessarily give rise to a contract. However, RFP responses should be as detailed and complete as possible to facilitate the formation of a contract based on the RFP response(s) that are pursued should Bennington Public Schools decide to do so. Proposals stating that pricing is valid dependent upon availability and/or subject to prior sale will be considered as non-responsive. Completion of this RFP form and its associated Appendices are a requirement. Failure to do so will disqualify your RFP response submittal. Vendors must submit sealed RFP responses by the due date and time as specified herein. Electronic submissions will be accepted if create in PDF format and e-mail ruchtman@bennps.org by the due date and time as specified herein. Date and time stamp of receiving computer will govern all e-mails. Vendors will be considered nonresponsive if the above requirements are not submitted as requested. The Bennington Public Schools has the right to reject all submitted proposals and resubmit for new proposals through a revised RFP.

6.1 Vendor Questions and Clarifications.

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Appendix A

TABLE 2.1: BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS PINE CREEK ELEMENTARY			
Erate Eligible Services			
Description	Qty	Unit	Total
Aruba Instant IAP-515	117		
Aruba Instant IAP-535	25		

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Appendix B

Evaluation Rubric
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1. Cost of eligible equipment and/or eligible maintenance 25 points

Cost of Equipment will be released at time of proposal opening. Points will be awarded during the evaluation of the proposal(s).

2. Compatibility with currently owned district devices 20 points

Compatibility is very important. Points will be awarded during the evaluation of the proposal(s) and determination of compatibility with existing equipment will be done at that same time. Zero (0) points will be awarded for non-compatible devices and twenty (20) points will be awarded for full 100% compatibility.

3. Features included..... 15 points

All documented features of the device in the RFP will be evaluated and points award as such. Points will not be awarded for features that are not included in the cost of the device as presented in the RFP.

4. Support of hardware 10 points

Technical support will be contacted and will be evaluated on its technical knowledge, English as the primary language, and ease of use.

5. Reliability..... 10 points

Reliability score will be determined using the following criteria:

- a. References given in the RFP
- b. Known other users of the device
- c. Personal experiences

6. User Interface..... 10 points

The user interface will be evaluated and points awarded on the ease of use and the completeness of the interface to the device.

7. References..... 10 points

References will be contacted and points awarded on their responses.