Sno-Isle Libraries

2019 RFP for Wireless Internet/Data Cards for Library Bookmobiles

Sno-Isle libraries operates bookmobiles that can only receive internet service to connect to the main library system database via mobile data cards. This is an approved eligible use of data cards for the E-rate program.

For many years, cellular service has been covered by multi-state contracts that were originally covered by a 470 issued by the State of Washington. Since these contracts expired, Sno-Isle Libraries is issuing a 470 and RFP for eligible data service for their bookmobiles.

The Library currently has 5 and may need up to 10 data cards for bookmobiles and mobile services. The cost of the data cards will be the most heavily weighed factor in the bid evaluation. The costs of ineligible cell phone service may also be a factor. Coverage and reliability in these regions will also be an important criteria in the evaluation of bids.

Please see https://www.sno-isle.org/locations/ for a list of library branches and the approximate geographic area of the Library district.

Bid Submittal, Q&A and Contact Information:

1. Interested bidders should provide their contact information to claire@erateexpertise.com in order to receive notifications, updates and Q&A regarding this RFP.
2. Questions regarding the RFP should be submitted in writing to Claire O’Flaherty at claire@erateexpertise.com within 14 days after the 470 has been posted to ensure that information can be disseminated to all interested bidders.
3. Bids should be submitted to Claire O’Flaherty, claire@erateexpertise.com and copied to Nick Fuchs, nfuchs@sno-isle.org
4. All RFP documents, including instructions, bid formats, Q&A, updates, etc. will be uploaded to the original E-Rate 470 form and also posted at https://www.sno-isle.org/project-bids/
5. Bidding period will last a minimum of 28 days from the date the 470 application is posted, but may be extended at library’s discretion if necessary to conduct a competitive bidding process.