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### **HISD Wide Area Optical Network Infrastructure RFP ADDENDUM #1**

This addendum documents the questions, answers and statements during the HISD Wide Area Optical Network Infrastructure RFP pre-proposers conference on Tuesday, September 17, 2002.

#### **1. Section 1.2 Schedule of Events**

- a) Q: What will be disclosed at the RFP opening?
  - i) A: HISD Purchasing will acknowledge receipt of proposals by vendor only. Public review or reading of the RFP's will not be allowed at this time. A list of vendors responding will be made available by EPS shortly thereafter.

#### **2. Section 2.15 Access**

- a) Q: Who do we contact for site plan review?
  - i) A: Site plans are available upon request for review by scheduling with Glenda Wilson, Construction Office Secretary, at 281-641-8711.

#### **3. Section 3.1 Background**

- a) Q: How are the campuses mentioned interconnected?
  - i) A: Current campus WAN connectivity is being provided by Sprint.
  - ii) A: HISD does not own or have direct access to any fiber plant throughout the district.

#### **4. Section 3.2 Functional Specification**

- a) Q: Are we responsible for voice traffic if we propose a service offering?
  - i) A: Yes. Voice services are currently provided via T-1's to each campus with the SX-2000 Light Mitel system. Voice traffic must be migrated over to the new infrastructure.

#### **5. Section 3.3 Technical Specifications**

- a) Q: To what extent do you want full redundant entry routes?
  - i) A: Proposer will document the proposed "Non Redundant Exposure" to each HUB location, if any. If both cables must use the same route past the district property line, the length of this "Non Redundant Exposure" must be documented.

#### **6. Section 3.3.2 Wavelength Requirements**

- a) Q: What does central corridor reference in the matrix?
  - i) A: This was to reference access down Hwy 59. Delete this line reference.

#### **7. Section 3.3.4 Adequate Hub Diversity**

- a) Q: Will the Administration building be included as a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) hub site?
  - i) A: Yes. Please add the Administration site as a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) and apply all Hub location requirements to this site including redundant entry.

**8. Section 3.3.5 Redundant Entry Route Option**

- a) Q: On page 21, physical network requirements, how many strands of fiber go to each Hub?
  - i) A: Install a 48-strand backbone ring, not 12 as stated. This will be consistent with 3.3.1 Fiber Requirements Matrix on page 17.
- b) Q: On page 21, physical network requirements, will you entertain a 12-strand ring option as a price comparison for potential savings?
  - i) A: Yes.

**9. Section 3.3.6 Specific Technical Questions**

- a) Q: Can the Technical Questions be made available in softcopy?
  - i) A: Yes, please download from <http://www.eps4.com/hisd.html>

**10. Section 4.0 Proposal Form**

- a) Q: Can the Proposal Form be made available in softcopy?
  - i) A: Yes, please download from <http://www.eps4.com/hisd.html>

**11. Section 4.0 Proposal Form**

- a) Q: How should we document exceptions?
  - i) A: Please do not imbed exceptions throughout the proposal itself. Please document exceptions on a single page of paper such as:
    - (1) Section 1.1 Work Included Understand and will comply
    - (2) Section 1.2 Schedule of Events Understand and will comply
    - (3) .....(Continue with each section)
    - (4) Section 2.14 Liability and Insurance – Our standard General Liability Insurance is twice the coverage requested. We will offer our standard General Liability to this project. Please reference our attached insurance policies.
    - (5) .....(Continue with each section)

**12. Section 4.2 Other Proposal Criteria-Added Value**

- a) Q: What added value is HISD looking for? A: This section is made available so vendors may differentiate their added value services from other vendors above and beyond the specific RFP request. i.e., Low cost, high speed internet access; high speed access to peer Colleges and K-12 school districts; Multi-conference video switching capabilities; telephony services; network monitoring and support; etc.