

Request for Proposal (RFP)
Security Network Implementation
S2014-11
Addendum No. 1

January 19, 2024

This Addendum No. 1 consists of **two (2)** page. Bidders must acknowledge receipt of this Addendum No. 1 in Required Form A – Form of Transmittal Letter.

This Addendum No. 1 has the following information to be incorporated into the Invitation for Bid (IFB):

Item 1: **Attachment 1: Response to Bidder Questions**

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Bidders Question:		McCormick Place OVG360 Response:
1	SFP-10G-S is not valid; provisioned SFP-10G-SR-S=	Documentation will be changed to reflect correct part numbers SFP-10G-SR-S=
2	Recommend removing SSD-240G and letting customer source Non-Cisco brand	Prefer to use OEM parts to maintain warranty coverage
3	Is the goal to replace 2ea Nexus core switches with 2ea Catalyst switches?	New 9k devices to replace current 4507, 4948, and Stacked 3850 devices.
4	N9K-C93180YC-FX, will no longer be available for sale by Cisco as of 31-Jul-2024. Replaced by N9K-C93180YC-FX3.	Documentation will be changed to reflect correct part numbers. N9K-C93180YC-FX3.
5	Stack cable quantity confirmation? Will only a few switches require stacking function at the access layer?	Only North Core and West Core switches to be stacked
6	Is the customer moving from 1G to 10G on uplinks? Is the current fiber able to support those speeds where required? OM1 has a 10G distance limitation of 33 meters.	Current multimode fiber supports upgrade to 10G uplinks.
7	What is the quantity and type of fiber uplink between main MDFs and the buildings? How many unused pairs are available to ease cutover process?	Uplink between the North and West buildings is currently 6 pair Single Mode Fiber. 4 pairs are being used for uplinks.
8	What is the plan for N9K interconnects? 10G or will 25/40/100 be taken advantage of?	10g uplinks
9	Can you confirm what the term length should be for both licenses and smartnet?	5 years for both
10	RFP mentions emergency services support with the requirement to be on-site within 4 hours. Is this just for the duration of the replacement or for services engagements post refresh?	This is our standard emergency support language but will not apply to this procurement.
11	RFP also mentions that replacement work will be scheduled by the customer. Can we try to understand what type of notice we will receive?	Notifications will be sent by email. Replacement of critical devices should be scheduled within 4-24 hours. Non-critical within 24-48 hours.
12	What is the timeframe for the completion of the upgrade project?	Ideally 5/15/2024
13	Is existing IP/VLAN scheme being used or is the intent to create new networks for certain functions?	Current IP/VLAN scheme is very large consisting of many /16 networks. Narrowing the scope would be preferred if possible.

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14	What functions will the N9Ks perform? Is the Nexus platform required for something specific?	The 9Ks are not performing any specific functions.
15	Will existing FEXs be migrated to the new infrastructure or are there other core devices that need to be integrated?	There are no FEXs on the network.
16	Are VRFs in the environment and required to be configured, if so, how many?	No
17	Are there any existing VDCs that need to be migrated or redesigned, if so, how many?	No
18	Will VPC be used between the cores or to the access switches? If so, have interfaces to facilitate been accounted for with optics?	Enough SFPs have been provisioned for 2 links to the West core switches for a 20G total uplink
19	For the larger IDFs, how many live connections are there to account for cutover time?	Current IDF Switches are all only 24 port switches, with the largest hosting 10-15 clients and the smallest hosting 1-2
20	Will we be given access to the existing environment to view current configurations to build out new templates?	Yes
21	Would you like to standardize all licenses/support for a 5 year term?	Yes
22	How many cutover windows?	Cutovers will have to be coordinated between show schedules as well as labor scheduling. Core
23	Union labor task clarification. Who is performing what actions?	All devices will be installed by McCormick Place Labor
24	Vehicle use to transport equipment. Is this something a union worker will perform?	Delivery of hardware to McCormick Place is the responsibility of the vendor. Trades can transport equipment in the building after programming and staging
25	Will all equipment be centrally staged?	A staging area will be set up for programming and configuration.
26	Are all switches in the "West" building?	All Catalyst switches will be deployed in the West building IDFs
27	Is McCormick Place using a spine-leaf architecture?	No