

Grand Forks Public Schools E-RATE Request for Proposal

District Centrex Telephone Service

Summary

The Grand Forks Public Schools District is seeking proposals for providing telephone service to 19 district buildings. The service, as defined below, is required and no substitutes will be accepted.

Service Description and RFP Requirements

The Grand Forks Public School is seeking proposals for Centrex services that provides telephone service to 19 building locations. Centrex is a generic term for central office-based telephone services and provides an alternative to private branch exchange (PBX) service or flat business service. Centrex service should include free calling within the local exchange area, access to the long distance network, and access to the local operator and emergency services. Centrex offerings also include an abbreviated dialing plan (4 digits) that can be used to dial between any two phones that are in Centrex. Integration with a vendor-specific voice mail solution is also required. Centrex lines may be terminated on either individual phones or locally housed PBX equipment.

This RFP is specifically for a suite of services branded as Centrex PRIME by Qwest. The definition below defines the basic parameters of this service.

“Qwest's Centrex PRIME delivers integrated voice, video, image, and data services over our super-fast network. It's the best of the Centrex line, so when nothing else will do, this is what you need.

- Enhance customer service
- Integrate the latest technologies into your business
- No up front capital costs
- Standards-based open architecture

Plug it into digital or analog lines, and stay on top with our automatic upgrades.

Centrex PRIME includes analog or digital station lines that may be provided utilizing various technological designs. A group of station lines is translated for an individual customer group and is provided common access to a predetermined group of features. Optional features are also available. Customers select Centrex PRIME station lines based upon an analog or ISDN (digital) alternative. The standard set of features provided varies depending on the alternative selected and the available central office technology. Centrex PRIME provides enhanced features and functionality and is considered the latest in the evolution of the Centrex product family.” (cited from http://www.qwest.com/pcat/large_business/product/1,1016,126_4_25,00.html)

All proposals must include the following to be considered:

- Single line pricing structure for Centrex services, regardless of the physical location.
- Single line pricing for the life of the contract.
- 24 x 7 Support

- Two references from equal or larger sized organizations using the proposed Centrex service.
- Integration with existing analog and digital telephone handsets and the associated programming parameters.
- All necessary contracts ready to be signed and dated at the bid opening.

Proposal Instructions

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope by 11:00AM on Monday, February 12, 2002. Proposals will be publicly opened and read at 9:00AM the same day. Proposals should be mailed to:

Darin King
Grand Forks Public Schools
Attn: Centrex Erate Proposal
PO Box 6000
Grand Forks, ND 58206-6000

General Conditions

1. Contracts and obligations are contingent upon the Grand Forks Public School District securing E-Rate discounts and contingent upon Grand Forks Public School District having sufficient local funding at the time the contract is secured.
2. Contracts and obligations will start on or after July 1, 2009 and will expire at the same time as the E-Rate discount.
3. Vendors will be responsible for seeking and procuring their E-Rate payback from the appropriate agency; the Grand Forks Public School District will not “up front” the full costs. The Grand Forks Public School District will pay only the amount remaining after the discounts are applied.
4. Proposals must include an installation timeline and clearly indicate annual contract costs and any non-reoccurring charges related to the lease agreement.
5. The Grand Forks Public School District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason.

Appendix A – District Locations

District Location
Schroeder Middle School 800 32 nd Ave South Grand Forks, ND 58201
Kelly Elementary School 3000 Cherry St. Grand Forks, ND 58201
South Middle School 1999 47th Ave. South Grand Forks, ND 58201-3402
Century Elementary School 3351 17th Ave So. Grand Forks, ND 58201
Lake Agassiz Elementary 605 Stanford Road Grand Forks, ND 58203
Lewis and Clark Elementary 1100 13th Ave. So. Grand Forks, ND 58201
Ben Franklin Elementary 1016 So. 20th St Grand Forks, ND
Stanford Center 500 Stanford Road Grand Forks, ND 58203
Viking Elementary 809 22nd Ave. So. Grand Forks, ND 58201
Nathan Twining Middle and Elementary 1422 Louisiana St. GFAFB, ND 58204
C.B. Eielson Elementary 1238 Louisiana St. Grand Forks AFB, ND 58204
Phoenix Elementary 351 4th Avenue South Grand Forks, ND 58201-4635
Winship Elementary 1412 5th Ave. No. Grand Forks, ND 58203
Wilder Elementary 1009 N. 3rd St. Grand Forks, ND 58203
West Elementary 615 No. 25th St. Grand Forks, ND 58203
Valley Middle School 2100 5th Ave. No. Grand Forks, ND 58203
Red River High School 2211 17th Ave. So. Grand Forks, ND 58201
Central High School 115 North 4th St Grand Forks, ND 58203
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