**LCSD 2024 Category 1 Bid Items – Switches Q&A RFP Addendum 1**

Bid information and updates or addendums (including questions and answers) can be found at:

<https://tech.lebanon.k12.or.us/home/e-rate/e-rate-2024/2024-category-1-switches>Please check this site regularly for any updates.

1.)
**Question:** When does the bidding window end?

**Answer:** The bidding window officially closes at 11:59pm (PST) on 2/13/2024.  Bids after this date will not be accepted unless we receive written notice (email, letter, or fax) requesting an extension before 11:59pm (PST) on the closing date (2/13/2024).  Those requesting extensions must have their bid submitted no later than 11:59pm (PST) 2/20/2024.

2.)
**Question:** Is email an acceptable form of submittal?  Is email acceptable for submitting a request of extension of time?

**Answer:** Yes, email is an acceptable form of submittal in both instances.

3.)

**Question:** If quoting "Pre-Owned/Refurbished", do you need Cisco DNA?
**Answer:** "Pre-Owned/Refurbished" Core switches (eg. Cisco 9300-48UXM-EDU) need SmartNet and Cisco DNA as required to allow support and IOS upgrades on these switches.  "Pre-Owned/Refurbished" Access level switches do not need Smartnet and Cisco DNA as long as they still support IOS upgrades.

4.)
**Question:** If quoting "Pre-Owned/Refurbished" do you need to quote "EDU" sku?

**Answer:** No

5.)
**Question:**  Looking at the response guidelines & weighting, where does warranty and other value adds not expressly listed on the quote fall into the E-Rate response.?

**Answer:**  We will grade responses according to the  "E-Rate Bid Assessment Worksheet".

6.)
**Question:**  While 3rd party components are eligible for purchase, how do OEM (Cisco in this case) SFPs and components change the response weighting?

**Answer:**  Cisco  OEM SFPs can be quoted and are preferred if the price-point matches or is lower than 3rd party SFPs.

7.)
**Question:** Are 3rd party cables acceptable instead of Tripp-Lite?

**Answer:** Yes, if the cables are of the same quality.