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AMENDMENT TWO (2)
Response to Prospective Contractors Questions Regarding
IFB No: GAGA-2011-I-0072
Caption: DEDICATED INTERNET SERVICES

To All Prospective Contractors

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) issued the subject Invitation for Bid (IFB) GAGA-2011-I-0072 seeking competitive responses from Prospective Contractors. The IFB issued on February 22, 2011 stimulated several questions from interested Contractors. DCPS has amended the IFB via Amendment Number Two (2) and is hereby providing responses to the questions.

I. IN ADDITION DELETE SECTION C.4.3

SECTION C.4.3 The Contractor shall size chassis hardware to allow for additional independent services, with scalability of at least 200% growth.

II. IN ADDITION DELETE SECTION F.3.1

SECTION F.3.1 The Contractor shall perform the activities required to successfully complete the District's requirements and submit each deliverable to the COTR identified in section G.9 in accordance with the following:

INSERT SECTION F.3.1

The Contractor shall perform the activities required to successfully complete the District's requirements and submit each deliverable to the COTR identified in section G.9.

**DELINEATED BELOW ARE THE CONTRACTORS QUESTIONS AND DCPS
RESPONSES**

Question One A:

- 1a. Do you want two circuits going to two locations or one circuit going to two locations?

DCPS Response to Question Number One A

DCPS is requiring two circuits going to two diverse locations.

Question One B:

- 1b. Please provide the address of the desired location(s) including DMARC locations from question number 1a

DCPS Response to Question Number One B

The addresses for the two diverse locations as reference in section C.2 are 1275 K Street NW, Washington DC and 3919 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC.

If you are referring to Demarcation Point referred to as DEMARC, DMARC and MPOE (minimum point of entry or main point of entry) which marks the point where communications facilities owned by one organization interface with that of another organization.

The DMARC locations will be located at the two addresses listed above.

Question Two

2. Will carrier have access to the fiber into the Data centers/hubs?

DCPS Response to Question Number Two

Access will be available after contract award

Question Three

3. Will DCPS provide carrier with rack space and power in the Data center/hubs to house the carrier's equip if required?

DCPS Response to Question Number Three

No. The vendor will have to pay for its own rack space and power if its own equipment is required and include the costs as applicable.

Question Four

4. **Will carrier have access to existing conduit into the Data center/hubs for fiber access?**

DCPS Response to Question Number Four

Access will be available after contract award

Question Five

5. **Pursuant to sec C.3.3 – is it DCPS intent to have the Intrusion Detection Services and Intrusion Prevention Services to reside on prem or can they be cloud based?**

DCPS Response to Question Number Five

Yes, according to section C.3.3 the contractor shall be capable of providing intrusion detection and prevention services on the premises of the internet Egress points

Question Six A

- 6a. **Is DCPS providing their own router for this DIA service?**

DCPS Response to Question Number Six A

If you mean is DCPS providing their own routers for Dedicated Internet Access Services (DIA), yes DCPS will provide its own routers

Question Six B:

- 6b. **If so, what type GigE of hand-off do you require?**

DCPS Response to Question Number Six

DCPS prefers Fiber.

Question Seven:

7. Does DCPS want carrier provided router and firewall or does DCPS already have them?

DCPS Response to Question Number Seven

If you are referring to interface to carrier and equipment then the vendors needs to provide their own router and firewall.

Question Eight A thru Eight C:

8. On page 4 of the SOW, Section C.2 it states that “the dedicated Internet services shall be delivered to DCPS via two diverse locations inside the District of Columbia”.

Question 8a.

- Can you please provide the address of the two locations?

DCPS Response to Question Number Eight A

The addresses of the locations are 1275 K Street NW, Washington DC and 3919 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC.

Question 8b.

- Who will provide the Customer Premise Equipment (CPE)?

DCPS Response to Question Number Eight B

The vendor will provide the CPE.

