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## **HISD Wide Area Optical Network Infrastructure RFP ADDENDUM #2**

This addendum documents the questions, answers and statements since 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: Can a seven (7) day RFP opening date extension be granted?  
i) A: Yes. Several vendors have requested an extension. A seven (7) day RFP opening date extension has been granted by HISD. Proposals are now due **October 15, 2002** at 2:00 PM.

### **2. Section 3.2 Functional Specification**

- a) Q: Please confirm the 10Gb Ethernet ring backbone with upgrade options to 40Gb with redundancy and restoration of less than 6ms requirement.  
i) A: 10Gb Ethernet backbone **with redundancy** and scalability will be implemented.  
**OPTIONS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED**  
(1) A DWDM wavelength solution with a 10Gb ring with a protected mode and restoration less than 6 ms.  
(2) Ethernet over SONET with an OC192 ring.  
(3) Ethernet over ATM will **not** be considered.
- b) Q: Please clarify the statement "support the extension of the existing cabling system within the district".  
i) A: The ONI proposed must not limit any way the current capabilities of the existing Local Area Network cabling infrastructure. This includes the Category 5 and 5e copper cabling as well as the multimode fiber optic cabling currently installed throughout the district. This network will transport IP services.

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

- a) Q: Is it mandatory that hub sites be located as identified in the RFP, or will Humble ISD consider cost effective solutions with alternate hub locations?  
i) A: The hub sites identified in the RFP were specifically selected as the "high volume information content originators and consumers". If the vendor provided proposal does not affect this objected and/or a significant cost reduction can be obtained AND a cost effective migration to provide high volume service to the original sites can be accomplished, then, Yes, the district will accept this alternative.