

**THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS  
OF ALABAMA**

**INVITATION TO BID**

For:  
**F5 Networks BIG-IP Security  
Hardware and Software**

Agency Contact:

Edward Davis (334) 517-7130

Invitation to Bid No.: **15-006**

Mandatory Pre-bid Conference:

DATE: N/A TIME:

Bids Must be Received Before:

DATE: April 17, 2015 TIME: 4:30 PM

Bids Will be Publicly Opened

DATE: April 20, 2015 TIME: 10:00 AM

**TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR**

INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION SHOULD BE PROVIDED AS APPROPRIATE. BID RESPONSE MUST BE IN INK OR TYPED WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND NOTARIZATION.

- 1) DELIVERY: CAN BE MADE \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.
- 2) TERMS: \_\_\_\_\_ (DISCOUNTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE BID EVALUATION AND WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT REGARD TO DATE OF PAYMENT).
- 3) PRICES VALID FOR ACCEPTANCE WITHIN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS.
- 4) VENDOR'S QUOTATION REFERENCE NUMBER, IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_ (THIS NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON PURCHASE ORDER)
- 5) FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID. NO. (IF NO FEIN, ENTER SSN) : \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN INVITATION TO BID:**

**REGULAR MAIL**

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA  
P.O. BOX 302150  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130-2150

**COURIER**

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA  
201 SO. UNION STREET, SUITE 574  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104-4369

**SIGNATURE AND NOTARIZATION REQUIRED**

I have read the entire bid and agree to furnish each item offered at the price quoted. I hereby affirm I have not been in any agreement or collusion among bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding.

**Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this**

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (INK)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
TYPE / PRINT AUTHORIZED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE INCLUDING AREA CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAX NUMBER

## **BID RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS**

- **READ ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS**
- Label your bid response envelope with the **BID NUMBER** and **OPENING DATE**. Bids not identified may be rejected.
- Submit your bid on time. **ALL LATE BIDS WILL BE REJECTED**. The Retirement Systems of Alabama assumes no responsibility for bid responses that are late due to the U.S. Postal Service, private courier service, or any other reason.
- **Bid responses must be signed and notarized**. Signatures must be original, hand-written.
- Bid pricing must be submitted on the attached **Price Sheet** without modification and must include all requested information.
- Any errors or corrections to a bid response must be initialed.
- **Delivery date may be considered a factor in determining an award.**
- Any questions or clarifications concerning this bid should be directed to Edward Davis at (334) 517-7130. Bidders should only consider written information provided by RSA Office Services when completing this bid.
- **STATE LAWS:** All bidders are responsible for compliance with all laws and Executive Orders and opinions of the Attorney General of Alabama before doing business with a State Agency.
- The Retirement Systems of Alabama is exempt from paying Federal Excise Tax, state and local sales tax.

**Retirement Systems of Alabama**  
**ITB 15-006**  
**F5 Networks BIG-IP Security Hardware and Software Solution**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Invitation to Bid is to select a qualified vendor from which to purchase F5 Networks BIG-IP Security Hardware and Software with support and installation for the Retirement Systems of Alabama.

**BID PRICING**

Bidders are requested to enter their bid price for hardware, software, support, and installation using the attached Price Sheet. All bid pricing shall be deemed to include all costs associated with providing the specified product and services. No additional charges shall be allowed. All pricing is to be FOB destination.

**BID EVALUATION AND AWARD**

The bid will be awarded on an “**all or none**” basis to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications, terms and conditions. RSA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technical errors or discrepancies if, in their judgment, it would be in the best interest of RSA to waive such errors or discrepancies.

It is not a requirement to be a registered bidder with the State of Alabama to qualify to bid.

**INTENT TO AWARD**

The Retirement Systems of Alabama will issue an “Intent to Award” before a final award is made. The “Intent to Award” will continue for a period of five calendar days, after which a final award will be made. Upon final award, all rights to protest are forfeited. A detailed explanation of this process may be reviewed in the Alabama Administrative Code – Chapter 355-4-1 (14).

