

MAPS Wireless RFP. E-Rate 470 Application Number: 919950001331492

Question Received	Question	Response	Date of Response
2/19/2015	What type of access points do you currently use?	The district has Meru AP 1020i, Meru AP311, Meru AP832i, and Meru AP832e access points in use.	2/20/2015
2/19/2015	Do you have a controller that you use with these access points?	Meru 4200 controller	2/20/2015
2/19/2015	Are you planning on adding access points or replacing all access points?	The district will be adding access points.	2/20/2015
2/20/2015	Can you clarify your requirement for “Compatible with 802.11 A/C wave 1 and wave 2 standards”. Wave 2 is not ratified yet and I’m not aware of any vendor that has any chipsets that can go into the wireless AP hardware.	It is the intent of the RFP that all wireless APs will be field upgradeable to WAVE 2 standards. For the purpose of this RFP, field upgradeable is defined and implied as a firmware upgrade and/or software updates that would allow the wireless Access Point to meet the 802.11 A/C standard. It is expected that this upgrades and/or updates could be remotely applied to all access points.	2/23/2015
2/20/2015	If the incumbent manufacturer is not chosen does 225 AP’s replace all existing wireless? If not how many AP’s would that be?	The RFP is for 225 new or additional APs. The RFP rewards vendors that honor initial access point pricing for one year after initial purchase, in the case more access points and software licenses are needed. The district currently has at least 100 Meru 802.11ac AP that will remain for the 2015/16 school year.	2/23/2015
2/20/2015	Support – would you like to see 1 year or 3 years upfront?	If E-Rate funding is approved, three years up front is preferred. The RFP requires year 4 and 5 pricing to be included to assist in the bid award process. Total Cost of Ownership over a 5 year period will be a determining factor in our bid award.	2/23/2015
2/20/2015	Has a coverage map or site survey for capacity based on the numbers given of 6000+ students been done that can be shared? Only concern is that we are not matching a legacy system that is not work correctly and we have any of the same challenges due to in incorrect design.	The district is provisioning for one AP per classroom. Each classroom is roughly 900 square feet in size. Large gathering/performance spaces will have 2 to 4 APs deployed per room. The district will accommodate any vendor who wants to complete a wireless site survey at our school sites as long as the district did NOT incur any costs for this project. The completed site survey would remain the property of the vendor completing the survey and would not be shared with any other vendor.	2/23/2015