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RFP 27-107

Wireless Equipment - Erate YR 2027 (YR30)

Questions and Answers

1. Installation and configuration: the 470 lists the APs both with and without installation. Will the District accept a hardware-only price with configuration and installation as a separate optional line? If installation is required, is it AP-for-AP replacement on existing mounts and cabling?

Installation quote is a separate line item for each school site. Installation of the units will be to existing locations and cabling. The new units will require the use of the new mounts included with the AP.

2. Licensing: are the 768 R770 and 94 T670 units joining an existing SmartZone or RUCKUS One controller, and are new AP licenses or support required beyond the 94 S01-0001-3LSG outdoor support?

The access points in the RFP are replacing existing units already in service. No additional licensing is requested beyond the support contracts.

3. Ship-to: the District warehouse, or each site?

Ship to: District warehouse

4. Are all APs being replaced one-for-one, or are there new or relocated AP locations that require cabling?

One for one replacement of existing access points.

5. What category of Ethernet cabling exists at the AP locations, and are cable certification results available?

CAT 6 or better.

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6. What switch or PoE injector models currently power the APs, and what PoE budgets and port speeds are available?

Ruckus switching with POE+ or better.

7. Will the District provide site maps or floor plans showing AP locations for import into the wireless management platform?

Yes.

8. What wireless management system and software version are currently in use, and will that system continue to manage the new APs?

Ruckus SmartZone is our current and ongoing solution.

8. What mounting surfaces, heights, and bracket types are required for the indoor and outdoor APs, and can existing mounting hardware be reused?

Varies by location. Wall, ceiling, CANTEX enclosure. Where appropriate existing mounts can be used.

9. What configuration and migration work is required, including SSIDs, VLANs, authentication, and RF settings, and what acceptance criteria must be met?

None.

10. Must the contractor remove existing APs and mounting hardware, and should removed equipment be inventoried and returned to the District or recycled?

Contractor must remove existing hardware and return it to district IT staff.

11. Is a wireless site survey required before installation, after installation, or both, and what survey deliverables and coverage requirements should bidders include?

No.

12. Is this a new deployment or expansion of your current WLAN?

Neither. This is an update to an existing deployment.

13. How are these Ruckus APs managed?

Ruckus Smartzone.

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14. Do you have any Cloud Management and AI Solutions deployed today? If so, do you already have subscriptions for these APs?

Existing access points are managed by on-premise Ruckus Smartzone controller.