

**Rhode Island Student Loan Authority  
Request for Proposal  
January 7, 2013**

**Background**

RISLA is searching for an individual(s) or an organization(s) to provide a quote for hardware, installation and configuration of a network switching and firewall upgrade. The project is to be completed after hours; Week days after 7:30pm, or weekends. The selected vendor will be responsible for all support that may arise from the upgrade for 14 days following the project installation and configuration.

**Hardware**

- (1) Fortigate 100D UTM Firewall with 1 year 8x5 FortiCare Plus Bundle
- (3) Brocade ICX 6450 48-port GB Switches – 3yr prem support, Lifetime Advance
- (2) Brocade FCX 624S Fastiron CX 24-port GB Switches – 3yr prem, Lifetime Advance

**Configuration**

- Configure layer 3 switches to separate SAN and LAN traffic
- Configure firewall using current firewall configurations

**Timing**

RISLA will accept written proposals until Friday January 18, 2012 at 4:00 PM. Please email a pdf copy of your response to this request to info@risla.com. A bidder's conference will be held on Friday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. At that time bidders may ask any questions regarding this request for proposal. To access the conference call please dial 800-704-9804 and the participant code is 355339#. It is currently expected that RISLA will assess the proposals and award a contract on Tuesday January 22nd. The final award will be made based on the vendor's experience and qualifications, ability to commit to completing the project in a timely manner and lowest cost among qualified vendors.

**Vendor's response to bid request**

Listed below are required elements of your proposal.

- 1) A brief description of the firm's experience in configuring switches and firewalls.
- 2) A list of the staff assigned to the project and brief description of their education and background.
- 3) A brief description of your approach to the assignment and an affirmative statement from you or the firm of meeting RISLA's schedule.
- 4) Total time required to complete project and projected start date.
- 5) The cost for the hardware and installation of required equipment (including support of installation for a period of 14 days after install).

**RISLA Contact**

Any questions regarding this request should be delivered in writing to:

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RISLA retains the authority to amend or withdraw this request for proposal.