

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Computer Network Switches and SAN

OKI Regional Council of Governments

720 E Pete Rose Way, Suite 420

Cincinnati, OH 45202

RFP Schedule

Issued: February 2, 2021

Written Questions are due by Wednesday, February 24, 2021

All Proposals are due by 4:00pm on Thursday, March 4, 2021

PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Each proposal submitted in response to this Request for Proposals should be in a sealed envelope, marked “**OKI IT Network Equipment**”, directed to Katie Hannum, Senior Accountant, and identify the name of the entity submitting the Proposal. Respondents should mail or deliver four (4) copies of their Proposal to:

OKI IT Network Equipment
Katie Hannum, Senior Accountant, OKI Regional Council of Governments
720 E Pete Rose Way, Suite 420, Cincinnati, OH 45202

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Fax or email responses will not be accepted.

Any inquiries regarding this RFP should be directed to: David Shuey, Director of Information Systems & Analytics, OKI Regional Council of Governments via email dshuey@oki.org. All addendum(s), questions and answers will be posted to OKI's website at <https://www.oki.org>. The last day to submit questions is February 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m

LIMITATIONS

This RFP does not commit OKI to award a contract or to reimburse any applicant for costs incurred in submitting a response to this RFP. OKI, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals submitted; to choose any combination of Proposals; or to amend or cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP.

RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING AND CONTACTS

From the period beginning on the date of the issuance of this RFP and ending on the date of the award of an agreement for the above-referenced services for which Respondent is submitting its Proposal, no person or entity submitting a Proposal, nor any officer, employee, representative, agent, or consultant representing such a person or entity shall contact, through any means, or engage in any discussion regarding this RFP, the evaluation selection process/or the award of the agreement for the above-referenced services for which Respondent is submitting its Proposal with any staff member of OKI. Any such contact shall be grounds for immediate disqualification of the Respondent.

NETWORK EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

OKI intends to purchase the following equipment in order to refresh portions of its network. The following information provide a description of the types of equipment requested. Please include datasheets for all products specified in your proposal.

Network Switches

- 2 – 24 Port 10GB SFP+ Network Switches
 - Can be more than 24 ports
 - Layer 3
 - Stackable
 - Redundant Power Supplies
 - Power Stacking is preferable but not required
 - 4 – Power Cord, 125V, 15A, 10 Feet, NEMA 5-15/C13
 - 5 Year Hardware Warranty
 - 7x24 HW/SW Technical Support and Assistance, 5 Years
- Network Switch Stack Kit
- 6 – PCIe 4 Port 10GB SFP+ Network Interface Card
- 26 – Twinax 10GB SFP+ Cables – 3 Meter
- 4 – SFP+ 1GB Ethernet Transceivers

SAN

- 10Gb SAN with dual controllers
- 13.44 TB SSD Qty 7 X 1.92
- 33.6 TB 10K Qty 14 X 2.4
- Redundant power supplies
- Rack rails, 2Us
- 7x24 HW/SW 4-hour with on-site service Technical Support and Assistance, 5 Years
- 5 Year Hardware Warranty
- Qty 2 – Power Cord, 125V, 15A, 10 Feet, NEMA 5-15/C13

Note: **OKI will not except bids for refurbished equipment. All equipment must be new.**

OKI is exempt from sales tax in the State of Ohio.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

OKI will be evaluating all proposals using the following criteria. Please be sure to address each area fully in your proposal.

- Price of Equipment
- Capabilities of Network Equipment
- Hardware Warranty (lifetime or otherwise)
- Manageability of Equipment
- Ease of Installation
- Total Cost of Ownership
- Service and Support

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Vendor is responsible for shipping or delivery of purchased equipment to OKI.

BID OPENING

Bids will be publicly opened on March 5th at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. See OKI Website for more details.