# NORTH BOLIVARCONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR QUOTES

# Connectivity Services for Technology Devices

### Overview

1. Introduction: The North Bolivar Consolidated School District (NBCSD) is located in Mound Bayou, MS. School facilities consist of three schools and one central office. The district has approximately 900 students.
2. Purpose of RFQ: The district is requesting for sealed Quotes/Proposals in the areas of **Technology Devices for connectivity (Hot Spots/Broadband Connection)** for 3 School-Wide Schools, including one (1) CSI School (See A for specifics) and the district office.
3. Tentative schedule of RFQ events are as follows:

### a. RFQ Released: 08/30/2021-09/10/2021

**b. Proposal Due Date: 09/10/2021 at 3:00 p .m. Quote Review: 10/05/2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

1. These devices shall be provided to the North Bolivar Consolidated School District during the 2021 – 2022 school year based on funding.
2. The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all Quotes.
3. Quotes are requested to include specifications on all devices.
4. General Specifications and Instructions to Quote Submission:
   1. A paper copy or an email copy of this document, including any addendums, can be obtained by request below. You may also see the district’s website at [www.nbcsd.k12.ms.us](http://www.nbcsd.k12.ms.us).

Mr. Maurice Smith, Superintendent

Jorgell Jones, Interim of Federal Programs

### North Bolivar Consolidated School District

204 North Edwards Avenue

Mound Bayou, MS 38762

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* 1. RFQ Submission requirements: **Submit 4 copies** of the RFQ response **in one sealed package with Internet Accessibility indicated on** the outside of the package by 09/10/2021 3:00 p .m. to the following address:

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### COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE RFQ

All questions regarding the RFQ are to be submitted, in writing to

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The deadline for submission of written questions is September 3, 2021. All responses to written questions and changes to specification requirements will be communicated via email to person submitting questions.

All questions, comments and requests for clarifications must be in writing. Any oral communications shall be considered unofficial and non-binding.

Only written responses to written communications shall be considered official and binding upon the School District. The School District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine appropriate and adequate responses to the written comments, questions and requests for clarification.

All addendums and/or any other correspondence (general information, question and responses) to this RFQ will be made available **exclusively** through the North Bolivar Consolidated School District. Contractors are solely responsible for frequently checking this website for updates to this RFQ.

### Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Contract Award

1. Applicants must provide documentation of a minimum of five (5) years of experience providing educational consulting, training services and materials.
2. Applicants must address and provide (if applicable) a list of any pending/past litigation or investigations that have occurred within the past five (5) years.
3. Applicants must have financial stability and adequate staff to manage the program.
4. Applicants must have an active DUNS number
5. Applicants must comply with all applicable licensing and certification requirements specific to the proposed services.
6. Applicants must be in compliance with all applicable City, County, State and Federal laws, regulation codes and ordinances. The vendor must reference in its contract if awarded the Quote that the vendor has read, understood, agreed, signed and submitted an original copy of the Contractual Services Providers’ Assurances to the LEA.

### Purpose of RFQ

To solicit requests from qualified vendors to provide quotes on devices and services for internet accessibility in the **North Bolivar Consolidated School District**

### Proposal Requirements and Project Scope

### APPENDIX

* 1. **Northside High School, I.T. Montgomery Elementary School, Brooks Elementary School, and district office**

**Device Specifications**

NORTH BOLIVAR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The North Bolivar Consolidated School District is requesting quotes for the following: Devices that will provide internet access for all students that have the following specifications:

* + - CIPA Compliant
    - Remote Management System that will all the district to monitor usage
    - Quality access/reception in all areas where students are located
    - Access to devices in a timely manner
    - Provide any other training as identified by observation or upon the district’s request.

### All responses to the RFQ must demonstrate the vendor’s expertise and capacity to provide devices to do the following at each school:

* + - Provide internet access to teachers and students that will allow monitoring of the district’s Learning Management System in a remote learning environment.
    - Ensure that there is quality access to devices in households that has cloud technology to monitor instructional programs.
    - Limit connectivity of devices to school issued technology devices (Laptops/Chromebooks)
    - Provide adequate data plans to address the needs of all of our instructional programs.
    - Provide data plans bundled with the devices to ensure that service will last for a minimum of one (year)
    - Provide plans that represent service for the following:

1. One (1) Year
2. Two (2) Years
3. Three (3) Years

For your information, the following is a list of technologies in the North Bolivar Consolidated School District that vendors must demonstrate expertise and capacity to use in classrooms with teachers:

* Chromebooks
* Laptops
* IPads/MacBooks

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**Internet Access Devices**

**SCORING METHODOLOGY**

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North Bolivar Consolidated School District will use any or all of the following categories in developing a scoring mechanism for this Quote prior to the receipt of proposals. All information provided by the Vendors, as well as any other information available to North Bolivar Consolidated School District staff, will be used to evaluate the proposals.

## Organizational Experience 20 Points

Variables considered in evaluating this category will include, but not be limited to the following:

* 1. Applicant’s experience and success in conducting similar work
  2. Experience in fulfilling contract of similar nature
  3. Quality and completeness of proposal
  4. Number of years in business

## Quality Accessibility For All Students 35 Points

Variables considered in evaluating this category will include, but not be limited to the following: overall approach and the Applicant’s grasp of the project as shown by the depth, breath, and clarity of the proposal;

* 1. Coverage Area
  2. CIPA Compliance
  3. Remote Management System
  4. Ease of Delivery/Timeline for Delivery

## Cost Efficiency 20 Points

1. Total cost of proposed services
2. Service and support cost;

## Program Operations 25 Points

1. Adequacy of resources, including personnel, equipment, financial stability and other related factors
2. Management and planning: The quality of procedures and organizational structures proposed for completion of the work
3. Timeliness of services;

**Total Possible Score: 100 Points** *(Plus \*Value Added)*

1. The Applicants should propose its best and final cost offer in the proposal. The district, at its sole discretion, may open negotiations with responsible applicants after submission of proposals and prior to award. The district specifically reserves the right to award without negotiations based upon written proposals only.
2. The evaluation process will include contact with individuals or organizations identified by the Applicant as a current/former customer or reference. The evaluation process also includes a status check with the Mississippi State Comptroller to ensure that the Applicant is in good standing.

*\*Value-Added is defined as a product(s) or service(s), exclusive of the stated functional and technical requirements and provided to the District at no additional charge, which, in the sole judgment of the District, provides both benefit and value to the District significant enough to distinguish the proposal and merit the award of additional points. A Value-added rating between 0 and 5 may be assigned based on the assessment of the District. These points will be added to the total score.*