

FSM Network Infrastructure

Public Notice:

Request for Proposal: Sealed Bid

Posting Date: May 1, 2009

Bid Deadline: May 30, 2009

The Department of Finance and Administration seeks the services of a consultant to:

- I.** Install and configure a secure and highly available wide area computer network which connects the following Department of Finance locations:
 - National Department of Finance Office in Palikir;
 - Chuuk State Department of Finance;
 - Kosrae State Department of Finance;
 - Yap State Department of Finance;
 - National Department of Finance Chuuk Field Office;
 - National Department of Finance Kosrae Field Office;
 - National Department of Finance Yap Field Office.

- II.** Deploy the following network features across each of the Department of Finance locations:
 - A directory service for managing user authorisation and access permissions;
 - Automated file and printer sharing through the use of groups and scripts;
 - Internet based remote VPN access with two factor authentication;
 - The ability to share information between any of the Department of Finance locations;
 - Centrally managed and monitored Antivirus and Update services;
 - Comprehensive backup and recovery hardware and software;
 - Firewall services to restrict network access into individual Department of Finance locations.

- III.** Implement a department wide messaging and collaboration system which incorporates the following services:
 - Secure internal E-Mail between Department of Finance locations;
 - Establishment and Internet routing of Department of Finance E-Mail domains;
 - A secure Webmail service which is accessible from the Internet;
 - Industry leading Antivirus and Antispam services for E-Mail;
 - Shared address lists with the existing Departments of Health and Education E-Mail systems;
 - Secure internal E-Mail between the Departments of Finance, Health and Education.

- IV. Establish a secure Internet access mechanism for staff at each of the Department of Finance locations with the following features:
- Advanced URL filtering through categorised lists,
 - Real time monitoring of Internet access,
 - Comprehensive reporting of Internet activity.
- V. Establish a network with the ability to securely share information between the National Department of Finance and the National Departments of Health and Education at Palikir, and ensure granular firewall access services are provisioned to control data access between the Departments.
- VI. Wherever possible or feasible, utilize existing equipment (including hardware, wiring, security appliances and/or software) at each location and within the National Departments of Health and Education networks to decrease upfront and ongoing costs for all parties involved.
- VII. Provide training to IT/IS staff at each location on the maintenance and management of the installed network hardware and software.

General Requirements and Procedures:

The consultant should have a demonstrated background in computer network development and an established presence in at least one country within the Pacific Rim.

Proposals will be accepted on or before May 30, 2009. Proposals received after May 30, 2009 will not be considered.

Selected consultant will be expected to be able to start implementation of this project within 30 days of finalization of project contract.

Submit one original, signed Sealed Bid Proposal to:

Network Infrastructure Project
The Department of Finance and Administration
PO Box PS 158
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941
Attn: Secretary Finley S. Perman

Proposal contents:

- Cover sheet that includes all relevant contact information for your organization, including but not limited to, the name of the contact person and their phone and fax number and a brief, concise summary of your experience and qualifications.

- Proposal (no more than twenty (20) one-side, single-spaced pages) that includes the following:
 - Project cost. To include a breakdown of cost of professional services and detailed listing of hardware and software to be installed. Please note that proposal equipment and software costs will be reviewed against current competitive industry pricing.
 - Project Implementation Plan with estimated installation schedules for each location, including equipment procurement lead-times, installations and training.
 - Listing of personnel who will be working on this project with a brief description of their background and qualifications.
- Appendices (include the following as attachments):
 - Reference list of previously completed projects along with contact information for each project client.

Questions regarding the solicitation document can be directed to above address or you may call: Ms. Deborah Atwood, FMIS Project Manager at 691-320-2616.