

Request for Proposal

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HCPS WAN FY22 SY2022-23

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RFP #2022-23 WAN

ISSUED BY

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Purpose

Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS) is requesting proposals for a multi-year contract for leased lit fiber for delivery of Wide Area Network (WAN) services to the entire district that will provide the best overall value to HCPS while meeting all requirements included in this Request for Proposal (RFP). Service is expected to originate at the district hub site and be delivered to all (27) eligible locations that are listed in the Henderson County Public Schools Site Locations Sheet (Appendix C) of this RFP. Bandwidth service of 2 Gbps connections to 10 Gbps connections are required with HCPS having the flexibility to increase or decrease bandwidth as needed over the life of the contract agreement as well as having the flexibility to increase or decrease the number of site locations as needed over the life of this contract agreement. Applicants must adhere to all Service Level Requirements described in this RFP for each individual site.

Service Level Requirements

Proposed services must meet the following specifications for all HCPS locations.

1. A 99.99% uptime (low latency, low jitter, and low bit-error) with a four hour response time to repair outages and guaranteed quality of service at each WAN location.
2. There is no right of the applicant to limit or throttle the capacity of the circuit at any time for any reason.
3. Vendor will provide customer support functions including problem tracking, resolution, and escalation support management on a 24x7x365 basis. HCPS has the right and is encouraged to call concerning any problems that may arise relative to its connection with Applicant provided services.
4. Trouble reporting and response: Upon interruption, degradation, or loss of service, HCPS may contact Applicant by defined method with a response based on trouble level. Upon contact from HCPS, the Applicant's support team will initiate an immediate response to resolve any customer issue. HCPS will receive rapid feedback on trouble resolution, including potential resolution time.
5. Escalation: In the event that service has not been restored within the four hour required response time, or HCPS does not feel that adequate attention has been allocated, HCPS can escalate the trouble resolution by request. A list of escalation contacts will be provided upon request.
6. Resolution: HCPS will be notified immediately once the problem is resolved and will be asked for verbal closure of the incident.
7. Trouble reporting, escalation and resolution: A detailed trouble reporting, escalation, and resolution plan will be provided to HCPS.
8. Measurement: Time starts from the time HCPS contacts applicant and identifies the problem. Credits for outages of a certain duration or longer will be identified.
9. Reports: Upon request, an incident report will be made available to HCPS within five (5) business days of resolution of the trouble.

Submission Guidelines & E-Rate Requirements

The following submission guidelines & E-Rate requirements apply to this Request for Proposal:

- Applicants must provide a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN).
- Applicants must provide a valid FCC Registration Number (FCC RN).
- Applicant must have current Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC) on file with USAC.
- Applicant must comply with local, state, and federal requirements including agreement to fully cooperate with audit/PIA review and ten year document retention requirements. Document Retention Rules may be found at <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/resources/document-retention/>.
- Contract start and end dates must coincide with the E-Rate Funding Year (July 1-June 30).
- Applicant shall submit current qualifications, service level requirements, and references demonstrating technical ability to install, test, and maintain the proposed system and subsystems.
- Applicant shall include and clearly indicate all E-Rate eligible charges including monthly charges, special construction charges, installation, activation, surcharges, taxes (including federal, state, and local taxes) or fees.
- Applicant shall clearly indicate any E-Rate ineligible services, costs, or fees.
- Applicant shall clearly acknowledge that the contract is contingent upon annual E-Rate funding approval. Eligible Services List (ESL) is available at: <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/before-you-begin/eligible-services-list/>.
- The Applicant agrees to bill and receive a portion of the payment for the provisions of goods and services described herein directly from USAC via the Form 474 Service Provider Invoice (SPI). HCPS will only be responsible for paying its non-discounted share of costs and does not intend to use the BEAR process (Form 472).
- Questions should be emailed to Regina Ruth at rcruth@hcpsnc.org with RFP #2022-23 WAN in the subject line by the December, 1, 2021. Questions and responses will be posted on December 2, 2021 at: [HCPS E-Rate Vendor Questions and Answers](#). **No phone calls or visits will be accepted.**
- If you have a standard set of terms and conditions, please submit them with your proposal. All terms and conditions will be subject to negotiation. HCPS' General Terms and Conditions are attached and made a part of this agreement (Appendix A). These terms and conditions supersede any and all other terms and conditions.

