

## Q&A Addendum #3

### Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network ARE-ON Optical Equipment Refresh RFP 666832

**This document provides question and answer information pertaining to the above captioned RFP.**

**REMINDER:** It is the Respondent's responsibility to thoroughly examine and read the entire RFP document and any appendices and addenda to this RFP.

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**Question 47:** Is there information available on the North Route for the Optional 100G wave carried over the ADVA FSP3000 R7 platform? We are looking specifically for launch power, equipment loss, fiber distance, and type along the path. Need to understand this route as much as possible to accurately design a solution.

**Answer:** Section 5.14.1 requests pricing for an optional new 100G wave between the Fayetteville POP and the North Little Rock POP that crosses AREON's existing ADVA FSP 3000R7 system across the northern part of the state. Since technical information was not provided for this route in the RFP, vendors may disregard and skip a response to Section 5.14.1.

**Question 48:** The RFP states that 19" & 23" racks are to be supported. In order to quote the correct mounts, which sites (including amplifier sites) are 19" and which are 23"?

**Answer:** Most sites are limited to 19" or 23" racks only, although some sites do have both 19" and 23" racks. Without knowing the dimensions of the vendor's proposed system, it is difficult to say how many may require 23" racks. That information will come during detailed site planning after the contract award. For initial planning purposes, however, vendors may use the following: eight (8) sites are 23" only; twelve (12) sites are 19" only; two (2) sites have both 19" and 23", but 19" is preferred.

**Question 49:** Which loss measurements should we use? Are we to use the current or measured loss from appendix II or the losses listed in appendix I?

**Answer:** This question was answered in Q&A Addendum #2, Question #14.