

# REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS PHASE 1

## **Wireless Access Points**

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Jackson County School District is accepting specifications for **Wireless Access Points** until **12:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020**. The proposals will be opened at the Jackson County Board of Education Boardroom at 12:15 pm, 4700 Col. Vickrey Rd, Vancleave, MS 39565. Vendors will then participate in a reverse auction as per Mississippi State Purchasing Law. Vendors will bid on the exact specifications provided via their bid packet. All proposals submitted after that time will not be considered and destroyed following the bid opening.

There is a mandatory Prebid meeting at 1PM on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the Boardroom of the Jackson County Board of Education.

Proposals should be labeled:  
**WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS**

Proposals may be picked up and submitted to:

Jackson County School District

Attention:	Ryan Earley, Business Manager 4701 Col. Vickrey Rd PO Box 5308 Vancleave, MS 39565
Telephone:	(228) 826-4842
Fax:	(228) 826-3871

The Jackson County School District reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids or any parts thereof, to waive any informality in any bid, to require a modification of the contract terms at any time, and to select the bidder who, in the opinion of the School District, will meet the best interests of the School District, provided that nothing herein shall be deemed to waive any requirement of federal, state or local law. Under no circumstances will the School District be responsible for the cost of preparing any bid.

General Instructions:

Proposals are to be:

- \* Submitted in duplicate unless otherwise indicated in the specifications.
- \* Submitted either electronically VIA visiting jcsdbids.com and following instructions there or in a sealed opaque envelope utilizing the enclosed label, with the bidder's name and address in the upper left-hand corner.
- \* Made out and signed in the corporate, or other, name of bidder. In addition, an authorized person must fully and properly execute the bid.
- \* **Each Item should contain manufacturer and model number. If quoting functional equivalents, vendor must explain in explicit detail how the proposed alternate is functionally equivalent.**
- \* Vendor MUST provide an email address to be used to notify the vendor if chosen as a qualified vendor to participate in the reverse auction.
- \* Pricing is not to be provided during this phase

Proposals received later than the time and date specified will not be considered.

Amendments to or withdrawal of proposals received later than the time and date set for the opening will not be considered.

Bidders or their representatives may be present at the bid opening.

The Jackson County School District may require further information and references on any individual or company placing a bid prior to the awarding of a bid.

The School Board reserves the right to amend and/or cancel the bid invitation prior to the time and date of the bid opening.

The School Board reserves the right to correct an award erroneously made as a result of a clerical error on the part of the Jackson County School District.

Quote for Jackson County School District  
WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS

Name of Business submitting quote: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip

Name of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the Bidding process, an email will be sent to the qualified bidders. Please provide an email address that should be used to notify your company if you are selected as a qualified bidder:

\_\_\_\_\_

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

### **For WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS**

#### **Scope of Work:**

*Provide a detailed list of items (Manufacturer/Model – explicit detail if quoting functional equivalents of the provided specifications) that you will participate in a reverse auction for the stated specifications.*

#### **Introduction**

Jackson County School District consists of three attendance centers: St. Martin, Vancleave, and East Central. St. Martin has two lower elementary schools, one upper elementary, one middle school and one high school. Vancleave and East Central each have a lower elementary, an upper elementary, a middle school, and a high school. At each of these schools there may be multiple buildings and multiple floors per building. There are 650 classrooms in the district. Below are the names and addresses of the schools:

