

**Kitsap Regional Library**  
**RFP for Routers with Firewall Capabilities**  
**Updates and Q&A**

Q: We are in the process of obtaining a SPIN number, which may take 4-6 weeks. Can we still participate in the 25-2930-DP bid and provide the SPIN later during the award process?

A: Kitsap Regional Library encourages all vendors who can provide the requested or equivalent products to submit a bid. Submittals that do not contain the required E-Rate SPIN number could be disqualified, but if the library determines that the bids received by the deadline do not meet their needs or do not contain competitive pricing, the deadline could be extended to solicit more responsive and competitive bids. At this time however, the deadline remains Friday, January 31, 2025, at 5 p.m. Pacific Time. Please see three relevant citations copied from the RFP:

- *This RFP process has the following disqualifying factors and bids that do not meet these requirements will not be evaluated: 1. Recycled or refurbished products will not be considered, 2. Generic or auto generated bids that were not specifically created as a response to this RFP will not be considered, and 3. Vendors must have an E-rate Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and be up to date on annual certifications. (page 1)*
- Please indicate if your company has successfully sold this equipment before as part of the E-rate program and your number of years of experience with the E-rate program. Vendors should include their E-Rate SPIN number in their bid and confirm that they are current with their USAC SPAC/Form 473 requirements. (page 2)
- *The bidding period may be extended at the library's discretion if necessary to conduct a competitive bidding process. (page 3)*