

# Cherokee Nation

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

### E-RATE PROGRAM SERVICES

#### ADDENDUM 01



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The following questions and requests for clarification were received by Cherokee Nation.

**QUESTION:** The Cherokee Nation requested “Internet Access – ISP Service Only”. The current service provided is “leased lit fiber service”.

**ANSWER:** The Cherokee Nation only needs the ISP service as indicated in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Because a vendor already provides the last-mile fiber leased by Cherokee Nation, the Nation does not need any transport services.

**QUESTION:** Last year there were changes made to the drop down menu on the Erate filing site. In order stay compliant with OUSF regulations and ask for “technology neutral” bids, applicants must ask for all three of the following options, “Leased Lit Fiber”, “Internet Access and Transport Bundled”, and “Internet Access; ISP Service Only”. Failure to request all the options may result in a funding denial.

**ANSWER:** The Cherokee Nation Grant Services Department spoke with the funding agency and listed the concerns outlined. Per the funding agency representatives, the Nation does not need to request services that are not needed. The Nation was assured if only the ISP Service is needed; then, it is appropriate to only request that service in the RFP.

**QUESTION:** These changes also define each category differently than it did in previous years. Previously, bids were based on requests for Internet Access Transport Bundled and given quotes for fiber connections; however, this year that category only allows for wireless or none fiber option bids. The category you chose, “Internet Access; ISP Service Only”, would be for internet access only but no circuit.

**ANSWER:** Please see the answers previously listed. Per the funding agency, the Nation can request only the needed services. The Cherokee Nation IT Department has also confirmed the ISP Service is all that is needed.

**QUESTION:** The current service provided to Cherokee Nation is lit fiber and this company will not be able to bid without the 470 being corrected.

**ANSWER:** The Cherokee Nation wants all interested parties to be submit a proposal. Per the information provided by the funding agency representative, the RFP specification should not exclude any company from submitting a proposal.

**QUESTION:** Please advise if Cherokee Nation will file a correction so that bidders know how to proceed.

**ANSWER:** Per the answers previously listed, the Cherokee Nation does not anticipate any changes to the RFP specifications/service requirements.