Right of Rejection

Henderson County Public Schools reserve the right, at its sole discretion, to reject any and all proposals or to cancel this supplemental information in part or in its entirety. Any proposal received which does not meet the requirements of this supplemental information may be considered to be nonresponsive, and the proposal may be rejected. HCPS may reject any proposal that does not comply with all the terms, conditions, and performance requirements of this supplemental information.

Evaluation Factors

While price is the most significant factor, other criteria will form the basis of our award decision, as described below.

HCPS will rate proposals based on the following factors:

1. Price of Eligible Goods & Services
2. Prior Experience with the vendor
3. Prices for ineligible services, products, and fees
4. Local or in-state vendor

Henderson County Public Schools reserve the right to award to the bidder that presents the best value to the district as determined solely by HCPS in its absolute discretion.

RFP & Proposal Timelines

The Request for Proposal timeline is as follows:

Posting of Form 470 and RFP	11/16/21
Emailed Questions Received until 12 noon. (ET)	12/1/21
Answers to Questions posted by 4 p.m. (ET)	12/2/21
Proposals Due by 5 p.m. (ET)	12/15/21
Public Bid Opening 11 a.m. (ET) at Mills River Academy	12/16/21
Bid Evaluation	12/16/21
Winning Bidder Notified	12/17/21

Response Format and Submission Instructions

General Proposal Requirements

HCPS discourages lengthy and costly proposals. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically and provide a straightforward, concise description of the Applicant's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this supplemental information. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. Prospective Applicants must follow all formats and address all portions of the supplemental information set forth herein providing all information requested. If a proposal fails to detail and address each of the requirements detailed herein, HCPS may determine the proposal to be non-responsive and reject it.

Responses are due by 5:00 pm on December 15, 2021. Submitted proposals must have an original, one copy as well as a digital copy with all required signatures and received by mail to:

Henderson County Public Schools
Technology Department
Attn: Regina Ruth
96 School House Road
Mills River, NC 28759

Your proposal should include the following:

- Your proposed solution in detail.
- Background of your company and qualifications.
- All pages of the RFP with required responses.
 - Signed Execution of Proposal Form (Appendix A) must be signed by a representative that is authorized to commit applicant's company.
 - Completed Henderson County Public Schools Cost Sheet (Appendix B) must be filled out completely with all pricing options requested.
 - Henderson County Public Schools Site Locations (Appendix C)

The winning Applicant will be contacted by phone and/or email on the date listed in the RFP & Proposal Timeline section of this Request for Proposal. All other applicants will be notified by email and/or mail.

APPENDIX A

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HCPS WAN 2022-23

EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FORM

OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE: This solicitation advertises HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (HCPS) needs for the services and/or goods described, herein. HCPS seeks proposals comprising competitive bids offering to sell the services and/or goods described in this solicitation. All proposals and responses received shall be treated as offers to contract. HCPS' acceptance of any proposal must be demonstrated by execution of the acceptance found below, and any subsequent Request for Best and Final Offer, if issued. Acceptance shall create a contract having an order of precedence among terms as follows: Special terms and conditions specific to this supplemental information, Specifications of the solicitation documents, except as amended, HCPS' General Terms and Conditions for Goods and Related Services, as may be amended by the Supplemental Terms annexed hereto, if any, Best and Final Offers, if any and the awarded Vendor's proposal.

