

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Voice and Data Service (E-rate)

Issue date: February 13, 2012

Funding Year: 2012

Title: Voice and Data Service

Issuer and address: Ascend Learning, Inc.
205 Rockaway Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11212

Period of contract: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 (multi-year proposals accepted)

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E-mailed proposals for furnishing the services described herein will be received until **5:00 pm on Monday, March 12, 2012. Proposals must reach the above e-mail address by the deadline stated.**

I. Purpose

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit proposals for the purpose of entering into an E-rate contract through competitive negotiations for voice and data service by an E-rate vendor, licensed to do business in the State of New York, with experience in providing such service.

II. Background and Billed Entities

Ascend Learning is a non-profit charter school management organization that starts and manages college-preparatory charter schools in New York City.

Entities:

Brooklyn Ascend Charter School (Lower School)

BEN – 16046462

Physical Address – 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Billing/Correspondence Address – 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Brooklyn Ascend Charter School (Middle School)

BEN – 16046462

Physical Address – 123 E. 98th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Billing/Correspondence Address – 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Brownsville Ascend Charter School

BEN – 16051921

Physical Address – 1501 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Billing/Correspondence Address – 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Bushwick Ascend Charter School

BEN – 16057282

Physical Address – 751 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221

Billing/Correspondence Address – 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Canarsie Ascend Charter School

BEN – 16068055

Physical Address – To be determined

Billing/Correspondence Address – 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11212

III. Scope of Services

Please submit separate bids for each school.

Brooklyn Ascend Charter School (Lower School)

10.0 Mbps Static IP – Voice (Supporting 75 phones), MPLS (or Similar Solution), & Internet

Brooklyn Ascend Charter School (Middle School)

10.0 Mbps Static IP – Voice (Supporting 50 phones), MPLS (or Similar Solution), & Internet

Brownsville Ascend Charter School

10.0 Mbps Static IP – Voice (Supporting 50 phones), MPLS (or Similar Solution), & Internet

Bushwick Ascend Charter School

10.0 Mbps Static IP – Voice (Supporting 50 phones), MPLS (or Similar Solution), & Internet

Canarsie Ascend Charter School

10.0 Mbps Static IP – Voice (Supporting 50 phones), MPLS (or Similar Solution), & Internet

IV. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals shall be evaluated by the agency using the criteria below. Criteria are ordered by weight of importance:

1. Cost of the eligible goods and services
2. Expertise, experience, and qualification of the vendor (and its subcontractors, if applicable) in proving the services described in Section III, Scope of Services
3. Current and projected work load, plan to complete the work, and ability to complete the work in a timely manner
4. Local vendor
5. References provided by the proposer