

TLN Telecommunications RFP  
Vendor Questions as of 8/23/2017

**1. Are you currently under contract with AT&T and if so when does that contract expire?**

**Answer:** The current contract with AT&T and Merit Network expires on June 30, 2018. The RFP bid is for the new 3 year contract period - July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

**2. Do you think you will most like renew your fiber with AT&T?**

**Answer:** TLN is open to all bids.

**3. How many IP addresses will be needed per site?**

**Answer:** Currently the default allocation is a /28 for all sites. 9 on record are /27, which is 32 addresses. One /26, 64 IP addresses and one /25 which is 128.

**4. For the sites that have cable modem service today, do you want to look at fiber internet to those sites or upgrade the cable internet?**

**Answer:** We would be interested in the fiber option.

**5. Does your current internet ISP reside physically at one of your locations or is it built within the WAN cloud?**

**Answer:** Please refer to Exhibit B which shows a network diagram. Merit Network, ISP, manages the internet bandwidth. The internet route is built into a WAN cloud at Merit Network.

**6. Do you have a preference to a cloud based internet connectivity or physical internet access routed through a headend location?**

**Answer:** TLN is open to all proposed solutions.

**7. What type of traffic is traversing the WAN network? Voice? Type of Data?**

**Answer:** The type of traffic over the WAN is diverse. Each library goes direct out to the internet and they host their own products including voice. A majority of the libraries come back to TLN for TLN hosted database services.

**8. Is TLN interested in only physical fiber or only internet or both as part of this RFP?**

**Answer:** TLN is interested in both.

**9. Why does the 470 site show 3 separate entries?**

**Answer: The 3 entries are for physical circuit, internet and both. The reason they are separated is to provide an opportunity for vendors that wish to bid on any of the 3 options per the RFP.**

**10. Where does TLN post updates to the bid?**

**Answer: TLN posts updates to the bid to the <http://tln.lib.mi.us/rfp> site.**