EXECUTION: In compliance with this supplemental information, and subject to all the conditions herein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish any or all services or goods upon which prices are bid, at the price(s) offered herein, within the time specified herein. By executing this bid! I certify that this bid is submitted competitively and without collusion and is not otherwise in violation of state, local or federal procurement and antitrust laws. I furthermore certify that I have read and understand all addenda referencing this supplemental information. Failure to execute/sign bid, using this page, prior to submittal shall render bid invalid.

Vendor:		Federal ID or Social Security Number:	
Street Address:		PO Box:	Zip:
City, State, & Zip:		Telephone Number:	Toll Free Telephone No:
Type or Print Name & Title of Person Signing:		Fax Number:	
Authorized Signature:	Date:	Email:	



**HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The Contract, Henderson County Public School's Standard Terms and Conditions, and any documents incorporated specifically by reference represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior oral or written statements or agreements. All promises, requirements, terms, conditions, provisions, representations, guarantees, and warranties contained herein shall survive the contract expiration or termination date unless specifically provided otherwise herein, or unless superseded by applicable Federal or State statutes of limitation.

1. E-Verify: As required by N.C.G.S. § 143-133.3, Contractor certifies that it verifies the work authorization of each of its employees under the requirements of N.C.G.S. Article 2 of Chapter 64 ("E-Verify"). If Contractor utilizes a subcontractor of any tier, Contractor shall require all subcontractor(s) of any tier to comply with E-Verify requirements.
2. Jessica Lunsford Act: Under North Carolina law, certain sex offenders are prohibited from coming onto school campuses. Contractor agrees to conduct an annual check of the N.C. Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the N.C. Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program and the National Sex Offender Registry for all of its employees whose job involves direct interaction with students as part of the job. Henderson County Public Schools prohibits any personnel listed on such registries from being on any property owned or operated by Henderson County Public Schools and from having any direct interaction with students. As a term of this Contract, said checks must be performed by the Contractor and reported to Henderson County Public School's Superintendent or designee, if Contractor's employees will be working directly with students. **Under provisions set forth in the Jessica Lunsford Act under North Carolina law, Contractor certifies that by entering into a contract with Henderson County Public Schools, neither Contractor nor any employee or agent of Contractor, is listed as a sex offender on the N.C. Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the N.C. Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program, and/or the National Sex Offender Registry.**
3. Termination: The Contract may be terminated by either party hereto upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other. In the event the Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, Henderson County Public Schools shall have no obligation to compensate Contractor for services which have not been performed. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, Contractor shall continue to provide services to Henderson County Public Schools during the thirty (30) day notice period, at the same rate of service performed by Contractor during the thirty

- (30) days prior to receipt of notice. If Contractor fails to do so, Henderson County Public Schools may retain any monies otherwise due to Contractor.
4. Independent Contractor: It is understood that Contractor executes the Contract as an independent contractor and that Contractor shall have the exclusive control over the means, methods and details of fulfilling its obligation under the Contract. The Contract is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of principal-agent, master-servant, employer-employee, partnership, joint venture, joint enterprise, or association between the Parties or any of their owners, officers, directors, members, managers, partners, representatives, employees or agents. Contractor agrees to perform and discharge all obligations of an independent contractor under any and all laws, whether existing or in the future in any way pertaining to the tasks hereunder, including but not limited to Social Security laws, Workers' Compensation Insurance, income taxes, and State Employment Insurance taxes or contributions; and Contractor will hold Henderson County Public Schools harmless against all such laws. Neither federal nor state local income tax, nor payroll tax of any kind shall be withheld or paid by Henderson County Public Schools on behalf of the Contractor or the employees of Contractor. No Worker's Compensation Insurance shall be obtained by Henderson County Public Schools concerning Contractor or Contractor's employees.
 5. Audit: During and after the term of the contract, the State Auditor, or any Auditor contracted by Henderson County Public Schools, may be given access to persons and records of the Contractor that are generated as a result of, or are related to, the Contract for purposes of verifying accounts and data affecting fees or performance, as provided in G.S. § 143-49(9). Contractor shall keep all records for 3 years after the end of the contract period.
 6. Discrimination: If applicable, Contractor and any subcontractors employed by Contractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR §§ 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a). These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, protected veteran status or disability.
 7. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act: Contractor acknowledges that Henderson County Public Schools is subject to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232G; 34 C.F.R. 99). To the extent Contractor generates or maintains education records that are subject to FERPA, Contractor will comply with applicable FERPA requirements. Contractor will not access or make any disclosures of student education records to third parties without prior notice to and consent from Henderson County Public Schools or as otherwise provided by the law or the Contract. For purposes of the Contract, Henderson County Public Schools designates Contractor as a school official with a legitimate educational interest in the

