

KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR POTS LINES SERVICE

February 10, 2026



Kansas City
Public Library

14 West 10th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Proposals will be accepted until:

11:00 a.m. (Local Time)
Monday, March 9, 2026

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Instructions to Proposers

General Instructions

The Kansas City Public Library ("Library") invites qualified applicants to submit a proposal for POTS lines services used by the Library.

Submission of Proposal

Proposals may be submitted in hard print copy and/or email, to be received no later than 11:00 a.m. (Local Time), Monday, March 9, 2026. All correspondence should be marked "**KCPL POTS Lines Service**". Please note that if you are submitting your proposal by email, the Library must receive the email no later than 11:00 a.m. (Local Time).

Official Contact

Any questions concerning this Request for Proposal ("RFP") should be submitted via email to:

Jessica Addo
Kansas City Public Library
14 West 10th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105
816-701-3563
purchasing@kcplibrary.org

All questions concerning this RFP must be received no later than Friday, February 30, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. (Local Time).

Ownership of Documents

Any reports, studies, conclusions and summaries prepared by the Proposer shall become the property of the Library.

Confidentiality of Information

Any proprietary information furnished by a Proposer to the Library that is designated confidential shall be treated as confidential to the Library to the extent allowable by law.

RFP Awards

The Library reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, to make a partial award, or to make a multiple vendor award. The acceptance or rejection of any or all proposals and the making of an award or a partial award will be at the sole discretion of the Library. The Library reserves the right to request additional information. The contract shall be awarded to the qualified Proposer(s), whose proposal (which may include and incorporate the outcome of any subsequent negotiations), is determined to be in the best interests of the Library.

Addenda/Cancellation

The Library may modify or cancel the RFP at any time prior to the RFP due date by issuance of an Addendum or Cancellation to all Proposers who are participating in the process at the time the Addendum/Cancellation is issued. Addenda will be made available and Cancellations will be posted on the Library's RFP/RFQ website (currently: <https://www.kclibrary.org/public-notice>). Proposers should monitor the Library's RFP/RFQ website for updates/information/addenda/cancellations. Verbal modifications to the RFP specifications shall not be binding upon the Library.

Clarification of Proposals

The Library reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in the proposal or to obtain additional information necessary to properly evaluate a particular proposal. Failure of a Proposer to respond to such a request for additional information or clarification could result in rejection of the proposal.

Method of Selection

Award will be made to the most responsive and responsible Proposer offering the best value and most economical proposal as defined by the Library. In general, the following criteria will be used: price, qualifications, service approach, and the experience of the Proposer, with price being the primary factor. Per Library policy, a preference will be given to local vendors and minority and/or women business enterprises (M/WBE). Additionally, Missouri-based, service-disabled veteran enterprises (SDVE) certified by the State of Missouri Office of Administration will receive a three (3) point bonus preference.

After the Library's initial evaluation of proposals, select proposals will undergo a detailed review and evaluation. As part of this detailed review of proposals, selected Proposers may be required to make oral presentations of their proposals to the Library. These presentations provide an opportunity for the Proposers to clarify the proposals.

The Library will negotiate with the selected Proposer(s) for mutually agreeable terms for the Library's basic maintenance of internal connections services before making an award. Negotiation could include, but not be limited to, price and the terms and conditions of the RFP.

Acceptance of RFP Terms

A proposal submitted in response to this RFP shall constitute a binding offer. The Proposer shall identify clearly and thoroughly any variation between its offer and this RFP. Failure to do so shall be deemed a waiver of any rights to subsequently modify the terms of performance. Proposer's authorized representative may withdraw proposals only by written request received before the proposal due date.

Proposal Validity Period

Each proposal shall be valid for a period of sixty (60) days from the proposal due date.

Non-Collusion

Proposer(s) certify that this proposal had been arrived at independently and has been submitted without collusion designed to limit independent bidding or competition.

Hold Harmless

The Proposer shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Library and the Library's officers, agents, and employees against liability that may be imposed upon them by reason of the Proposer's failure to provide worker's compensation coverage and liability coverage.

General Specifications**INTRODUCTION**

The Kansas City Public Library is seeking service for POTS Lines or the equivalent which could include IP (Internet Protocol) services.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The library currently uses POTS analog phone lines for elevator, alarm, and SRST systems. The library requests service for the following existing POTS lines/numbers.

