

Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant **Bidders' Conference**



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Introductions



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Today's Agenda

- 1 Welcome – Introductions
- 2 Broad Infrastructure Improvement Grants (BIIG)
- 3 Procurement Process
 - Request for Proposals Document
 - Exhibits
 - Timelines
- 4 Questions

SB852

Included in Senate Bill 852, are **one-time funds** to assist school districts in enhancing their network connectivity, specifically the “last mile” connection in order for them to be successful during the 2014–15 computer assessments. To accomplish this work, the **Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant (BIIG)** program was established.

\$26.7M one-time monies available to distribute

Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grants

- A grant process has been developed identifying Local Educational Agencies (LEAs, including Charters) that have network infrastructure (i.e. last mile) gaps.
- The grant process prioritizes school sites with limited network capacity that may impede them from participating in the 2014–2015 computer-based assessment.
- As a condition of receiving grant funding, LEAs shall commit to supporting the ongoing costs associated with improved Internet infrastructure.

Purpose of SB852

- Reduce barriers that have impeded schools from obtaining high speed Internet capacity to include:
 - » Resources (Implementation Costs, Staffing)
 - » Expertise (Technical, E-rate)
 - » Geographical Barriers
 - » Market Conditions
- Experience from this grant process will be reported to the legislature in order to better understand the issues

Expected Outcomes

- 1 Receive meaningful proposals from qualified service providers to close broadband infrastructure gaps
- 2 Leverage existing state infrastructure by connecting schools sites to CalREN
- 3 Leverage federal and state subsidies to provide schools the lowest ongoing cost
- 4 Leverage the one-time investment from the state to cover installation costs (outside E-rate)
- 5 Provide School sites with solutions that will allow them to scale capacity when needed



Key Points

- 1 One-time funds are available to assist LEAs to implement broadband infrastructure
- 2 The BIIG process has an aggressive timeline for identifying sites in need and explore possible solutions
- 3 Prompt installation of solutions will be an important decision factor for awarding bids
- 4 Work from service providers can begin as soon as contracts are in place
- 5 Funds are available for immediate use



BIIG – Process

- Initial School Site Identification – **321**
- School Sites that Applied – **629**
- Sites moved to the Validation Round – **349**
- Sites moved to the Technical Review – **304**
 - These sites are being considered through the grant process and are listed in the CENIC RFP
 - These sites are currently under more detailed review.



BIIG – Process

- Grant funds will be prioritized and awarded based upon established criteria developed by California Department of Education (CDE), State Board of Education (SBE) and K12HSN with input from other statewide organizations.
- Each school sites' application, to include costs to implement a solution, will be evaluated.
- Panel of reviewers will be assembled to score applications in December
- Awards will be announced between December 2014 / January 2015



BIIG Awards

- An award to a service provider will be made if these conditions are met:
 - » Received the highest scoring bid through the CENIC RFP Process
 - » The school site ranked high enough to be funded within the available funds
 - » The school site accepts the responsibility of ongoing expenses





Procurement Process

- Purchasing Consortium has been created to include schools sites being considered in the BIIG grant process
- CENIC will be the lead consortium member
- The consortium intends to maximize federal and state subsidies programs such as E-rate and CTF by following all rules and required processes associated with those discount programs
- CENIC will consider proposals from Service Providers that currently do not participate in these subsidy programs





Procurement Process

- Request for Proposal
 - Available online at www.cenic.org/RFP
 - Service Providers may respond with solutions for one or more schools sites
 - Responses are due on **Monday, December 1, 2014**
 - Pricing responses are to be submitted in electronic form in the Excel format provided
 - Any questions related to the RFP shall be submitted in writing to BIIGRFP@cenic.org



RFP Exhibits

- **Exhibit A**
 - Non-Disclosure Agreement
 - Needed to obtain Exhibit B
- **Exhibit B**
 - CalREN Aggregation Hub Site Locations
- **Exhibit C**
 - Reporting Requirements for Federal/State Discounts
- **Exhibit D**
 - School Site List – Pricing Worksheet



Supersede Process

- BIIG will support one-time expenses in order to implement broadband to eligible school sites
- School Districts will assume responsibility of ongoing costs. This will be accomplished by a supersede process
- Grant recipients will assume contract responsibility for ongoing costs starting July 1st, 2016





BIIG Timeline

- **Develop Grant Process** July – August 2014
- **Identification/Self Nomination** August – Sept 2014
- **Validation/Technical Review** Oct – Nov 2014
- **Procurement** Oct – Nov 2014
- **Scoring and Ranking** December 2014
- **Grant Announcements** December 2014 / January 2015
- **Execution of Contracts** Jan – March 2014
- **Broadband Installation (ASAP)** Jan 2015 - June 2016
- **Supersede Process** June 2015–July 2016

Questions

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