education records of participating students to the extent access to Henderson County Public School's records is required by Contractor to carry out its services.

If, Henderson County Public Schools provides Contractor with personal identifiers as listed in N.C.G.S. §132-1.10 and in N.C.G.S. §14-113.20(b) or any other legally confidential information including "personally identifiable information" from student education records as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the implementing regulations in Title 34, Part 99 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("FERPA"), Contractor hereby certifies that collection of this information is necessary for the performance of Contractor's duties and responsibilities under the Contract. Contractor further certifies that it will maintain the confidential and exempt status of any Social Security number information, as required by N.C.G.S. §132-1.10(c)(1), and that it will not re-disclose personally identifiable information pursuant to FERPA or by any other State or Federal laws.

8. FERPA Electronically Stored Data Compliance: Contractor is expressly prohibited from selling or trading any education records or personally identifiable information acquired under the Contract. Furthermore, Contractor agrees not to attempt to re-identify students from aggregated data. Further, Contractor will not use any personally identifiable information or education records to advertise or market to students of Henderson County Public Schools or their parents. Any personally identifiable information and education records held by Contractor pursuant to the Contract will be made available to Henderson County Public Schools upon request.

Contractor will store and process all data using appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to secure personally identifiable information and education records from unauthorized access, disclosure, and use. Contractor will conduct periodic risk assessments and remediate any identified security vulnerabilities in a timely manner. Contractor will also have a written incident response plan, to include prompt notification to Henderson County Public Schools in the event of a security or privacy incident, as well as procedures for responding to a breach of data. Contractor agrees to share its incident response plan upon request. Contractor shall, for all personally identifiable data and education records in its possession and in the possession of any subcontractors, or agents to which it has transferred data as permitted herein, destroy or de-identify such data when such data is no longer needed to perform the Contract.

If Contractor experiences a security breach concerning any information covered by the Contract, and such breach is covered by N.C.G.S. §75.61(14), then Contractor will (a) fully comply with Contractor's obligations under the N.C. Identity Theft Protection Act, (b) immediately notify Henderson County Public Schools with the information listed in N.C.G.S. §75-65(d)(1-4), and (c) fully cooperate with the Board in carrying out its obligations under said Identity Theft Protection Act. Contractor will indemnify Henderson County Public Schools for any breach of confidentiality or failure of its responsibilities to protect confidential information, and for cost of notification of affected persons as a result of its accidental or negligent release of

personally identifiable information or education records provided to Contractor pursuant to the Contract.

9. North Carolina Public Records Law: Contractor acknowledges that Henderson County Public Schools is subject to the requirements of North Carolina's Public Records Law ("NCPRL"), N.C.G.S. § 132-1, *et. seq.* The Contract and any related documents, papers, letters, maps, books, photographs, films, sound recordings, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data-processing records, artifacts, or other documentary material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received by Henderson County Public Schools in connection with the transaction of the Contract may be considered a "public record," subject to disclosure under the NCPRL. Henderson County Public Schools is under no obligation to notify Contractor prior to its compliance of its duties under NCPRL.
10. Liability Insurance: It is understood and agreed between the parties that each person performing services under the Contractor shall be covered by Contractor for all actions, omissions, injuries or other liabilities occurring during the performance of the services, to the same extent as if such events occurred on Contractor's property.