Library	Address	POTS numbers
Sugar Creek	102 South Sterling Avenue, Sugar Creek, MO 64054	816-252-1184
Trails West	11401 East 23rd Street, Independence, MO 64052	816-252-2411
Westport	118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64111	816-531-7369
Westport	118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64111	816-531-5815
Central	14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-221-6286
Central	14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-221-7368
Central	14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-527-0766
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-421-2469
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-421-2472
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-421-2492
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-421-2594
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-527-0248
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-421-2496
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-421-2556
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-421-4497
Annex	913 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105	816-527-0652
Waldo	201 East 75th Street, Kansas City, MO 64114	816-926-0621
Ruiz	2017 West Pennway Street, Kansas City, MO 64108	816-471-1645
Ruiz	2017 West Pennway Street, Kansas City, MO 64108	816-471-1655
Ruiz	2017 West Pennway Street, Kansas City, MO 64108	816-421-2670
Bluford	3050 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64128	816-921-0676

Plaza	4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64112	816-753-5092
Plaza	4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64112	816-753-5367
Plaza	4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64112	816-561-0726
Plaza	4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64112	816-960-6429
North-East	6000 Wilson Ave., Kansas City, MO 64123	816-241-0566
Southeast	6242 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64130	816-926-0422

Term of service for contract is: from the date of award through June 30, 2027, with two options to renew annually as mutually agreed by both parties.

The response to the RFP should include listing of any expenses that may occur.

Proposal Content & Format

To provide a degree of consistency in review of the written proposals, Proposers are required to prepare their proposals in the format described below:

Proposal Response Form

An individual having full authority to execute the proposal and to execute any resulting contract for services (“authorized representative”) must complete and submit the attached Proposal Response Form (**Attachment A**) or submit a signed letter of transmittal that contains the same information and statements as indicated in the proposal response form.

Experience, Expertise and Capabilities

Give a background of the company’s or contractor’s experience and qualifications. This should include a brief history, the date founded, ownership and any subsidiary relationships. Also list the types of services the company or contractor is qualified to perform. Give examples of experience and references for similar services to other entities. If the company or contractor is local to the Kansas City metropolitan area, or if the company or contractor is a minority and/or women business enterprise (MBE/WBE), or Missouri-certified service-disabled veteran enterprise (SDVE), this should be noted in order to utilize the Library’s preference for local, SDVE, and MBE/WBE vendors.

Personnel

For Company proposals, provide the names of key personnel who would be directly involved in providing services to the Kansas City Public Library. Describe their relationship in the company, the role they would play, their experience, qualifications and years of service with the company.

Use of Subcontractors

The selected Proposer shall be solely responsible for all services as required by the RFP. Subcontractors, if any, will be the responsibility of the Proposer and the role of

subcontractors must be clearly identified in the proposal. The Library may factor this information in the evaluation of the service approach of the Proposer. The use of a subcontractor(s) does not relieve the selected Proposer of liability under this contract (see **Intellectual Property, Indemnity, Licenses & Releases** section).

Service Approach

Submit a clear, concise response to accomplish the scope of services that reflects your understanding of the Library's requirements as described in the Scope of Service. This response should demonstrate an understanding of the Library's needs.

Cost/Charges

Submit a detailed breakdown of the costs and charges involved in completing the scope of work. The Library relies on the Proposer to assure that all charges to complete the scope of work are submitted in the proposal and that there are no hidden costs or charges that will be incurred by the Library.

Authorized Representative

Include the name, title and contact information of the person in your organization authorized to negotiate contract terms and render binding decisions on contract matters.

References

Submit information regarding three (3) comparable projects that the vendor has completed as the prime contractor within the last five (5) years. The projects shall indicate the start and completion dates, services and equipment provided, project costs, contract term, warranty, and benefits to the owner. Please provide contact information for each reference.

Terms and Conditions

Contract Term

The term of this contract will begin from the date of award through June 30, 2027, with two options to renew annually as mutually agreed by both parties.

Contract Components

This RFP, the successful proposal's response thereto, and any additional written modifications and/or stipulations mutually agreed upon by the Library and the successful proposal will constitute the final contract. During the contractual period, any changes to the conditions outlined in these materials must be approved in writing with the signatures of representatives from each selected proposal(s) and the Library.

Disclosure of Confidential Information

Proposer acknowledges that, in and as a result of the consulting hereunder, Contractor will be making use of, acquiring and/or adding to confidential information of a special and unique nature and value relating to such matters as Library's systems, procedures, manuals, confidential

reports, or other similar data, as well as the nature and type of processes and/or other services rendered by Library, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Confidential Information". As a material inducement to Library to enter into this Contract, and to continue to engage Contractor hereunder and to pay to Contractor the compensation referred to herein, Contractor covenants and agrees that Contractor shall not, at any time during or following the cessation of his engagement hereunder, for whatever reason, directly or indirectly, divulge or disclose, for any purpose whatsoever, any of such Confidential Information which has been obtained by or disclosed to Contractor. Upon cessation of this Contract for whatever reason, all Confidential Information, whether in the form of documents, records, notebooks, invoices, statements or correspondence, including copies thereof, relating to the business of the Library then in Contractor's possession or control, whether prepared by Contractor or others, shall remain Library's exclusive property and will be delivered to and left with the Library.

