

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Response to Questions from Prospective Vendors

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1. Is there a time frame to complete each location? **Completion depends on the number of cables run and access to the branches. Cable maintenance should be completed within a week or 7 business days. All really depends on the project.**
2. Are there rough in done by an electrician? **Any additional network drops are usually near existing power outlets. If and when additional power is needed, PGCMLS will hire and electrician to add the additional power needed. The cabling vendor is responsible for adding the network drops only.**
3. Are Plenum rated cable required? **Yes**
4. Will a low voltage permits be required if so what is the specifications? **Low voltage permits are required for new construction projects, but not for maintenance.**
5. Any brand name of hardware cable required? **No**
6. How soon after the survey will work start? **For all cabling needs, a survey is recommended. Work should start within 7 to 10 days after survey is completed. Coordinating start time with PGCMLS is necessary to determine access and the best time to start.**
7. Will one or more site be available to be work on at the same time? **Yes**
8. Will the staff be able to have access to the location before the opening time and will the staff be able to stay late if needed the libraries? **Access will be available before opening time when patrons are not in the branches. Late hours work will depend on staff availability to open and close buildings.**
9. Is the Library at the County Correction facility included in the scope of this contract? **No**
10. If so, what special security/escort requirements would be applicable to those contractors working in the building? **There will be no cable work at the County Correction facility. .**
11. Are any of the Library facilities included in the scope of this contract covered by any type of special designation such as “Historical Building”, etc? **No.**
12. In the preparation of the drop pricing, what is the average length of the Cat 6e cable drops to be included in the sliding scale? Is plenum cable to be used in the pricing exercise?

List plenum cable **CAT 6** as outlined below. Pricing should include installed, terminated, tested and labeled including wall plate, jack and certification report.

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CAT 6 Plenum Cable:

- 0-150 feet – Pulls, include pricing for: (0-10)
(11-50)
(51-100)
(101-200)
- 151 – 300 feet – Pulls, include pricing for: (0-10)
(11-50)
(51-100)
(101-200)

13. Is the per drop pricing to include the cost of the cable, jacks, miscellaneous materials and labor?

Pricing should include installed, terminated, tested and labeled including wall plate, jack and certification report.

14. What length of Cat 6e patch cords should be used in calculating the price?

Included installed patch cables **CAT 6** pricing based on the lengths and quantities listed below:

4ft. Patch Cable – include pricing for: 1-24 cables

25-99 cables

100-249 cables

250-499 cables

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5ft. Patch Cable – include pricing for: 1-24 cables

25-99 cables

100-249 cables

250-499 cables

6ft. Patch Cable – include pricing for: 1-24 cables

25-99 cables

100-249 cables

250-499 cables

7ft. Patch Cable – include pricing for: 1-24 cables

25-99 cables

100-249 cables

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10ft. Patch Cable – include pricing for: 1-24 cables

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14ft. Patch Cable – include pricing for: 1-24 cables

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100-249 cables

250-499 cables

15. The payment terms outline on page seven of the RFP state “The Library prefers to make a lump sum payment once the project has been completed”. This statement seems to imply a single payment at the end of the contract. Is that the County’s intention? If not, please clarify the payment terms to reflect how the Contractor will be paid relative to each task undertaken within this contract. **Payment for services will occur after completion of work at each location.**
16. Are J-Hooks acceptable (spaced in accordance with NEC requirements) in lieu of horizontal raceway above suspended ceilings where no existing raceway is in place? **Yes**
17. Since some sites may not need them and the site conditions are undetermined at this time, for the purposes of this RFP, are the costs for raceway and or/ j-hooks to be:
- A) Listed and/or billed separately? **J-Hooks and raceway pricing should be listed and billed for each project.**
- B) or Excluded ?
18. Does PG County Memorial Library System require metal or plastic raceway? **Plastic**
19. In the RFP, in Section – Project Requirements – item 3. “Horizontal cable pathway to all outlet locations may be above a commercial drop tile ceiling in some cases. Some drops may require raceway.” Does PG County Memorial Library System require metal or plastic raceway? **Plastic.**
20. Are drawings of the various library locations available and can they be supplied to us in the next few days? **Yes, please download floor plans from the PGCMLS Procurement webpage.**
21. Are you aware in some instances (such as the closet location for Largo-Kettering on the first floor) there is no acceptable space for an equipment rack? Wall space is the only option in these cases to meet codes. Please confirm wall space is an acceptable option

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when necessary. **Yes and branches where this is the case, use of wall space is an acceptable option.**

22. The RFP calls for a per/drop pricing model. Can we assume we may add assumptions and additional costs will be noted for specific requirements to each location? Additional cost should be noted for specific requirements for each location. Submitted pricing charts should include any and all materials such as:

Rack and installation

Cable Ladder

Network patch cables

Network cables - installed, tested, terminated with wall plate, jack and certification report.

Patch Panel

Brackets

J-hooks

Raceway

Labor

23. Can we assume each location will need to be walked and quoted as they are presented for the work to determine specific circumstances? **Yes, each location will need to be walked and survey in order to provide an accurate quote.**
24. Is there a more detailed scope available or should we simply create one based on our assumptions? **Please use the existing scope and added information provided to questions submitted concerning the RFP.**
25. Payment terms state payment at the end of the project. Does this imply for each library location as a separate project? **Payment can be expected after work is completed at each branch.**
26. Will the total number of drops for an individual location requested be considered one project, where additional drop requests added after initial walk would be considered a new project warranting two payments – one for each project? **Total number of drops for an individual location is considered one project.**

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27. On Page 5 the scale calls for CAT 6e drops and on page 6 the drop pricing calls for CAT6 drops. Please clarify is it CAT 6e cable or CAT 6 cable? **CAT 6**
28. Are there any special products requirements? **No**
29. How many cables are at each location? **All is unknown for older buildings.** And is there going to Voice vs. Data? **We have both voice and data at all locations.** Also if there is voice will it be terminated on the patch panels or on a wall mounted termination block? **Patch panel.**
30. For the sliding scale from 5-200 drops, how should I do the scale in increments of 5? Or a single drop price... Etc.? Please clarify? **See the answer to question 14.**
31. The specs say if ten drops or more provide patch cord. Just to clarify if there are less than ten drops NO patch cords need to be provided? **Patch cords are needed for all drops.**

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