During the term of the contract, the Contractor at its sole cost and expense shall provide commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. As a minimum, the Contractor shall provide and maintain the following coverage and limits:

Worker's Compensation – The Contractor shall provide and maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance, as required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage with minimum limits of \$150,000.00, covering all of Contractor's employees who are engaged in any work under the contract. If any work is subcontracted, the contractor shall require the subcontractor to provide the same coverage for any of its employees engaged in any work under the contract.

Commercial General Liability - General Liability Coverage on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit. (Defense cost shall be in excess of the limit of liability.)

Automobile - Automobile Liability Insurance, to include liability coverage, covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, used in connection with the contract. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$150,000.00 bodily injury and property damage; \$150,000.00 uninsured/under insured motorist; and \$1,000.00 medical payment.

Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor and is of the essence of this contract. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The Contractor

shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies, and all requirements of the insurer under any such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing North Carolina laws or this contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under the contract.

The Contractor shall furnish a Certificate of Insurance as proof of the above coverages to Henderson County Public Schools prior to the effective date of Contract. Certificate will contain provision that the insurance coverages cannot be canceled, reduced in amount or coverage eliminated without 30 days written notice to Henderson County Public Schools. Owner's Protective insurance must list Henderson County Public Schools as a "Named Insured" as its interest may appear. Henderson County Public Schools reserves the right to require higher or lower insurance limits where warranted. Henderson County Public Schools shall maintain its usual and customary insurance coverage and/or coverage agreement.

11. Ownership of Work Product: All works authored, produced, developed, or reduced to practice by Contractor for the benefit of Henderson County Public Schools during its provision of the services in the Contract shall be owned by Henderson County Public Schools and Henderson County Public Schools shall have all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights therein.

12. Indemnification: **CONTRACTOR, FOR ITSELF AND ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS, DOES HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ITS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DAMAGES, LOSSES, COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER AND HEREBY ASSUMES THE RISK OF INJURY OR LIABILITY AND AGREES NOT TO SUE HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR ANY INJURY OR LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER.**

13. Anti-Trust: The Contract has been entered into in compliance with state and federal antitrust laws. Contractor certifies by entering into the Contract:
 - a) That the Contractor and/or any of its Principals is not presently debarred, per the State's website (<http://ncadmin.nc.gov/government-agencies/procurement/contracts/debarred-vendors>) and Federal Excluded Parties List (www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM); or suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from entering into the Contract by any federal agency or by any department, agency or political subdivision of the State.

- b) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
 - c) The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to Henderson County Public Schools if, at any time, Contractor learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
 - d) The certification in this section is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by Henderson County Public Schools in making the Contract. If it is later determined that Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to Henderson County Public Schools, then Henderson County Public Schools may terminate the Contract for default.
14. Travel Expenses: Unless otherwise stated in the Contract, the agreed upon price for the services provided herein includes travel expenses, accommodation expenses and any and all other expenses, costs, and remuneration (including, but not limited to, equipment, tools, and supplies) the Parties have agreed to unless otherwise provided for in the Contract.
15. Affiliation: Contractor shall not represent itself as affiliated with or endorsed by Henderson County Public Schools without the prior written consent. Contractor shall not use any of Henderson County Public School's logos, images, trademarks, or copyrights without prior written consent. The Contract shall not be used for advertising by Contractor without prior approval of Henderson County Public Schools.
16. Assignment: Unless agreed to in writing by Henderson County Public Schools, the Contract is not assignable. Any attempt to assign the Contract to any third party shall be null and void and shall relieve Henderson County Public Schools of any further liability under the Contract.
17. Compliance with Law & Board Policy: Contractor agrees to comply with all federal and State laws, rules, regulations, administrative requirements, and Board of Education Policies and Procedures applicable to its provision of the services. Contractor declares that it has complied with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding business permits, certificates, and licenses that may be required to carry out the work to be performed under the Contract.
18. Attorney's Fees: In the event of a dispute between the Parties regarding the enforceability of the Contract, each party shall be responsible for its own attorney's fees.

