

Pete Ricketts, Governor

## ADDENDUM FOUR QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Date: November 20, 2015

To: All Bidders

From: Robert Thompson/Michelle Thompson, Buyers  
AS Materiel State Purchasing Bureau

RE: Addendum, including second round questions and answers for Request for Proposal Number 5153Z1 to be opened December 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time

1. **Appendix C Revised – UNL Extension is hereby removed in its entirety and replaced with Appendix C Revision 2, attached hereto**  
<http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/5153/5153.html>

**Excel rows 946-949 of Appendix C Revised were duplicate and have been removed in Appendix C Revision 2.**

### Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request for Proposal. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request for Proposal. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the State Purchasing Bureau website for all addenda or amendments.

Question Number	RFP Section Reference	RFP Page Number	Question	State Response
1.			In the RFP, it states that in Appendix A, there are grayed out core aggregation sites and that the State will only accept bids for those core sites that are not grayed out. In the Pre-Proposal meeting, page 19 of the hand out and slide 17 state that Connectivity Expectations must reach a Network Nebraska aggregation point or Sub-aggregation point. This sounds like the two contradict	At the request of the regional ESU staff that help manage the regional WAN networks and perform filtering for school districts, the State will only accept bids to core aggregation sites that are not grayed out.

			each other. We are wondering if indeed, we can take a circuit to Omaha PKI or Omaha Carrier hotel on schools that only have for example, Scottsbluff or Grand Island NOT grayed out.	
2.			HPAL - 10756 Road 32 N, Sidney – Site is already at 40Meg – is this a new circuit request?	The bid is for service to the identified location. After the expiration of any existing service contract and based on awarded contract pricing, any current service maybe converted over to the resulting contract from this RFP.
3.			How many 10Gig ports available at College Park and 4502 Ave I, Scottsbluff for handoff per vendor?	Network Nebraska will provide enough capacity with either 1 Gigabit and/or 10 Gigabit Ethernet physical interfaces to meet the providers' required aggregation capacity for the sites that are awarded.
4.			Is separately grouping by ESUs and schools, upper Eds, Extension offices and like entities acceptable/desired?	No. Each appendix refers to a different entity with potentially different contract requirements. All bidders shall submit costs in the space provided using the provided appendixes. Content and format of Appendixes A-D must not be deviated from or altered.
5.			Understanding that we are handing off Layer2 are you taking that to a Layer3 device?	The circuit bids are for Layer-2 Ethernet service and physical handoffs to both the site bid and the corresponding core aggregation location. The immediate physical handoff will be to a Layer-2 device (i.e. an Ethernet Switch) or a Layer-3 router. A Layer-3 topology will be utilized over the Layer-2 connectivity that is provided. In some cases MPLS may also be used which is generally considered to lie between the traditional definitions of Layer-2 (the data link layer) and Layer-3 (the network layer).
6.	O. Cost	37	This section indicates the bidder must include all fees, taxes and pass-through charges in its bid. Will the circuits up for bid be considered "interstate" or	According to the FCC Form 499-A instructions, February 2013, "Intrastate telecommunications means communications or transmission between points within the same State, Territory,

			<p>“intrastate” in nature for determining whether the Universal Service Fund charge applies (if “interstate” in nature) or the Nebraska Universal Service Fund charge applies (if “intrastate” in nature)? How will that determination be made?</p>	<p>or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia”. Since all of the circuits bid on RFP 5153, Appendices A, B, C, D originate and terminate within the State of Nebraska, all circuits should be considered “Intrastate” and exempt from the Universal Service Fund charge.</p>
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This addendum will become part of the proposal and should be acknowledged with the Request for Proposal.