Question 8c.

- What type of hand off is required?

DCPS Response to Question Number Eight C

DCPS prefers fiber.

Question Nine:

9. On page 5 of the SOW; Section C.3.3 it states that “The contractor shall be capable of providing Intrusion Detection and Prevention services on the Internet egress points”.

Can DCPS provide the type of IDS/IPS required?

DCPS Response to Question Number Nine

The IDS/IPS systems must have the following characteristics:

- Identify and control applications regardless of port, protocol, encryption or evasive tactic employed.
- Visibility and control over application users through seamless integration with Active Directory, and LDAP.
- Identify, enable user visibility, and control over Citrix, Microsoft Terminal Services.
- Control non-Windows hosts via web-based authentication
- Block viruses, spyware, and vulnerability exploits, limit unauthorized transfer of files and sensitive data such as CC# or SSN, and control non-authorized related web surfing
- Architecture must allow multi-gigabit throughput with low latency while scanning content.

Question Ten A thru Ten D:

10. Page 4 Section C.2

Question 10a.

10a. **What are the service addresses for the two diverse locations?**

DCPS Response to Question Number Ten A:

The addresses of the locations are 1275 K Street NW, Washington DC and 3919 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC.

Question 10b.

10b. **Section B.3 (Page 1/2) only has a single table but there are going to be two locations/two connections?**

DCPS Response to Question Number Ten B:

Yes, please include the price for both locations in the single table provided.

Question 10c.

10c. Is the initial service of 200 Mbps (upgradeable to 300, 500, 600 or 1000Mbps) for each location or the total bandwidth amount shared between the two locations?

DCPS Response to Question Number Ten C:

The initial service of 200 Mbps is for each location as indicated in Section C.2.2.

Question 10d.

10d. Will the bandwidth at both locations always be equal

DCPS Response to Question Number Ten D:

Yes.

Question Eleven:

11. Page 5 Section C.4.1

Please explain in further detail the diversity required for the redundant paths via two diverse Points of Presence (POPs) within the District of Columbia.

Can they be fed from the same central office?

DCPS Response to Question Number Eleven:

No. DCPS requires that each location be fed from diverse independent originating locations.

Question Twelve:

12. Page 5 Section C.4.3

Please confirm the verbal answer from the pre bid conference that hardware size does not have relevance on internet connectivity services being solicited in this RFP and the 200% growth is referring to 2Gbps of total capacity. Is that correct?

DCPS Response to Question Number Twelve:

The first point of clarity this is not a Request For Proposal (RFP). This solicitation is a Invitation For Bid (IFB).

Secondly, yes hardware size does not have relevance on internet connectivity services being solicited.

Thirdly, Section C.4.3 has been removed from the solicitation.

Question Thirteen:

13. Page 8 Section G.3.1-3.2

Is Attachment J4 required if the Contractor is not hiring any new employees?

DCPS Response to Question Number Thirteen

Yes, each Contractor responding to this IFB must complete the First Source Agreement in its entirety as required by the Department of Employment Services.

Question Fourteen:

14. Page 15 Section H.1.1-1.2

Is Attachment J4 required if the Contractor is not hiring any new employees?

DCPS Response to Question Number Fourteen

Yes, each Contractor responding to this IFB must complete the First Source Agreement in its entirety as required by the Department of Employment Services.

Question Fifteen:

15. Page 16 Section H.5

Is Attachment J4 required if the Contractor is not hiring any new employees?

DCPS Response to Question Number Fifteen

Yes, each Contractor responding to this IFB must complete the First Source Agreement in its entirety as required by the Department of Employment Services.

Question Sixteen:

16. Page 25 Section 1.8A.1-3

Please confirm the verbal answer from the pre bid conference that the certificates are only required after the Contractor is awarded the contract?

