

MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK FIREWALL SECURITY APPLIANCE

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SUBMISSION/CONTACT ADDRESS

Mansfield Public Schools
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Quotes will be accepted in electronic format.

Summary

The Mansfield Public Schools are seeking a school computer network firewall security appliance for the computer network WAN that serves our four schools. This is a replacement for existing infrastructure.

Specifications

The required capabilities of this network firewall security appliance are the following minimums:

1. The appliance can be in physical or virtual form.
2. Capable of handling traffic from up to 5,000 users
3. Capable of a message storage log of up to 24 GB
4. Capable of a quarantine storage of up to 60 GB
5. If physical, utilize a redundant disk array (RAID)
6. If physical, utilize redundant power supplies
7. Feature set including outbound/inbound email filtering; compatibility with Exchange and Google; multiple domains allowed; quarantine and blocks; continually updated definitions; and email spooling.
8. Available remote support.

Licensing to provide rights for usage as follows:

- Equivalent traffic of up to 5,000 distinct client traffic.
- I.T. staff access for up to 3 concurrent back-end users.
- Access to standard vendor support via email and phone during normal business hours in the event of technical support issues with the provided software.

Proposal Submission Requirements

Quotes will be accepted in electronic format only. If there are any additional costs for shipping or otherwise, it should be listed on the quote. We are a sales tax exempt local government entity and as such the costs should not include sales tax.

Vendors may use a format of their own choosing for the quote. The quote can be submitted to Jaime Russell at the email addresses noted earlier on this RFQ. Questions about the process should be directed to Jaime Russell.

Selection Process

The District will consider three primary factors in the selection award. First, the District will consider the capabilities of the software to meet the District's specifications. The District is seeking software that will successfully meet its needs and will consider each proposed solutions' ability to meet the specifications. Second, the District will consider the vendor's ability to fulfill this product request. The vendor should be one that not only is authorized to sell the software solution, but also is capable of doing so in a reasonably timely manner (the software should be available for download or shipping within one month or less of commitment of a purchase order by the District). Third, the District will consider pricing as part of its due diligence in ensuring the best use of District funding. The District requires a solution that meets the specified needs, however it also seeks to contain costs.

The District does not expressly state or imply any obligation to reimburse responding applicants for any expenses incurred in preparing submissions in response to this request. The selected firm is expected to meet any relevant state and federal legal requirements. The District is seeking to finalize the purchase during the month of March 2016 and as such vendors should submit their quotes in a timely manner, preferably no later than 7:00am on Friday, March 18, 2016, though the District reserves the right to extend the process if needed. The District is an equal opportunity employer. The District reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, to select an applicant in a manner that is advantageous to the District, and to waive all formalities in the bidding. The vendor is responsible for submitting a quote for consideration in a timely manner. The District reserves the right to request additional information from the vendor.