#### **District Office:**

Jackson County Board of Education  
4700 Col. Vickrey Rd  
Vancleave, MS 39565

<b>St. Martin</b>	<b>Vancleave</b>	<b>East Central</b>
St. Martin North Elementary 11000 Yellowjacket St Biloxi, MS 39532	Vancleave Lower Elementary 12602 Hwy 57 Vancleave, MS 39565	East Central Lower Elementary 5621 Hwy 614 Hurley, MS 39555
St. Martin East Elementary 7508 Rose Farm Rd Ocean Springs, MS 39564		
St. Martin Upper Elementary 11000 Yellowjacket Blvd Ocean Springs, MS 39564	Vancleave Upper Elementary 13901 Hwy 57 Vancleave, MS 39565	East Central Upper Elementary 5404 Hurley-Wade Rd Moss Point, MS 39562
St. Martin Middle School 10800 Yellowjacket Blvd Ocean Springs, MS 39564	Vancleave Middle School 4725 Bulldog Lane Vancleave, MS 39565	East Central Middle School 21725 Slider Rd Moss Point, MS 39562
St. Martin High School 11300 Yellowjacket Blvd Ocean Springs, MS 39564	Vancleave High School 12424 Hwy 57 Vancleave, MS 39565	East Central Lower Elementary 5500 Hurley Wade Rd Moss Point, MS 39562

Also, there is:

**Jackson County Technology Center**  
12425 Hwy 57  
Vancleave, MS 39565

## **Vendor Requirements**

1. Vendor must have current USAC Service Provider Annual Certification
2. Vendor must have current USAC Service Provider Identification Number
3. Vendor must submit at least three (3) references of installations similar in size and complexity
4. Attend mandatory Prebid meeting on-site

## **Specification (estimated 700 Wireless Access Points)**

This Jackson County School District has standardized on Meraki for its cloud based wireless access (WiFi). With that in mind the district is looking to supplement its existing network with the following equipment.

1. Meraki MR42 Cloud Managed AP (Or functionally equivalent)
2. Meraki MR Enterprise License 5 YR (Or functionally equivalent)

Actual quantity will be determined based on Budget and Itemized Pricing and could fluctuate by as much as  $\pm 100$  units .

Any deviation from the actual items above must be accompanied with appropriate documentation that defines how they are compatible.

### **Contact:**

For any questions regarding specifications, please contact via email [david@jcsd.ms](mailto:david@jcsd.ms) with the subject "REQUEST FOR BIDS CLARIFICATION" (David Besancon)

## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

All bids are subject to the General Terms and Conditions, Bid Specifications and Contract Proposal as provided.

Price: Bid prices will include delivery, F.O.B. destination, without extra compensation.

Taxes: The Jackson County School District is exempt from the payment of the Excise Taxes imposed by the Federal Government, and the Sales and Use Tax of the State of Mississippi. Such taxes should not be included in the bid price. Exemption certificates will be furnished to the successful bidder.

Award: The School Board reserves the right to make an award which, in her judgment and recommendation from the department, following bid evaluations; best meets the specifications and is deemed in the best interest of The School District. The School District reserves the right to increase or decrease all quantities indicated in this bid.

The School Board further reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part; to award any item, group of items or total bid unless otherwise specified by the bidder, and to waive informality or technical defects, if, in his judgment, the best interests of the Jackson County School District will be so served.

Price Discrepancies:

In the event there is a discrepancy between the unit price and extended price the unit price will prevail.

In the event there is a discrepancy between the written price and numeric price the written price will prevail.

Laws: All deliveries shall comply in every respect with all applicable laws of the Federal Government and/or the State of Mississippi.

Permits:

It is the responsibility of the successful bidder to obtain all Federal, State and local permits when needed.

Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement:

The bidder assumes full responsibility for its negligent acts, errors or omissions and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify The Jackson County School District, its agents and servants, from and against any and all claims, suits, damages, costs, losses and expenses resulting from such negligent acts, errors or omissions while conducting activities associated with this bid.

Additionally, the bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Jackson County School district in accordance with state law may not offer indemnification. Therefore, any such language on purchasing agreements shall be considered void.

Payment:

To Prime Contractor: a.) Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the state contract number and/or purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations). b.) Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 45 days will be regarded as requiring payment 45 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 45 days, however. c.) All goods or services provided under this

contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price, regardless of which public agency is being billed. d.) The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized. e.) Unreasonable Charges. Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed.

#### Availability of Funds

It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement

#### Non-Collusive Bid Statement:

The bidder, being fully informed regarding the accuracy of the statements made herein, certifies that:

- a. The bid has been arrived at by the bidder independently and has submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with, any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment, or services described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition, and,
- b. The contents of the bid have not been communicated by the bidder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid, and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid.

