

NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND
YEAR 2012

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES – FORM 470
Telecommunications and Internet Services

The New Milford School District desires proposals for the following services for fiscal year 2012-13. Proposals for services included below can be on a month to month basis or a contractual basis with a typical term of from one to three years. Renewal clauses are acceptable.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Local Telephone Service

New Milford Schools desires local telephone service with enhanced features. The District currently uses a Centrex service to connect 6 schools and administrative offices. The District will consider Centrex or similar services which provide local dial tone at a reduced rate from typical business lines, 4 digit dialing to phone numbers in the system, and other enhanced services. The school district currently has 113 local lines, but will reserve the right to adjust this number up or down as needs dictate. All services to be considered must be compatible with the installed telephone systems.

Long Distance Service

The District desires to contract for in-state and inter-state long distance telephone service for its schools and administrative offices.

Cellular Phone Service

The District desires cellular phone service. The service desired will include a “walkie talkie” feature in addition to standard cell service. The service selected must have reliable reception at all District buildings. Minutes are to be shared among all phones in the plan. The District currently has about 53 cell phones. Proposals are to be based on basic services with optional service prices itemized. (Please see related request for cellular internet services below).

Internet Access (Digital Transmission Service)

New Milford Schools is interested in proposals for a supplementary Internet access service. Cable modem, DSL, or other 5 MB or greater service will be considered. This service will be terminated at the network gateway for interconnection with the district’s network.

INTERNET SERVICES

Web Hosting Service

The District desires to have a site or sites hosted by a web hosting service to be used for supplementary web services such as a “parent portal. It is understood that certain features of this service will not be E-Rate eligible. Factors to be considered include reliability of provider, bandwidth, monthly transfer volume, amount of server space allocated, and backup capability. Ease of use will also be considered. Any services offered incrementally are to be itemized separately in proposals. E-rate eligible services are to be itemized separately from ineligible services.

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Cellular Internet Access

New Milford Schools is also interested in Internet Access for six of its cellular phones for e-mail service and web access. This service should be included with cellular telephone proposals.

Proposals are due by: 4pm, February 27, 2012

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