



**Nampa School District No. 131
Request for Proposals—District Network Firewall Appliance
Addendum #1—Questions & Clarifications**

As provided for in Section 2 of the General Proposal Conditions & Requirements for the Network Firewall & Security Appliance Request for Proposal due to the District on February 8, 2018, the following specification updates and clarifications will supersede prior specifications or provide additional information as stated below.

Per Addendum #2, the proposal deadline was revised to February 22, 2018, at 2:00 pm. The initial RFP posted a question submission deadline of February 2, 2018; in the interest of date alignment with the RFP proposal deadline, the last day for submissions of questions and clarifications is according revised to 5:00 pm, February 16, 2018.

Re: Vendors bidding?

1/16/2018

Q: Are you bidding multiple vendors (e.g. Palo Alto, Cisco, Checkpoint)?

A: E-rate funding requires us to accept multiple proposals that may feature multiple vendors, manufacturers, or solutions. We will accept all qualifying proposals and will evaluate each against our requirements when making an award determination.

Re: RFP distribution and pricing

1/16/2018

Q: How many VARs have received the RFP, so I know to whom I should provide pricing?

A: The 470 is open to the public, so we have no knowledge of who or how many parties may have interest in the RFP.

Re: VAR pricing

1/16/2018

Q: So far I've heard from < name(s) withheld >. Would you like me to extend the same pricing to all VARs?

A: The District cannot and will not take a position on pricing arrangements between any manufacturers, vendors, or VARs; any arrangements between parties upstream in the supply chain are between those parties. Our mandate as it relates to pricing is to pursue value in the best interest of the District, working within applicable laws. To avoid any appearance of conflict of interest, we do not provide the names of any particular manufacturers, vendors, or VARs that have expressed interest, lack thereof, or speculate on who may or may not be interested.

Re: High availability solution

1/23/2018

Q: In regard to the network firewall for E-rate and the capabilities of High Availability (HA): Are you wanting an HA solution or just the capabilities?

A: We must have a solution for the option of HA. We would like an option for purchasing an HA pair.

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Re: Optics & redundancy

2/5/2018

Q: The RFP specifies (3) SFP+ LR optics and (1) SFP+ SR optic—but also requires redundancy. Wouldn't this require an even number of optics?

A: We are not requiring redundancy, only that it has the capability of implementing redundancy.

Re: Firewall quantity requested

2/5/2018

Q: Does this RFP call for QTY (1) Firewall or HA pair QTY (2) Firewalls?

A: We are requesting a single firewall. We anticipate it would be a single appliance, but one vendor has suggested that to meet the throughput requirements they would have to design their proposal using a stack of appliances. Ultimately, what the offered solution is/looks like is up to the proposing vendor.

Re: Reference contact information

2/5/2018

Q: The RFP states contact information for three reference K-12 Education customers should be included in the proposal and lists four specific inquiry items. Please confirm you are asking for contact information only to be provided in the response.

A: We need only the contact information.

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