Intellectual Property, Indemnity, Licenses & Releases

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Library, its representatives and customers from and against any and all suits, demands, liabilities, claims, actions, expenses, losses, and damages of any kind or nature whatsoever arising from any third party claim that the Services or Work Product provided by Contractor violate any third party's intellectual property right in the United States, including but not limited to patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secrets. Contractor's obligations under this section shall survive the termination of this Contract for any reason. Contractor will obtain and pay for any and all contracts, Contracts, licenses, releases, legal costs, fees and expenses necessary to use any and all protected intellectual property owned by a third party.

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Library, its representatives and customers from and against any and all suits, demands, liabilities, claims, actions, expenses, losses, and damages of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of any negligent acts or omissions in connection with the Contract, caused by Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors, or caused by others for whom Contractor is liable, in the performance of the Services under this Contract.

Contractor will obtain and pay for all permits and licenses required by law that are associated with the Contractor's performance of Services.

Termination

Either party may terminate this Contract without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Library reserves the right to cancel, for cause, this Contract without prior written notification. Cause for termination shall include the following: (1) violation by Contractor of any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation or ethical code; (2) Contractor's substantial under performance, as determined by Library; or (3) failure to comply with the provisions of this Contract. Library shall, where permitted by law, have the right to terminate the Contract immediately and without other cause or prior notice to Contractor in the event that Contractor does any of the following: (1) makes written admission of its inability to pay its debts or obligations as they become due; (2) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy;

(3) is adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent; (4) seeks, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of any trustee, receiver or liquidator of all or any substantial part of its business assets; (5) fails to actively operate its business for a period of more than seven (7) consecutive days without the prior written consent of Library; or (6) fails to maintain the insurance coverage required in this Contract. The Contract shall terminate immediately if it is no longer permitted by applicable laws, rules or regulations, or if Library decides to limit or discontinue their operation for any reason.

Modification of Contract

No waiver or modification of this Contract or of any covenant, condition, or limitation herein contained shall be valid unless in writing and duly executed by the party to be charged therewith and no evidence of any waiver or modification shall be offered or received in evidence of any proceeding, arbitration, or litigation between the parties hereto arising out of or affecting this Contract, or the rights or obligations of the parties hereunder, unless such waiver or modification is in writing, duly executed as aforesaid, and the parties further agree that the provisions of this Section may not be waived except as herein set forth.

Codes, Laws and Regulations

Contractor will comply with all applicable codes, laws, regulations, standards, and ordinances in force during the term of this Contract.

Adjustment of Services

The Library reserves the right to eliminate, reduce or otherwise adjust the scope of services provided by the Contractor.

Assignability

Neither this Contract nor any rights hereunder may be assigned by the Contractor without Library's prior written consent.

Governing Law

It is understood and agreed that the construction and interpretation of this Contract shall at all times and in all respects be governed by the laws of the State of Missouri. The parties agree that any legal action brought in connection with this Contract is to be maintained only in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri.

Insurance

Contractor shall purchase and maintain, at its own expense, for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the work by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees. All such insurance shall name the Library as an additional named insured and evidence of such insurance and renewals shall be provided to the Library prior to commencement of work. All such insurance will be issued by insurance companies that have a general policyholder's rating of at least A and a financial rating of at least XI in the most current *Best's Insurance Reports* available on the date the Contractor obtains or renews the insurance policies.

Coverage Required	Limits per Occurrence
General Liability	\$1 million minimum coverage per occurrence and \$1 million aggregate, written on an occurrence basis.
Automobile Liability	\$1 million per occurrence, covering owned, hired and non-owned automobiles
Worker's Compensation	Statutory

Contractor understands and agrees that the Library cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the Contractor or its employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the Contractor or any activity of the Contractor's employees related to the Contractor's services under this Agreement. Therefore, the Contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the Library, its employees, its clients and the general public against any such loss, damage and/or expense related to the services performed under this Agreement. The insurance coverage shall include general liability insurance in an amount of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate with endorsements including but not limited to risks of false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, libel, slander and violation of right of privacy as well as the Missouri statutory requirements for works compensation insurance. Written evidence of the insurance shall be provided by the Contractor to the Library, the initial written evidence being attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A. The evidence of insurance shall include, but not necessarily be limited to: effective dates of coverage, limits of liability, insurer's names, policy numbers and endorsement by representatives of the insurance company. Evidence of self-insurance coverage or of another alternative risk financing mechanism is not permitted.

