

Q1: We understand that Eanes ISD plans to have fiber connections to the schools from both the NOC and the DOC. Is it a safe assumption that the distances from the schools to the DOC are within the same ranges as the distances to the NOC?

A1: Yes – this assumption is safe. There will be a SM tie cable between the NOC and the new DOC. All WAN cables from outboard schools will “land” at the NOC and those intended for the 2nd Data Center (DOC) will be cross-connected to run to the DOC. The distance between the two locations is less than 1800’.

Q2: During the Pre-Proposal Conference, there was a statement made about vendors not being required to provide copper patch cables. Can you please confirm whether this is a requirement or not?

A2: Copper patching cords will NOT be required. However, ALL anticipated MM and SM FOC patching cables will be required: LC-to-LC terminated – typical length will be less than 3-meters, but there may be a few that will exceed this length. Confirmation to occur during pre-construction meetings and walk-throughs

Q3: We understand that Eanes ISD is requesting UPS’ for the Switches for MGig Wireless; however, we would like further clarification on whether Eanes ISD wants/ needs to replace existing UPS’ should the district have adequate funds to support the potential upgrade of legacy 10/100/100 MB/s access switches and legacy core/ aggregation switches and routers. Please advise.

A3: At this time, the existing UPSs are thought to be adequate for the task. They were refreshed three or four years ago, thus procuring and installing additional UPSs are NOT part of this scope. However, if the District makes the decision to upgrade existing, legacy 10/100/1000 switches, thought may be given to adding UPSs into the mix or replacing some of them or replacing batteries in some or all of them. This will be discussed during pre-construction meetings and walk-throughs. Please provide pricing for new switches and clearly identify pricing for new UPS for these switches as well.

Core WAN switches at the District’s DOC and NOC will **not** require UPSs.

Q4: Clarification on the use of sub-contractors. Is Eanes ISD agreeable to allow a Prime Contractor to leverage lower cost (but qualified) cable technicians through our EcoSystem of partners to provide mundane task such as racking/stacking of equipment and patching of cables?

A4: Any use of subcontractors is to occur only with prior written approval of the Purchasing Director, IT Director (and/or designee). Any and all personnel on site performing any of this Work must pass the District’s Security Background Checks and carry District-issued ID badges.