

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Access Points

RFP Number: Tech-FY22-002-Access-Points

Inquiries and requests regarding this RFP should be directed to:

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Oconee County Schools
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Proposals and bids must be delivered no later than 11:30 AM on October 14, 2021 to:

Oconee County Schools
ATTN: Ryan White
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Please note that all proposals must be received at the designated location by the stated deadline.

Late proposals will be returned unopened and shall be considered void and unacceptable. After the deadline, proposals will be evaluated for this RFP. Not all proposal information is considered public, and only the final contract and costs of award will be available to the public. No proposal information will be shared until after the award.

OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOLS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS AND TO AWARD IN PART OR IN TOTAL WHICHEVER IS DEEMED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Oconee County Schools Profile

Oconee County is located approximately eight miles from Athens, GA and the University of Georgia. This nationally renowned county is considered both a rural and suburban community. Parental support for the school system is strong, and the Board of Education is positive and constructive in support of the academic and extra-curricular programs in all Oconee schools. Our schools continue to lead Georgia in academics, the arts, and athletics. Oconee County has been mentioned by several national publications as one of the top places to live in the entire United States.

We have seven elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools in our school system. We have two administrative locations - Central Office and Transportation/Maintenance. We enroll over 8400 students and employ approximately 650 professional employees. Oconee County Schools (OCS) serves as Oconee County's largest employer, employing approximately 1200 people.

We currently have Aruba network equipment including all access points, switches, and routers.

OCS invites vendors to submit proposals in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal (RFP).

This RFP provides the requirements and evaluative criteria for providing a quantity of 751 Aruba IAP-515 access points.

Goals of the RFP

It is the intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide bidders with sufficient information to prepare a proposal for 751 Aruba IAP-515 access points. This project will be funded using E-rate Category II and ESSR funds.

We are seeking vendors who can supply this equipment.

Award Criteria

Category	Weight
Price	50%
Compatibility with Airwave Management and Aruba Central in the future	20%
Vendor Ability to Provide Equipment + Install/Support/Documentation	20%
Vendor K-12 Experience and References	10%

Proposal Details

Below are the minimum specifications and estimated quantities for the equipment that we are seeking proposals for. All models specified shall be considered as a minimum specification.

As part of this project, vendors must be capable of providing 751 Aruba IAP-515 access points. No installation is being requested.

RFP Process

RFP Contact

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Any and all questions relating to the content, timeline, or requirements outlined in this RFP, as well as the associated proposals, should be made via email to: rwhite@oconeeschools.org.

RFP Response Format

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP are to be sent in a Word document or Adobe PDF format as an attachment to an email to: rwhite@oconeeschools.org and talexander@oconeeschools.org. Also, hardcopies of the proposal are required, 1 original and 2 copies. Proposals must be submitted in envelopes clearly marked "2022 Access Point RFP", the name of the supplier, and either "Original" or "Copy," as applicable, on the outside of the envelope.

Proposals are to be addressed as follows:

Oconee County Schools
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PO Box 146
35-A School Street
Watkinsville, GA 30677
Attention: Ryan White

Timeframe and Key Dates

Activity	Date
RFP Issued	9/15/2021
Vendor RFP Responses Due	10/14/2021 at 11:30 AM
Award Notification(s)	11/12/2021

Proposal Preparation

Where signatures are required, the signatory must be authorized to act on behalf of the vendor, including, without limitation, authority to sign contracts on the vendor's behalf.

Questions and Vendor Forum Meeting

Oconee County Schools will help clarify any issues or questions regarding this RFP. It is the vendor's responsibility to seek this clarification. Please direct all questions via email to rwhite@oconeeschools.org and talexander@oconeeschools.org. There is no vendor forum meeting for this opportunity.

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated and scored by Oconee County Schools. Vendors are urged to make their most attractive offer, since each vendor's ability to satisfy Oconee County Schools requirements as described in the RFP will be evaluated and scored based on the proposal submitted.

Bid Validity

Any proposal submitted by vendor(s) during this process is considered legally binding and valid for the terms set forth in this document. Proposals will be considered an offer to do business with Oconee County Schools, and shall be binding for a period of 90 days from the proposal due date.

Notifications

OCS will evaluate all the proposals and select the winning proposal for approval by the Oconee Board of Education at the November Board of Education meeting. Bids will be presented to the Oconee County Board of Education at the work session on **November 1st, 2021** and the regular session on **November 8th, 2021**.

Late Submissions

Oconee County Schools has established the RFP process and timeline in a manner that is intended to benefit all participants. Please respect all dates and times, and adhere to established guidelines. Late submissions will not be considered for this RFP process.

Company Experience and/or References

OCS reserves the right to fully investigate the qualifications of any bidder(s) based on references supplied and publicly available information.

Vendors are encouraged to supply evidence of experience on projects of similar nature and/or magnitude. Provide references listing: customer name, address, contact names, and telephone/fax numbers. The vendors may also supply third party ratings to demonstrate their success in the IT marketplace.

The winning respondent must provide:

1. Certificate of Insurance naming Oconee County Schools as an additional insured.
2. HB 87 Immigration Affidavit (copies available to download).