



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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RFP NO. 1617-Tech-1 Firewall

Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1) What is the Make/Model of your existing firewall?
 - a. The District existing firewall is a Cisco ASA5520.
- 2) What is the total user count?
 - a. The District currently has 7600 users. With historic growth the District expects to be at 8400 users in 5 years.
- 3) What is the max connections per second at peak time?
 - a. The District has observed peaks of 1500 connections per second. The actual peak may be higher as it is a real time report that we don't watch constantly.
- 4) How many sites? How is it connecting back? Is there a primary ingress point for the other sites?
 - a. The District will deploy this firewall at the edge of our network. Initially it will have a single copper RJ45 hand-off from the ISP and a single copper RJ45 hand-off to the district core network. The District anticipates that these will change to an optical connection as the bandwidth increases beyond 1Gbps. Distribution of the Internet connection to the district buildings is handled by the core network; separate from the firewall. The District supports connectivity to 10 different sites across a private network.
- 5) There is no requirement in the RFP outlining the need for services to properly implement the firewalls. Will the district need assistance in the installation/implementation of these firewalls? If the services are needed, should we quote the services as a component of the firewall cost or as an option?
 - a. The district does not plan to require services for the installation and implementation of the Firewall. If a respondent wishes to provide pricing for professional services, they may provide it as an option to the bid.
- 6) Will you need training?
 - a. The district does not plan to require training service for the installation and implementation of the Firewall. If a respondent wishes to provide pricing for training, they may provide it as an option to the bid.

- 7) Will you manage the sites centrally?
 - a. Yes. In this case, the firewall will reside at the edge of our network; so there will only be a single instance of the firewall (in whatever form is proposed).

- 8) Do you require a single box solution or can multiple boxes be quoted to meet the requirements
 - a. If the best, and most cost efficient solution, involves separating duties between multiple boxes to provide the requested aggregate bandwidth, the district will not discount a solution based solely on the fact that it is a multiple appliance/server solution.