

MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

**FIREWALL SERVICES / COMPONENTS**

FEBRUARY 2019

**SUBMISSION/CONTACT ADDRESS**

Mansfield Public School District

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Attn: Information Technology Department

*Submissions will be accepted in electronic format.*

**Summary**

Mansfield Public School District is seeking a vendor to meet needs for Firewall Services / Components for our user Internet traffic.

**Core Specifications**

The quote must include the following or the equivalent:

- Firewall Services / Components capable of handling traffic not typically to exceed 1 Gbps (must be capable of at least 500 Mbps, although 1 Gbps is preferred; greater is allowable as well).
- The Firewall must meet the following specific requirements:
  - Utilize enterprise-class threat protection against known types of cyber-threats and intrusion attacks.
  - Consideration for scalability when addressing high volume / repeat attacks.
  - Compatible with our existing infrastructure (iBoss Filtering; Internet ISP; WAN architecture; HPE switching).
  - Capable of storing at least 21 days of logs and analytics.
  - Consideration for redundancy / fail-over concerns in the event of a software or hardware failure.
  - Frequent software patch releases to meet evolving cybersecurity threats.
  - Web-based administration interface.
  - Capable of adjusting restrictions / settings for different points of traffic.

The District will consider two types of delivery of the above service:

- An on premise solution at the District with eligible services in support of the solution. and/or
- A hosted / cloud solution with eligible services in support of the solution.

The District reserves the right to potentially modify the above quantities depending on pricing and available funding.

### **Selection Process**

Pricing is the driving factor in the selection process, however it is not the only factor as the District will consider the vendor's ability to fulfill this product request. 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 deadline is March 24, 2019. The District reserves the right to request additional information from vendors.

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 an equal opportunity employer. The District applies for USF eRate Funding as part of budgeting for this expense (Form 470 is available via USF eRate).