19. Choice of Law: The Parties agree that the Contract was entered into in the State of North Carolina and that the laws of North Carolina shall govern the Contract, as to interpretation and performance. It is further agreed that the place of the Contract, its situs and forum, will be in the county in North Carolina where Henderson County Public School's Central Office is located.
20. Venue: The Parties agree that the proper venue for any claims brought hereunder is in the county in North Carolina where Henderson County Public School's Central Office is located.
21. Force Majeure: Neither party shall be responsible to the other for any losses resulting from the failure to perform any terms or provisions of the Contract if the party's failure to perform is attributable to war, riot or other disorder, strike or other work stoppage; fire; flood; storm; illness; pandemic, communicable disease, or any other act not within the control of the party whose performance is interfered with, and which, by reasonable diligence, such party is unable to prevent. However, Henderson County Public Schools will be entitled to a refund for fees paid on account of services not rendered by Contractor including any and all deposits.
22. Non-Appropriation: Henderson County Public Schools agrees to duly request the appropriation of funds from its funding sources for all payment amounts specified in the Contract through its annual funding request at levels consistent with the prior fiscal year. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the funds that Henderson County Public Schools requests for a fiscal year are reduced or not appropriated, Henderson County Public Schools will not be obligated to pay amounts due beyond the end of the last fully funded fiscal year. If a non-appropriation event occurs, Henderson County Public Schools will notify Contractor, the Contract will terminate at the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were fully appropriated, and Henderson County Public Schools will not be in default or material breach of the Contract.
23. Integration & Amendment: The Contract is fully integrated and represents the entire understanding between the Parties. The Contract may be modified or amended only by written instruments signed by both Parties. Unless explicitly stated in the Contract, nothing contained in the Contract is intended to benefit any third party. The Contract shall be deemed to have been drafted by both Parties and any ambiguities in the construction of the Contract shall not be construed solely against Henderson County Public Schools.
24. Severability: The Contract is severable and if any provisions of the Contract are deemed invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other remaining provisions of the Contract shall remain valid and enforceable.
25. Execution: The Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute and be construed as one and the same instrument.

26. Authority: Both Parties executing the Contract acknowledge that they have authority to bind their respective party to the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract.
27. Sovereign Immunity: Notwithstanding any other term or provision in the Contract, nothing herein is intended nor shall be interpreted as waiving any claim or defense based on the principle of sovereign or governmental immunity or other State or federal constitutional or statutory provision or principle that otherwise would be available to Henderson County Public Schools under applicable law.
28. Pre-Audit Certification: Execution of the Pre-Audit Certification on the Contract and/or purchase order is a condition precedent to the effectiveness of the signatures.
29. Acknowledgment: The undersigned represents and acknowledges that they have carefully read the entire Contract (and any attachments), understand the Contract (and any attachments) and its consequences, and knowingly and voluntarily enter into the Contract.
30. Iran Divestment / Divestment From Companies that Boycott Israel: By acceptance of the Agreement, Contractor affirms that it, or any Subcontractor hired by Contractor, is not listed on the *Final Divestment List* and *Parent and Subsidiary List* located at <https://www.nctreasurer.com/inside-the-department/OpenGovernment/Pages/Iran-Divestment-Act-Resources.aspx>, which was created by the N.C. State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.58. It is the responsibility of each Contractor to monitor its Subcontractor's compliance with this restriction.
31. Notice: Any notice required or desired to be given under the Contract shall be deemed given if in writing and sent by certified mail to the principal office of Henderson County Public Schools at: 414 Fourth Avenue West
Hendersonville, NC 28739
Attention: Purchasing Agent
32. Subcontracting: Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work to be performed under this Contract without prior written approval of Henderson County Public Schools.
33. Performance and Default: If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under this Contract, Henderson County Public Schools shall have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Contractor and specifying the effective date thereof. In that event, all finished or unfinished deliverable items under this contract prepared by the Contractor shall, at the option of, Henderson County Public Schools, become its property, and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such materials. Notwithstanding, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to Henderson County Public Schools for damages sustained by Henderson County Public Schools by virtue of any breach of this

Contract, and Henderson County Public Schools may withhold any payment due the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due Henderson County Public Schools from such breach can be determined.