**BID OPENING**

Bids must be received no later than **4:30 PM April 17, 2015**. Bids will be publicly opened **April 20, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.** in Room 521 of the RSA Systems Building located at 201 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104.

**RESPONSIVE BIDDERS**

Awarded vendor must be an F5 Gold UNITY or higher partner authorized to resell F5 Networks solutions to any state or local government agency within the State of Alabama. **A current, signed letter of authorization from F5 Networks, Inc. must be provided with your bid response.** Awarded vendor

must have and must provide proof of their certification from F5 Networks. For assistance with these requirements, contact either of the following with F5 Networks, Inc.:

- Michael Rech - 615.714.4058; M.Rech@F5.com
- Richard Leonard - 206.272.7227 Office; 425.614.8105 Cell; R.Leonard@F5.com

Include with your bid response complete details of your company's Return Merchandise Policy, including, but not limited to, amount of any restocking fee required, procedures, limitations, contact person and phone number.

### **APPLICABLE LAW**

The awarded bidder shall be required to submit certification as required by the State of Alabama stating that the awarded bidder is appropriately registered to collect and remit state and local sales, use and lease taxes on all its sales and leases into the State of Alabama. Accordingly, each bid submitted must include certification that the bidder is not barred from bidding for or entering into a contract under Act 2006-557 and that the bidder acknowledges that the RSA may declare any contract awarded from this ITB void if the certification completed by the awarded bidder is false (certification attached).

The awarded bidder will be required to complete a Vendor Disclosure Statement as required by Act 2001-955 (copy attached).

### **E-VERIFY**

In accordance with Act 2012-491, as a condition for the award of any contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or a state-funded entity to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees within the State of Alabama, the business entity or employer shall provide documentation establishing that the business entity or employer is enrolled in the E-Verify Program.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a completed and notarized Certificate of Compliance (copy attached) as well a copy of their entire E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

### **DELIVERY**

Delivery terms are F.O.B. Destination, 201 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. All shipments must include a packing slip or invoice referencing the Retirement Systems of Alabama's purchase order number.

### **DELIVERY TIME**

Maximum delivery time for the product will not exceed **20 calendar days** after receipt of purchase order. All components necessary to meet the specifications must be delivered within this 20 day time frame. RSA accepts deliveries Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., excluding State of Alabama holidays.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The F5 Networks hardware and software must be classified as new, Original Equipment Manufacture and cannot contain any reprocessed parts or reprocessed components. Previously owned, refurbished, demonstration or field equipment will not be acceptable.

## **WARRANTY AND SUPPORT**

The F5 Networks hardware must be warranted by the manufacturer for a minimum of one year. Vendor warrants that the hardware components of the product will be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. If, during the warranty period, any hardware component becomes defective by reason of material or workmanship, vendor will replace it at no additional charge to the RSA. Replacement component must be new and the same as or equal to the failed component.

Vendor warrants that the software media provided will be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use for the annual support period. During the support period, vendor shall provide RSA with any software updates and upgrades made by the company at no charge.

## **INSTALLATION**

Installation and configuration must be provided by a F5 Networks badged F5-CSE or higher certified engineer. Bid price for installation must include all costs associated with installation and implementation.

**PRICE SHEET**

**F5 Networks BIG-IP Security Hardware and Software Solution  
ITB 15-006**

<b>Qty</b>	<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Hardware with Software</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Extended Amount</b>
2	F5-BIG-BT-5250V	BIG-IP Switch: Best Bundle 5250v (vCMP, 32G, Max SSL & Comp)	\$	\$
2	F5-UPG-AC-400W-5000	Field Upgrade: Single 400W AC Power (5000 series)	\$	\$
4	F5-UPG-SFP+-R	SPF+ Fiber Connector(10G-LC/850nm) ROHS	\$	\$
2	F5-BIG-VE-LAB-V13	Virtual Edition Lab Licenses	\$	\$
		<b>Support</b>		
6	F5-SVC-BIG-PRE-L1-3	Premium Support	\$	\$
6	F5-SVC-BIG-RMA-2	RMA Next-Day Hardware Replacement	\$	\$
6	F5-SVC-BIG-VE+PREL13	BIG-IP Service: Premium Virtual Edition Level 1-3	\$	\$
		<b>Consulting</b>		
1	F5-CST-5 ***	F5 Networks F5-CSE or higher certified engineer, 5-days	\$	\$
		<b>Total Bid Price</b>	\$	

