



Request for Proposals Nutanix Hyperconverged Infrastructure Solution

INTRODUCTION

Through this Request for Proposals (“RFP”), RIHousing seeks proposals from qualified reseller partner to **provide pricing for a Nutanix Hyperconverged Infrastructure Solution for our organization**. The project has a critical completion date necessitating a strict timeline as summarized below:

December 6, 2017	RFP Release Date
December 8, 2017	Questions Due 2:00 EST p.m.
December 11, 2017	2:00 EST p.m. Responses to questions posted to RIHousing website, rihousing.com
December 14, 2017	RFP Due Date 2:00 EST p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit questions to Daniel Miller, Senior Infrastructure Engineer, dmiller@rihousing.com by 2:00 p.m., on December 8, 2017.

Please submit your proposal, by email, to Cathy Matarese, Director of Information Technology, at cmatarese@rihousing.com. Proposals should be concise and include all pricing and time-frame. Proposals should be presented on business letterhead.

Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 EST p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Respondents are advised that all submissions (including those not selected for engagement) may be made available to the public on request upon completion of the process and award of a contract(s).

SCOPE OF WORK

Please see the Scope of Work provided at Attachment A.

ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

A. General Firm Information

1. Provide a brief description of your firm, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Name of the principal(s) of the firm.
 - b. Name, telephone number and email address of a representative of the firm authorized to discuss your proposal.
 - c. Address of all offices of the firm.
 - d. Number of employees of the firm.

B. Experience and Resources

1. Describe your firm and its capabilities. In particular, support your capacity to perform the Scope of Work.
2. Identify any conflict of interest that may arise as a result of business activities or ventures by your firm and associates of your firm, employees, or subcontractors as a result of any individual's status as a member of the board of directors of any organization likely to interact with Rhode Island Housing.
3. Identify any material litigation, administrative proceedings or investigations in which your firm is currently involved. Identify any material litigation, administrative proceedings or investigations, to which your firm or any of its principals, partners, associates, subcontractors or support staff was a party, that has been settled within the past two (2) years.
4. Describe how your firm will handle actual and or potential conflicts of interest.

C. Fee Structure

Pricing and ability to deliver equipment are two of the factors that will be considered in awarding this contract. The information requested in this section is required to support the reasonableness of your fees.

1. Please provide an itemized cost proposal and delivery timeframe for products listed in Attachment A.
2. Please provide any other fee information applicable to Attachment A that has not been previously covered that you wish to bring to the attention of Rhode Island Housing.

D. Miscellaneous

1. Rhode Island Housing encourages the participation of persons of color, women, persons with disabilities and members of other federally and State-protected classes. Describe your firm's affirmative action program and activities. Include the

number and percentage of members of federally and State-protected classes who are either principals or senior managers in your firm, the number and percentage of members of federally and State-protected classes in your firm who will work on Rhode Island Housing's engagement and, if applicable, a copy of your Minority- or Women-Owned Business Enterprise state certification.

2. Discuss any topics not covered in this Request for Proposals that you would like to bring to Rhode Island Housing's attention.

E. Certifications

1. Rhode Island Housing insists upon full compliance with Chapter 27 of Title 17 of the Rhode Island General Laws, Reporting of Political Contributions by State Vendors. This law requires State Vendors entering into contracts to provide services to an agency such as Rhode Island Housing, for the aggregate sum of \$5,000 or more, to file an affidavit with the State Board of Elections concerning reportable political contributions. The affidavit must state whether the State Vendor (and any related parties as defined in the law) has, within 24 months preceding the date of the contract, contributed an aggregate amount in excess of \$250 within a calendar year to any general officer, any candidate for general office, or any political party.
2. Does any Rhode Island "Major State Decision-maker," as defined below, or the spouse or dependent child of such person, hold (i) a ten percent or greater equity interest, or (ii) a Five Thousand Dollar or greater cash interest in this business?