In case of default by the Contractor, Henderson County Public Schools may procure the services from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

In addition, in the event of default by the Contractor under this contract, Henderson County Public Schools may immediately cease doing business with the Contractor, immediately terminate for cause all existing contracts Henderson County Public Schools has with the Contractor, and de-bar the Contractor from doing future business with Henderson County Public Schools.

Upon the Contractor filing a petition for bankruptcy or the entering of a judgment of bankruptcy by or against the Contractor, Henderson County Public Schools may immediately terminate, for cause, this contract and all other existing contracts the Contractor has with it, and de-bar the Contractor from doing future business.

34. Payment Terms: Payment terms are Net not later than 30 days after receipt of correct invoice(s) or acceptance of services, whichever is later, or in accordance with any special payment schedule identified in this Contract. Henderson County Public Schools is responsible for all payments to the Contractor under the contract.
35. Care of Property: The Contractor agrees that it shall be responsible for the proper custody and care of any property furnished it for use in connection with the performance of this contract or purchased by it for this contract and will reimburse Henderson County Public Schools for loss of damage of such property.
36. Criminal Background Checks: Contractor certifies that as of the date of the signed contract, or acceptance of a purchase order, background checks have been performed for all personnel who will have any type of direct contact with the students and staff of Henderson County Public Schools in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall provide a complete list of names and job related duties of all personnel that will be assigned in any capacity to handle Henderson County Public School's account. Copies of background checks for all personnel will also be included. Contractor shall notify Henderson County Public Schools immediately and provide required information should changes in personnel occur, or if any existing personnel is charged of any criminal activity.
37. Taxes: Any applicable taxes shall be invoiced as a separate line item. North Carolina G.S. § 143.59.1 bars the Secretary of Administration from entering into contracts with vendors if the vendor or its affiliates meet one of the conditions of G.S. § 105-164.8(b) and refuses to collect use tax on sales of tangible personal property to purchasers in North Carolina. Conditions under G.S. § 105-164.8(b) include: (1) Maintenance of a retail establishment or office, (2) Presence of representatives in the

State that solicit sales or transact business on behalf of the vendor and (3) Systematic exploitation of the market by media-assisted, media-facilitated, or media-solicited means. By execution of the Contract documents, the vendor certifies that it and all of its affiliates, collect(s) the appropriate taxes.

38. Warranty: Contractor warrants to Henderson County Public Schools that all equipment furnished will be new, of good material and workmanship, and agrees to replace promptly any part or parts which by reason of defective material or workmanship shall fail under normal use, free of negligence or accident, for a minimum period of twelve (12) months from date of receipt. Such replacement shall include all parts, labor, and transportation cost to the location where equipment is down, free of any charge to Henderson County Public Schools.
39. Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements: Federal Funds. The Contractor shall make all necessary inquiries to correctly identify all sources of funding for Contract. If the source of funds for Contract is federal funds, the following federal provisions apply pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (as applicable), unless a more stringent state or local law or regulation is applicable: Equal Employment Opportunity (41 C.F.R. Part 60); Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148); Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145); Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708); Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387); Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689); Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352); Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 C.F.R. § 200.322); and Record Retention Requirements (2 CFR § 200.324).