DCPS Response to Question Number Sixteen

Yes, only the Contractor selected for award will be required to provide a copy of the insurance certificate

Question Seventeen A thru Seventeen C:

17. Attachment J8 Section 1.1

Question 17a.

Is the completion of this attachment required if the cost/proposal in Response to this RFP doesn't exceed \$100,000 in total value?

DCPS Response to Question Number Seventeen A

The first point of clarity this is not a Request For Proposal (RFP). This solicitation is a Invitation For Bid (IFB).

Section J.8 Cost/Price Certification and Data Package is deleted via amendment number two and is not applicable to the IFB. Wherein the lowest evaluated bid price is the bases for award to the most responsive and responsible bidder.

Question 17b.

How is total value calculated? Section 1.4

DCPS Response to Question Number Seventeen B

If you are referring to the attachment J.8 Cost/Price Certification and Data Package, the clause I.4 is not applicable and attachment J.8 has been deleted.

Question 17c.

Is a CD acceptable instead of a diskette?

DCPS Response to Question Number Seventeen C

If you are referring to the attachment J.8 Cost/Price Certification and Data Package this is not applicable and attachment J.8 has been deleted.

Question Eighteen:

18. What is the address of the building to which the service is going to?

DCPS Response to Question Number Seventeen C

The addresses of the locations are 1275 K Street NW, Washington DC and 3919 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC.

Question Nineteen:

19. **Do you have an onsite contact person whom I can call / email to arrange an Onsite visit by our fiber survey / construction team.**

DCPS Response to Question Number Nineteen

A site visit is not required prior to bid. Once a contract is awarded a site visit will be arranged for the selected vendor. For pricing for space, power and cooling please contact the following:

- 1275 K Street NW, Washington DC
 - Core Site Building Management
 - Tim Stone – tim.stone@coresite.com
 - 703-391-6820

- 3919 Benning Road, NE Washington, DC
 - DC NOC (Network Operations Center)
 - David Jennings – david.jennings@dc.gov
 - 202-724-2028

Question Twenty:

20. **Please confirm closing date for proposal is March 21, 2011 1:00PM**

DCPS Response to Question Number Twenty

The solicitation closing date is March 21, 2011 at 1:00 pm

Question Twenty One:

21. **Can you please point me to where on the DC GOV website I can find the amendment which contains the addresses of the two locations for the Internet terminations discussed in yesterday's pre-bidders conference?**

DCPS Response to Question Number Twenty One

DCPS website address is

[HTTP://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/About+DCPS/Doing+Business+with+DCPS/Procurement](http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/About+DCPS/Doing+Business+with+DCPS/Procurement)

The information pertain to the address is listed in this amendment number two.

Question Twenty Two:

22. I'm looking for the referenced Section A for this RFP and was hoping you could help.

DCPS Response to Question Number Twenty Two

The first point of clarity this is not a Request For Proposal (RFP). This solicitation is a Invitation For Bid (IFB).

Section A of the IFB is the Solicitation, Offer and Award Page. This page was provide with amendment one and can be located at DCPS website delineated below.

[HTTP://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/About+DCPS/Doing+Business+with+DCPS/Procurement](http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/About+DCPS/Doing+Business+with+DCPS/Procurement)

Question Twenty Three:

23. What are that address of the locations for two connections?

This question Relates to the following RFP paragraph.

C.2 SCOPE:

The Contractor shall provide Internet service of 200 Mega Bits Per Second (Mbps) upgradeable to 300, 500, 600, or 1000 Mbps. The dedicated Internet Services shall be delivered to DCPS via two diverse locations inside the District of Columbia.

DCPS Response to Question Number Twenty Two

The addresses of the locations are 1275 K Street NW, Washington DC and 3919 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC.

Question Twenty Three

23. Does DC Schools have a preference for the manufacturer of the Router requirement?

DCPS Response to Question Number Twenty Three

DCPS does not have a preference for the manufacturer of the router requirement. DCPS does require that routers used support industry based routing protocols.