

E-Rate 26 (FY2023) Internal Connections Q & A

Questions

Question 1 - When will be the last day for questions?

Answer 1 – The last day for questions related to the E-Rate 26 (FY2023) Internal Connections RFP is February 17, 2023.

Question 2 - Are we re-using the copper cabling for the APs?

Answer 2 – Yes, all existing copper cabling will be re-used for the Access Point replacements.

Question 3 - AP replacement will be 1 to 1 or you are considering new additions.

Answer 3 – All access points purchased will be for 1 to 1 replacements of existing access points.

Question 4 - CW9166 is WiFi 6E cable, are you considering erate WiFi 6E services?

Answer 4 – Yes, Edinburg CISD desires to leverage the new WiFi 6E wireless band alongside existing WiFi 5 and 6 wireless bands.

Question 5 - C9800 should run ios-xe, 17.9 or 17.10 version?

Answer 5 – This is yet to be determined since previous E-Rate installations are pending.

Question 6 - Are fiber patch cords needed?

Answer 6 – Fiber patch cords are not needed at this time but may be quoted to be acquired at Edinburg CISD's discretion.

Question 7 - Are access points a 1 to 1 replacement?

Answer 7 – Yes, all E-Rate 26 Internal Connections access points are intended for a 1 to 1 replacement of existing access points.

Question 8 - Will WiFi 6 E be enabled?

Answer 8 – Yes, Edinburg CISD desires to leverage the new WiFi 6E wireless band alongside existing WiFi 5 and 6 wireless bands.

Question 9 - Will 4065 use 2 fiber lists between the core and MDF?

Answer 9 – Yes, two 40Gb links are desired between the Core and MDF.

Question 10 - What will the Nexus switches replace?

Answer 10 – Proposed E-Rate 26 Nexus switch solution is intended to replace an existing Nexus 7k chassis.

Question 11 - Will the routing be done on the new Nexus or C9500's?

Answer 11 – This is will be determined at the time of the project.

Question 12 - Will Thousand Eyes configuration be included in this RFP?

Answer 12 – Thousand Eyes configuration is not needed at this time.

Question 13 - Will there be 9800 wireless controllers available for this project?

Answer 13 – Yes, a 9800 cluster will be available by the time this project begins.

Question 14 - Will the old AP's need to be moved to the new 9800 wlc's?

Answer 14 – Old access points will be replaced by new E-Rate 26 access points and added to the 9800 WLC cluster.