

GOLDEN RULE CHARTER SCHOOL
Bid #GR-Y13-LD-12.1
BID INVITATION FOR LONG DISTANCE SERVICES

DUE DATE: February 8, 2010
BY TIME: 2:00 P.M. P.S.T.

In conformity with the FCC Schools and Library Division (SLD), "Universal Service Fund" (a.k.a. "E-Rate funding) application process, Golden Rule Charter School is seeking responses from qualified providers of **Long Distance Services** including:

Attached to the BID is a copy of a recent monthly bill for the School's site(s) plus a listing of the current BTN's/WTN's. For bidding purposes, please provide a bid for the same amount of minutes and same amount of services. If there is a one-time connection fee, please list this fee separately. All existing telephone numbers must be retained.

The School would like to receive proposals based upon a three year contract term starting July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2012 with two possible one-year extensions through June 30, 2014. Annually, the School administration offices operate 12 months, and its schools operate for 10 months. Quote must include any other costs associated with switching from our present supplier. If vendors can provide "better" rates by modifying the length of contract, please provide this option as part of your BID. Provide monthly unit pricing for each component of this system. The School will accept a Calnet 2 contract if offered.

Vendors shall also provide in their BID response their Erate Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN). The vendor must agree to provide Erate discounts on the School's monthly bills as the means of providing discounts to the School.

Vendors interested in responding to this invitation may do so no later than **2:00 P.M. pst. on February 8, 2010**, via e-mail in pdf format to info@k12group.com. Your response submittal shall be clearly identified as a response to **"Bid #GR-Y13-LD-12.1 LONG DISTANCE SERVICES"**. Along with the Service Providers bid, it is required that the Service Provider include a copy of the multi-year contract. Please sign and date the contract. Once all bids have been received, the School will sign, date, and return the lowest responsible bidders contract.

Each bidder shall demonstrate their ability to provide telecommunication services that meet or exceed the industry's standards. To receive the highest consideration by the School, it is desired that each bidder provide the following information in their BID response: Provide a Statement of Reference that includes a description of the bidder's organization, firm name, primary contact person to support this contract(s), business address and phone/fax numbers of the office and corporation facility that would provide support under said contract(s); a brief history of your firm including all costs (itemized) for initial installation, any fixed costs, utilization costs (such as cost per call and cost per minute/increment). Provide an implementation plan (including a schedule) that would be necessary to cut over services. Provide any specific or required dialing codes that would be necessary with your solution.

No bid will be accepted from or contract awarded to a bidder who is not licensed in accordance with the law, who does not hold a license qualifying him to perform work under this contract, is currently licensed in the state of Texas, or who has not successfully performed on projects of similar character and scope to the proposed work.

The initial contract term shall be for three (3) years from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The School reserves the option to extend this contract for a period of two (2) additional years at a time through June 30, 2014, not to exceed a total of five (5) contract years. An extension option must be mutually acceptable to both parties. Any request for, and acceptance of an extension shall be in written form, and shall include any requests and justifications for adjustment in compensation.

The governing board of Golden Rule Charter School may award a contract as a result of this BID process at the prices submitted in the proposal(s) which, in the judgment of the School, is in the best interests of the School. The governing board of the School reserves the right to accept or reject any or all BID's in whole or in part/or waive any irregularity in any proposal received. The School shall be the sole judge of the competency and responsibility of the Contractors.

All proposals shall be valid for a period of sixty (60) days.

Any questions must be submitted via e-mail to info@k-12group.com. No phone calls will be accepted by either, the school nor K-12 Solutions Group for this bid. All questions will be answered in the form of a FAQ to all vendors that have submitted interest in the project. The FAQ's will be released within 48 hours of submitted questions and queries.

No questions will be answered from 48 hours prior to the bid date & time