Insurance policies required of Contractor by the Agreement shall:

- Be issued by insurance companies licensed to do business in the state of Missouri with general policyholder's ratings of at least A and a financial rating of at least XI in the most current *Best's Insurance Reports* available on the date the Contractor obtains or renews the insurance policies. If *Best's* ratings are changed or discontinued, the parties shall agree to an equivalent method of rating insurance companies;
- Name the Library as an additional insured as its interest may appear on the policy;
- Provide that the insurance not be cancelled or materially changed in the scope or amount of coverage unless thirty (30) days' advance notice is given to the Library;
- Be primary policies;
- Be permitted to be carried through a "blanket policy" or "umbrella" coverage;
- Have deductibles not greater than \$1,000;
- Be written on an "occurrence" basis; and
- Be maintained during the entire Term and any extension Terms.

By the date of award and upon each renewal of its insurance policies, Contractor shall give such certificates of insurance to the Library.

Independent Contractor

It is specifically agreed by the parties that the relationship of Contractor to Library is that of an independent contractor and that Contractor is not an agent, partner, or employee of the Library. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor is not entitled to receive from Library any tax withholding, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, or any employee benefits, statutory or otherwise.

Access to Records

Contractor shall maintain all fiscal records and any other records relating to this Contract in such a manner as to clearly document the Contractor's performance hereunder. Library or any of its duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.

Debarment and Suspension (E.O.s 12549 and 12689)

The Proposer certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract by any governmental debarment or agency. Vendor must notify the Customer within 30 days if debarred by any governmental entity during the Contract period.

The Proposer is responsible for providing an FCC Registration Number (FRN) with their proposal. Any Proposer found to be in the Red Light Display System (RDS) will be disqualified from participation in the RFP process and will be considered non-responsive.

Federal, State, and Local Taxes, Licenses, and Permits

The Contractor will comply with all laws and regulations on taxes, licenses, and permits.

Other Considerations

Disputes

Should any doubt or difference of opinion arise between the Library and the successful proposal awarded this Contract as to the items to be furnished hereunder or the interpretation of the provisions of this RFP, the decision of the Library shall be final and binding upon all parties.

Prohibition of Public Benefits to Unauthorized Workers

Pursuant to State of Missouri's RSMO 285.530 (1), No business entity or employer shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized worker to perform work within the state of Missouri. Consultants shall comply with the provisions of Section 285.525 through 285.550 of the State of Missouri statutes and execute the notarized affidavit attached hereto as **Attachment B**, Affidavit of Work Authorization before the Agreement can be finalized.

Attachment A
PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORM

DATE _____

Proposal of : _____, (herein after called Vendor), a Corporation/Partnership/an Individual doing business as _____.

TO: The Kansas City Public Library (hereinafter called the Owner).

The Proposer, in compliance with your Request for Proposal for Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections having examined the RFP and Scope of Services with related documents and being familiar with all of the conditions surrounding the work, hereby agrees to perform the work required by the project in accordance with the contract documents, within the time set forth in the Proposal Submission Instructions, and at the price stated therein. These prices are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the work required by the contract documents, of which this proposal is a part.

Proposer acknowledges receipt of the following addenda in the event subsequently issued.

Proposer agrees to perform the Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections described in the RFP Scope of Services.

Submitted by authorized representative:

Firm

FEI/SSN

Signature

Typed Name & Title

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone

Fax Number

Attachment B

AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION

I. _____, of lawful age and being first duly sworn my oath, state as follows to the Kansas City Urban Public Library District, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri:

1. In accordance with R.S.Mo. § 285.530(2) _____ (“Contractor”) is enrolled and will continue to participate in a federal work authorization program in respect to employees that will work in connection with the contracted service “Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections” (the “Project”) for the duration of the contract.

2. I also affirm that Contractor does not and will not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services related to the Project for the duration of the contract, if awarded.

3. Furthermore, I also affirm that all subcontractors working on this contract for services to the Kansas City Urban Public Library District shall affirmatively state in writing in their contracts with Contractor that they are not in violation of R.S.Mo. § 285.530(1), and shall not thereafter be in violation. Alternatively, the subcontractor shall submit to the Consultant/Contractor a sworn affidavit under penalty of perjury attesting that all employees are lawfully present in the United States.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

(Signature)

Dated: _____

STATE OF _____)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.