

Questions and Answers for RFP 2024.02

1. What are the required LAN interfaces needed for MX 250 and 450?

Answer: Please refer to the Cisco Meraki datasheet for equipment specifications.

meraki.cisco.com/product-collateral/mx-family-datasheet/?file

2. Is cloud management a requirement?

Answer: Remote or cloud management of the equipment is a requirement. Please be sure to explain enough to demonstrate the equivalency of the equipment being proposed.

3. What [are] the uplink Interface requirements at the sites (10gig and how many)?

Answer: This is a Category 2, equipment purchase only RFP. The requirements are set so that the equipment specified meets the needs of the Diocese of Orange, Department of Catholic Schools. Please refer to the equipment specifications for determining equipment equivalency.

4. Can site maps with AP counts be provided?

Answer: This is a Category 2, equipment purchase only RFP. Site maps are not provided and are out of scope for the proposal. The access point counts are provided by model number, not by location. The ship to location for all equipment is: 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840.

5. Installation and implementation of the Meraki equipment is not included in this RFP. Can we assume that vendor management of equipment is also not required for this RFP?

Answer: Vendor management of the equipment is out of scope for this RFP. However, licensing, maintenance, and warranty is part of the scope. Pricing for 5-years of licensing is being requested and is listed in the pricing sheet. Please refer to the terms of Cisco Meraki licensing to determine equivalency for alternate equipment.

6. What antenna types are being requested for the indoor and outdoor connectorized access points?

Answer: No additional antennas are requested as part of the RFP.

7. Are any fiber transceivers, stacking cables, TwinAx cables, or other components being requested?

Answer: No other components are requested as part of the RFP.

8. How is the ISP handing off their connections within the buildings? 1Gbps or 10Gbps? Copper or fiber? Are any transceivers being requested for this connectivity?

Answer: This is a Category 2, equipment purchase only RFP. The ISP handoff is out of scope of this RFP. No transceivers are being requested.

9. [On] Page 6: "The Department of Catholic Schools requests a five year agreement within the terms of the purchase contract/agreement." Is the Department of Catholic Schools requesting a 5-year support/licensing contract on the hardware? Can the Department of Catholic Schools clarify what type of 5-year agreement they are requesting?

Answer: Please refer to the answer of question 5 above.

10. Does the Department of Catholic Schools need optics, stacking cables, or any patch cables quoted for this solution? Are existing optics being utilized? Are those optics vendor specific?

Answer: Please refer to the answers for questions 7 and 8.

11. Can the Department of Catholic Schools provide a diagram/floor plan for the Access Points?

Answer: Please refer to the answer of question 4 above.

12. How is the vendor going to keep the pricing quote valid for 180 days?

Answer: Please contact the manufacturer to lock in the pricing. The manufacturers of this and equivalent equipment have eRate experience and will hold pricing for extended periods. The RFP is asking that the bidder hold and manage any pricing risk.