The bidder further certifies that this statement is executed for the purposes of inducing The Jackson County School District to consider the bid and make an award in accordance therewith.

#### Non-Discrimination Clause:

The Contractor hereby agrees that neither he nor his subcontractors will refuse to hire or employ or to bar or to discharge from employment an individual or to discriminate against him in compensation or in terms, conditions or privilege of employment because of race, color, religious creed age, sex, national origin or ancestry, except in the case of bona fide occupational qualification or need.

#### Safety Standards:

All contractors and their employees, agents and subcontractors are required to comply with all EPA, NFPA and OSHA safety standards at all times while working on site. The Contractor and employees, agents and subcontractors found to be in non-compliance may be removed from the work site, as well as subject to forfeiture of payment and/or contract termination. The School District reserves the right to inspect the work site at any time for safety compliance.

#### Debarment:

The Purchasing office reviews any bid being considered to assure that neither the contractor nor any subcontractor being utilized is subject to state or federal debarment based on published debarment lists.

#### Stipulations:

A contract issued as the result of a bid shall not be considered exclusive. The Jackson County School District reserves the right to contract with other vendors for similar services when deemed appropriate.

The Jackson County School District maintains the right to withhold payment for unsatisfactory materials and/or workmanship until such time that the defect is corrected. If the defect is not satisfactorily repaired within 60 days, the Jackson County School District may elect to have the repair made by an alternate vendor and subtract the cost from the contractor's invoice. The Jackson County School District also reserves the right to deduct from the vendor's billing any costs incurred as a result of inferior or unsatisfactory materials and/or workmanship.



The Jackson County School District reserves the right to cancel the contract at any time with no cost to the district. If the cancellation is for inadequate performance, then the cancellation shall be immediate. If the cancellation is for budgetary considerations or is based upon the discretionary right of the Jackson County School District then the cancellation shall be upon thirty (30) days written notice.

The Jackson County School District reserves the right not to award the continuation of a multiple year bid. The award of each year's contract is contingent upon adoption and approval of budgetary funds for this purpose.

Jackson County School District  
4700 Col Vickrey Rd  
Vanceleave, MS 39564  
228-283-3000

TO: All Vendors

FROM: Jackson County School District

SUBJECT: Affirmative Action

The Jackson County School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and will not transact business with firms that are not in compliance with all Federal and State Statutes and Executive Orders pertaining to non-discrimination.

In order to have your firm listed on our acceptable vendors' list and thereby be eligible for consideration as a source for goods and services, please complete and return the following Statement of Policy to us.

### **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the employment policy of \_\_\_\_\_  
that there shall be no discrimination against anyone on the grounds of race, creed, national origin, sex, age, handicapped condition, sexual orientation, marital status, or religion in the hiring, upgrading, demotions, recruitment, termination and selections for training.

In addition, this firm is in full compliance with the letter and intent of the various Equal Employment Opportunities and Civil Rights Statutes noted above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed (Name/Title of Company Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

## CONTRACTOR INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the Jackson County School District (JCSD) and its officers, agents, and/or employees against any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, judgments, costs, worker's compensation payments, litigation expenses and counsel fees arising out of injuries to the person (including death) or damage to property alleged to have been sustained by:

- a. officials, officers, agents and/or employees of the JCSD or;
- b. the contractor, his subcontractors or material men or;
- c. any other person, whose injuries are alleged to have occurred on or near the work or to have been caused in whole or in part by the acts, omissions or neglect of the Contractor or his sub-contractor or material men by reason of his or their use of faulty defective or unsuitable work.

The existence of insurance shall in no way limit the scope of this indemnification. The Contractor further undertakes to reimburse the JCSD for damage to property of the JCSD caused by the Contractor, or his employees, agents, subcontractors or material men or by faulty, defective or unsuitable material or equipment used by him or them.

The Contractor further acknowledges that Jackson County School District cannot and does not offer indemnification. Any such language on purchasing or billing documents of the contractor will be disregarded.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor

By

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public