

RFP Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

To: Vendors Responding to RFP Number 4541 for Alcorn State University (ASU)
From: David C. Johnson
Date: March 14, 2024
Subject: Responses to Questions Submitted and Clarifications to Specifications
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RFP No. 4541 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Title page, INVITATION is modified as follows:

INVITATION: Proposals, subject to the attached conditions, will be received at this office until ~~March 7, 2024~~ **March 22, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.** Central Time for the acquisition of the products/services described below for **Alcorn State University (ASU)**.

2. Title page, third box is modified as follows:

PROPOSAL, SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
RFP No. 4541
Due March ~~7~~22, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m. Central Time
ATTENTION: Solicitations Team

3. Section VII Technical Specifications, Item 2 Procurement Project Schedule is amended as follows:

Task	Date
Open Proposals	3:00 p.m. Central Time on 03/19/2024 <u>03/22/2024</u>
Evaluation of Proposals <u>Begins</u>	03/19/2024 <u>03/22/2024</u>

Vendor must include in their proposal a response to each amended requirement as listed above. Vendor must respond using the same terminology as provided in the original requirements.

The following questions were submitted to ITS prior to the submission deadline but were inadvertently omitted from the original RFP Questions and Clarification Memo dated March 4, 2024. The following questions are being presented as they were submitted, except to remove any reference to a specific vendor. This information should assist you in formulating your response.

Question 1: Attachment A: General, Procurement Goals and Objectives, Page 1, Item 10: Can ITS/ASU confirm that Switches and Camera components must be new, from the Manufacturer or Authorized Manufacturer Distributors, and that no gray market or 3rd party substitutions will be accepted?

Response: **ASU can confirm all networking equipment must be new equipment.**

Question 2: Attachment A, Functional/Technical Requirements, General Requirements, Page 3, Items 31 & 33: Does ASU have a preferred model of these Cisco Switches?

Response: **ASU does not have a preferred model. The only requirement is that the proposed unit fulfills the power, management capabilities, and 10g fiber uplinks.**

Question 3: Attachment A, Functional/Technical Requirements, General Requirements, Page 3, Items 31 & 33: Does ASU prefer a 24 Port or 48 Port switch?

Response: **ASU is only requiring switches with enough ports to support the new and existing cameras proposed for that location.**

Question 4: Attachment A, Camera Requirements and Specifications, POE + Network Switch Infrastructure, Hardware, Item F, Page 11: Will ASU provide the SFP+ modules for the switch or is that to be included by the vendor?

Response: **SFP+ modules should be included.**

Question 5: Attachment A, System Administration and Security, State of Mississippi Enterprise Cloud and Offsite Security Hosting Policy, Item 151, Page 17: Is a proof of partnership with all manufacturers required?

Response: **ASU does not require partnership with all manufacturers proposed. However, this is a plus.**

RFP responses are due March 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time).

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact the Solicitations Team via email at RFP@its.ms.gov.

cc: ITS Project File Number 47396