

**State Library Questions & Answers
on Bundled and Un-Bundled Options
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Question: Do my branches need their own firewall?

Answer: You may use your existing firewall/filter that is at your headquarters library. Your branch traffic will come into a router at headquarters, go through this router to your firewall/filter and out to the State-Library-supplied bundled router that takes your Internet traffic to the hubs. To participate in the statewide network, all facilities must be protected by a firewall; this is for your protection and that of everyone else on the network.

Question: What do I do about new branches that aren't open yet and current branches that are closing?

Answer: If you even think a branch might be open any time between July '05 and June '06, you should list it on your 471. BellSouth will provide pricing. You will only actually be charged for the months that the building is open. However, you will need an entity number and FCC/FRN for each new branch. You should get these immediately by going to the SLD website and requesting them.

Question: What are the bundled and unbundled options?

Answer: See information sheets with pricing for each option.

Question: Can I have a mixture of some branches with the bundled option and other branches with the unbundled?

Answer: No, all of your branches must be bundled or unbundled.

Question: What if my library cannot sign a 3-year contract?

Answer: BellSouth will allow a 1-year contract in this situation.

Question: Do I need a separate router and circuit for my branches?

Answer: Yes, there will be a separate circuit and router at your headquarters library to handle branch traffic. This will allow you to bring that traffic to the headquarters library and through your firewall/filter. This WAN router can be either a BellSouth bundled router (required if you choose the bundled option for your branches) or your own router (required if you choose the unbundled option for your branches.)

Question: If we elect the unbundled solution, who pays for the second circuit at the headquarters library?

Answer: You will declare the second circuit on your 471, apply for E-rate funding and pay for the line. The State Library will provide for reimbursement to you to cover the cost of this second line for FY05-06.

Question: If we elect the Bundled Solution for our parish, who pays for the second circuit and router at the headquarters library?

Answer: You will declare the second E-rate WAN bundle on your 471, apply for E-rate funding, and pay for this bundle. The State Library will provide for reimbursement to you to cover the cost of this headquarters E-rate WAN bundle for FY05-06.