\*\*\* see **INSTALLATION** section for details

# Retirement Systems of Alabama

## VENDOR TAX CERTIFICATION

(Required by Act 2006-557)

The following is an excerpt from Act 2006-557 which states in part:

Alabama Law (Section 41-4-116, Code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama. **BY SUBMITTING THIS BID, THE BIDDER IS HEREBY CERTIFYING THAT THEY ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 2006-557,** they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-16.....

I hereby attest that \_\_\_\_\_ is appropriately registered to collect  
(Company name)

and remit sales, use and lease tax on all its sales and leases into the State of Alabama and is not barred from bidding for or entering into a contract under ACT 2006-557. I hereby acknowledge that the RSA may declare void any contract awarded from this ITB if this certification is false.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorized Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

# State of Alabama

## Disclosure Statement

(Required by Act 2001-955)

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD:

Retirement Systems of Alabama

ADDRESS:

201 S. Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

334-517-7000

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

This form is provided with:

Contract  Proposal  Request for Proposal  Invitation to Bid  Grant Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

Yes  No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

State Agency/Department

Type of Goods/Services

Amount Received

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

Yes  No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

State Agency/Department

Date Grant Awarded

Amount of Grant

1. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Name of Public Official/Employee

Address

State Department/Agency

2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Name of Family member	Address	Name of Public Official/ Public Employee	State Department/ Agency Where Employed

If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

Name of Paid Consultant/Lobbyist	Address

***By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.***

Signature	Date
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Notary's Signature	Date	Date Notary Expires
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*Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.*

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT  
(ACT 2011-535, as amended by ACT 2012-491)**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: Contract/Grant/Incentive (describe by number or subject):** \_\_\_\_\_ **by and between**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **(Contractor/Grantee) and**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **(State Agency, Department of Public Entity)**

The undersigned hereby certifies to the State of Alabama as follows:

1. The undersigned holds the position of \_\_\_\_\_ with the Contractor/Grantee named above, and is authorized to provide representations set out in this Certificate as the official and binding act of that entity, and has knowledge of the provisions of **THE BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT** (ACT 2011-535 of the Alabama Legislature, as amended by Act 2012-491) which is described herein as "the Act".
2. Using the following definitions from Section 3 of the Act, select and initial either (a) or (b), below, to describe the Contractor/Grantee's business structure.

**BUSINESS ENTITY:** Any person or group of persons employing one or more persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood, whether for profit or not for profit. "Business entity" shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. Self-employed individuals, business entities filing articles of incorporation, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, foreign corporations, foreign limited partnerships, foreign limited liability companies authorized to transact business in this state, business trusts, and any business entity that registers with the Secretary of State.
- b. Any business entity that possesses a business license, permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or similar form of authorization issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business license and any business entity that is operating unlawfully without a business license.

**EMPLOYER:** Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, joint stock association, agent, manager, representative, foreman, or other person having control or custody of any employment, place of employment, or of any employee, including any person or entity employing any person for hire within the State of Alabama, including a public employer. This term shall not include the occupant of a household contracting with another person to perform casual domestic labor within the household.

\_\_\_(a) the Contractor/grantee is a business entity or employer as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Act. The Contractor/Grantee must attach a copy of its complete *E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding* issued and electronically signed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security when the business entity or employer enrolls in the E-Verify program to this Certificate of Compliance.

\_\_\_(b) The Contractor/Grantee is not a business entity or employer as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Act.

3. As of the date of this Certificate, Contractor/Grantee does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama and hereafter it will not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama;
4. Contractor/Grantee is enrolled in E-verify unless it is not eligible to enroll because of the rules of that program or other factor beyond its control.

Certified this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contractor/Grantee/Recipient  
By:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Its:  
\_\_\_\_\_

The above Certification was signed in my presence by the person whose name appears above, on

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Witness