

Retirement Systems of Alabama Solicitation

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Request for Bids

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Bids will be accepted from: 04/13/21

to: 04/27/21 4:30 PM

Bids will be opened: 4/28/21 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 or _____ weeks after receipt of order.
2. Terms: _____ (Discounts are 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 the purchase order.)
5. E-mail address: _____ Internet Website: _____
6. General Contractor's License No: _____ Type of G.C. License: _____

Return invitation to bid:

Regular Mail

Retirement Systems of Alabama
Director of Office Services
P.O. Box 302150
Montgomery, AL 36130-2150

Courier

Retirement Systems of Alabama
Director of Office Services
201 S. Union St
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

VSS Vendor Number

Authorized Signature (Ink)

Subscribed before me this

Company Name

Type/Print Authorized Name

Day of _____

Mail Address

Title

Notary Public

City, State, Zip

Toll Free Number

Term Expiration:

Phone Including Area Code

Fax Number

COMMODITY INFORMATION

Servers, Mainframe Computer, Application, Database, File, Mail, Network, Web, etc.

SHIPPING AND BILLING

Billing

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
ACCOUNTING
PO BOX 302150
MONTGOMERY, AL 36130-2150
USA

Delivery Type:

COMMODITY INFORMATION

Servers, Mainframe Computer, Application, Database, File, Mail, Network, Web, etc.

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COMMODITY INFORMATION

Date Printed: April 13, 2021

SPF+ FIBER CONNECTOR (10G-LC/850nm)ROHS
PART NO. F5-UPG-SFP+-R

Servers, Mainframe Computer, Application, Database, File, Mail, Network, Web, etc.

PREMIUM SUPPORT 3 YEARS
PART NO. F5-SVC-BIG-PRE-L1-3

Servers, Mainframe Computer, Application, Database, File, Mail, Network, Web, etc.

Preferred Vendor: _____

Extended Description: _____

EXPEDITED RMA SERVICES RMA NEXT DAY HARDWARE REPLACEMENT 3 YEARS
PART NO. F5-SVC-BIG-RMA-2

Servers, Mainframe Computer, Application, Database, File, Mail, Network, Web, etc.

SHIPPING AND BILLING

Shipping

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE SERVICES
201 S UNION ST
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
USA

Delivery Date: _____

Billing

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
ACCOUNTING
PO BOX 302150
MONTGOMERY, AL 36130-2150
USA

Delivery Type: _____

COMMODITY INFORMATION

Group: 1 Default	Line: 6	Line Type: Item
Commodity Code: 96258		Quantity: 56.00000
Commodity Description: Professional Services (Not Otherwise Classified)		Unit: Hour
Extended Amount:		Unit Price:

Preferred Vendor: _____

Extended Description: _____

F5 NETWORK CONSULTING: STANDARD HOURLY (M-F 8AM-6PM)
PART NO. F5-CST-S

SEE REQUIREMENT IN "INSTALLATION"

Professional Services (Not Otherwise Classified)

SHIPPING AND BILLING

Shipping

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE SERVICES
201 S UNION ST
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
USA

Delivery Date: _____

Billing

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
ACCOUNTING
PO BOX 302150
MONTGOMERY, AL 36130-2150
USA

Delivery Type: _____

COMMODITY INFORMATION

Group: 1 Default	Line: 7	Line Type: Item
Commodity Code: 96258		Quantity: 12.00000
Commodity Description: Professional Services (Not Otherwise Classified)		Unit: Hour
Extended Amount:		Unit Price:

Preferred Vendor: _____

Extended Description:

F5 NETWORK CONSULTING: PREMIUM HOURLY (M-F 6PM-8AM, WEEKENDS)
PART NO. F5-CST-P

SEE REQUIREMENT IN "INSTALLATION"

SHIPPING AND BILLING**Shipping**

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE SERVICES
201 S UNION ST
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
USA

Delivery Date:**Billing**

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PO BOX 302150
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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.

Questions or clarifications concerning this Request for Bids should be directed to Shanon McWhorter at (334) 517-7131.

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 and state and local sales tax.

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**Retirement Systems of Alabama
Request for Bids 020 21000000796
F5 Network BIG-IP Security Hardware and Professional Services**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Bid (RFB) is to select a qualified vendor from which to purchase F5 Network BIG-IP Security Hardware and professional services for the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA). This hardware will replace existing equipment that has reached end of life.

RESPONSIVE BIDDERS

In order to be considered responsive, bidders must follow bid submission instructions and meet all bid specifications, terms and conditions.

Bidders must be authorized by F5 to resell F5 Network products and services to any state government agency within the State of Alabama.

BID PRICING

Bid pricing shall include all costs associated with providing the specified products and services. No additional charges beyond those specifically delineated herein shall be allowed. All pricing is to be FOB destination.

Contact for F5 Networks, Inc.:
Bill L'Estrange
F5 SLED Account Manager
M. 404-229-1406
W.LEstrange@F5.com

BID OPENING

Bids must be received no later than 4:30pm April 27, 2021. Bids will be publicly opened April 28, 2021 at 10:00am in Room 521 of the RSA Headquarters Building located at 201 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104. Those attending the bid opening are required to wear a face covering.

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.

Bidders must be registered in the State of Alabama STAARS to be considered for award. Visit <http://vendors.alabama.gov> to register.

INTENT TO AWARD

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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). All protest communications filed via email must be sent to shanon.mcwhorter@rsa-al.gov

EQUIPMENT

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

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Professional Services must be provided by a F5 Network badged F5-CSE or higher certified engineer.

DELIVERY

Delivery terms are FOB 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. Maximum delivery time for the product will not exceed **30** calendar days after receipt of purchase order. All components necessary to meet the specifications must be delivered within this 30-day time frame. RSA accepts deliveries Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm Central Time, excluding State of Alabama holidays.

In accordance with the Universal Commerce Code (Code of Alabama, Title 7) after delivery, the RSA has the right to inspect all products before accepting. The RSA will inspect products in a reasonable timeframe. Signature on a delivery document does not constitute acceptance by the RSA. The RSA will accept products only after satisfactory inspection.

COMPLIANCE

Alabama Law (Section 41-4-116, Code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain certification stating that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are 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, by submitting this bid, the bidder is hereby certifying that they are in full compliance with Act No. 206-557, that they are not barred from bidding for or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-116, and bidder acknowledges that the RSA may declare any contract awarded from this RFB void if the certification is false.

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In compliance with Act 2016-312, by submitting this bid, the contractor hereby certified that it is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this State can enjoy open trade.

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, as well as a copy of their entire E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Bidders are required to submit the Vendor Disclosure Statement with their bid. 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.

SECURITY / NON-DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The contractor and their employees shall treat all information obtained through the performance of this contract as confidential and shall not use any information so obtained in any manner except as necessary for the proper discharge of the obligations under this contract. Contractor shall not release or allow to be released any information obtained under this contract without the prior written consent of the Retirement Systems of Alabama. Any violation of this requirement may subject the contractor to prosecution and penalty under Federal and State Law. The contractor shall ensure, with a written statement, that all personnel be advised of the confidential nature of the information contained in the RSA files, the safeguards required, and the criminal and civil sanctions for non-compliance with Federal and State Statues.

The following documents are attached for your reference:

- # State of Alabama Vendor Disclosure Statement
- # Certificate of Compliance
- # RSA Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Statement
- # W-9