Appendix B	Henderson County Public Schools Cost Sheet		Option A	Option B	Option C
Entity #	Site Name	Requested Speed	Two year contract with (3) optional one year extensions	Three year contract with (2) optional one year extensions	Five year contract with (2) optional one year extensions
30150	Dana Elementary School	2 gig			
30151	East Henderson High School	2 gig			
30152	Flat Rock Middle School	2 gig			
30153	Hillandale Elementary School	2 gig			
30156	Etowah Elementary School	2 gig			
30159	Upward Elementary School	2 gig			
30162	Fletcher Elementary School	2 gig			
30174	Atkinson Elementary School	2 gig			
30179	Mills River Elementary School	2 gig			
30258	Henderson County Career Academy	2 gig			
30259	Henderson Middle School	2 gig			
30260	Hendersonville Elementary School	2 gig			
30261	Hendersonville High School	2 gig			
30263	West Henderson High School	2 gig			
30264	Rugby Middle School	2 gig			
30265	Bruce Drysdale Elementary School	2 gig			
30268	Apple Valley Middle School	2 gig			
30269	North Henderson High School	2 gig			
30270	Edneyville Elementary School	2 gig			
167926	Glenn Marlow Elementary School	2 gig			
227843	Clear Creek Elementary School	2 gig			
16033837	Sugarloaf Elementary School	2 gig			
16059022	Henderson County Early College	2 gig			
16020720	HCPS Bus Barn	2 gig			
16020721	HCPS Maintenance/Technology Warehouse	2 gig			
16059027	Mills River Academy	10 gig			
16020717	Henderson County Public Schools Central Office	10 gig			

Henderson County Public Schools Site Locations - Appendix C

Entity #	Site Name	Physical Address	City/State	Zip Code
30150	Dana Elementary School	690 Ridge Road	Hendersonville, NC	28792
30151	East Henderson High School	150 Eagle Pride Drive	East Flat Rock, NC	28726
30152	Flat Rock Middle School	191 Preston Lane	East Flat Rock, NC	28726
30153	Hillandale Elementary School	40 Preston Lane	East Flat Rock, NC	28726
30156	Etowah Elementary School	320 Etowah School Road	Etowah, NC	28729
30159	Upward Elementary School	45 Education Drive	Flat Rock, NC	28731
30162	Fletcher Elementary School	500 Howard Gap Road	Fletcher, NC	28732
30174	Atkinson Elementary School	2510 Old Kanuga Road	Hendersonville, NC	28739
30179	Mills River Elementary School	94 School House Road	Mills River, NC	28759
30258	Henderson County Career Academy	300 Campus Drive	Flat Rock, NC	28731
30259	Henderson Middle School	825 North Whitted Street	Hendersonville, NC	28791
30260	Hendersonville Elementary School	1039 Randall Circle	Hendersonville, NC	28791
30261	Hendersonville High School	1 Bearcat Blvd	Hendersonville, NC	28791
30263	West Henderson High School	3600 Haywood Road	Hendersonville, NC	28791
30264	Rugby Middle School	3345 Haywood Road	Hendersonville, NC	28791
30265	Bruce Drysdale Elementary School	271 Bearcat Blvd	Hendersonville, NC	28792
30268	Apple Valley Middle School	43 Fruitland Road	Hendersonville, NC	28792
30269	North Henderson High School	35 Fruitland Road	Hendersonville, NC	28792
30270	Edneyville Elementary School	2875 Pace Road	Hendersonville, NC	28792
167926	Glenn Marlow Elementary School	1985 Butler Bridge Road	Mills River, NC	28759
227843	Clear Creek Elementary School	737 North Clear Creek Road	Hendersonville, NC	28792
16033837	Sugarloaf Elementary School	2270 Sugarloaf Road	Hendersonville, NC	28792
16059022	Henderson County Early College	300 East Campus Drive	Flat Rock, NC	28731
16020720	HCPS Bus Barn	810 Stoney Mountain Road	Hendersonville, NC	28739
16020721	HCPS Maintenance/Technology Warehouse	246 Education Drive	Flat Rock, NC	28731
16059027	Mills River Academy	96 School House Road	Mills River, NC	28759
16020717	Henderson County Public Schools Central Office	414 4th Avenue West	Hendersonville, NC	28739