



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

ADDENDUM 2: Q & A

January 28, 2022

RFP TITLE: CORE NETWORK AND MDF UPGRADES

RFP #: 029-2122

Technical Questions:

1) Will the district please provide the following per existing Cisco 6509 per site:

- A. port count
- B. desired port speed per port
- C. port media type and quantity required of each per MDF
- D. quantity of PoE ports required per MDF

Response: See Attachment: MDF IDF Port Counts

2) The number of Cisco 6509(s) represents a subtotal of school facilities within the district. What MDF switch type (manufacturer and model) at the school facilities not listed as part of RFP #029-2122 should the replacement core switch be expected to interoperate with?

Response: The District is a Cisco Model for equipment. MDFs in other schools are 4506E

3) What is WAN handoff to the Cisco 6509 from the Cisco 6506-E?

Response: 10gig Single Mode Fiber

4) Given anticipated hardware delivery extended lead times due to logistic issues induced by the COVID-19 pandemic, will the existing WAN handoff remain unchanged for the next 24 months?

Response: As of this date, we agree that it will remain unchanged. However, we reserve the right to make appropriate equipment replacements if needed during this time. We will communicate with the winner of the RFP and work out a resolution if needed.

5) Will the Cisco ASR-1001X remain unchanged as the edge router?

Response: Yes

6) Will the SonicWall remain in service?

Response: The SonicWall will remain as in place.

7) Will the district provide the quantity of IDF's per Cisco 6506-E and per Cisco 6509?

Response: 8

8) What trunking protocol is used to support the IDF switches working behind the Cisco 6506-E or Cisco 6509?

a. Is it layer 2 to the IDF, spanning tree, or port channels?

Response: Layer 2

9) Will the switches be replaced during normal business hours (M-F 0800-1700)? Or will the switches be replaced outside of normal business hours?

Response: It will need to be completed in off hours since we can't be without connectivity when students and staff are in session.

10) Does the district have a preference for TACACS+ or RADIUS for switch admin authentication?

Response: We do not have a preference.

11) Will the district provide a server (Microsoft Windows or LINUX) to install a TACACS+ or RADIUS service?

Response: If requested, we can add the virtual machine to our existing SAN.

12) How many devices (switches, routers, etc) need TACACS+ for authentication?

13) How is the network currently managed today?

a. What tools and applications are currently being used?

Consulting Questions:

14) TERM: The Consultant shall commence performance of this Agreement on the **Day of**
, 20 , and shall complete performance to the satisfaction of the District, as herein determined,
no later than the **Day of 20**

15) . Question: These dates seem incomplete. Please clarify...

Response: The dates will be appropriately aligned to when the RFP is accepted by the Board of Education. The dates are a “shell” of what will be decided once approved.

16) SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Consultant shall provide services described more fully in Attachment
“A” Scope of Services attached hereto, incorporated herein, and made a part of this Agreement
 (“Scope of Services” or “Services”).

Response: This RFP is for equipment, delivery and installation and does not require a consultant for the project. The consultant comment should be replaced with Vendor.

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17) Question: What exactly are the types consultative services that the District is seeking.

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PERFORMANCE: The Consultant agrees to perform the Services set forth herein in Attachment “A” in a competent and professional manner as determined by the District. The Consultant shall be and shall remain fully responsible for the quality and accuracy of Consultant’s work. Neither acceptance of such work by the District, nor payment

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18) Question: Once again page 15 of 18 is blank and 16 of 18 has no performance measurement.

Please clarify.

Response: Not applicable until contract is awarded.

19) Question: Is there an estimate on the number of hours and or the departments that the consultant may be utilized by?

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20) Question: Will the consultant and/or their organization be excluded from responding to future opportunities from the District?

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END OF ADDENDUM 1.