For purposes of this question, "Major State Decision-maker" means:

(i) All general officers; and all executive or administrative head or heads of any state executive agency enumerated in § 42-6-1 as well as the executive or administrative head or heads of state quasi-public corporations, whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase "executive or administrative head or heads" shall include anyone serving in the positions of director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel or chief of staff;

(ii) All members of the general assembly and the executive or administrative head or heads of a state legislative agency, whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase "executive or administrative head or heads" shall include anyone serving in the positions of director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel or chief of staff;

(iii) All members of the state judiciary and all state magistrates and the executive or administrative head or heads of a state judicial agency,

whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase “executive or administrative head or heads” shall include anyone serving in the positions of director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel, chief of staff or state court administrator.

If your answer is “Yes,” please identify the Major State Decision-maker, specify the nature of their ownership interest, and provide a copy of the annual financial disclosure required to be filed with the Rhode Island Ethics Commission pursuant to R.I.G.L. §§36-14-16, 17 and 18.

3. In the course of providing goods or services to Rhode Island Housing, the selected respondent may receive certain personal information specific to Rhode Island Housing customer(s) including, without limitation, customer names and addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, loan numbers, account numbers, social security numbers, driver’s license or identification card numbers, employment and income information, photographic likenesses, tax returns, or other personal or financial information (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Personal Information”). The maintenance of the Personal Information in strict confidence and the confinement of its use to Rhode Island Housing are of vital importance to Rhode Island Housing. Please include a letter from your president, chairman or CEO certifying that, in the event your firm is selected:

- (i) any Personal Information disclosed to your firm by Rhode Island Housing or which your firm acquires as a result of its services hereunder will be regarded by your firm as confidential, and shall not be copied or disclosed to any third party, unless Rhode Island Housing has given its prior written consent thereto; and

- (ii) your firm agrees to take all reasonable measures to (a) ensure the security and confidentiality of the Personal Information, (b) protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of the Personal Information, and (c) maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to your firm’s size, the nature of the Personal Information, and the purpose for which the Personal Information was collected in order to protect the Personal Information from unauthorized access, use, modification, destruction or disclosure; and

- (iii) when discarding the Personal Information, destroying it in a commercially reasonable manner such that no third party can view or recreate the information, electronically or otherwise.

These provisions, which implement the requirements of the Rhode Island Identity Theft Protection Act, R.I.G.L. § 11-49.2 et seq., will also be incorporated into the final contract with the selected respondent(s).

4. Please include a letter from your president, chairman or CEO certifying that (i) no member of your firm has made inquiries or contacts with respect to this Request for Proposals other than in an email or written communication to Cathy Matarese, cmatarese@rihousing.com seeking clarification on the Scope of Work set forth in this proposal, from the date of this RFP through the date of your proposal, (ii) no member of your firm will make any such inquiry or contact until after **December 14, 2017**, (iii) all information in your proposal is true and correct to the best of her/his knowledge, (iv) no member of your firm gave anything of monetary value or promise of future employment to a Rhode Island Housing employee or Commissioner, or a relative of the same, based on any understanding that such person's action or judgment will be influenced and (v) your firm is in full compliance with Chapter 27 of Title 17 of the Rhode Island General Laws, Reporting of Political Contributions by State Vendors.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

A selection committee consisting of Rhode Island Housing employees (the "Committee") will review all proposals and make a determination based on the following factors:

- Pricing
- Delivery time-frame
- Firm minority status and affirmative action program or activities
- Other pertinent information submitted.

In its sole discretion, Rhode Island Housing may negotiate with one or more firms who have submitted qualifications to submit more detailed proposals on specific projects as they arise.

By this Request for Proposals, Rhode Island Housing has not committed itself to undertake the work set forth. Rhode Island Housing reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to rebid the original or amended scope of services and to enter into negotiations with one or more respondents. Rhode Island Housing reserves the right to make those decisions after receipt of responses. Rhode Island Housing's decision on these matters is final.

For additional information contact: Daniel Miller, dmiller@rihousing.com.

Attachment A

Scope of Work

Rhode Island Housing seeks pricing proposals from qualified reseller partners for the Nutanix products listed below. Diagram below represents fully assembled solution. Along with your pricing, please include the delivery time-frame for the products listed below.

Part Number	Product Description	Quantity
Cluster 1		
NX-8235-G5-0215	NX-8235-G5-02153 2 NODES	2
C-CPU-2640V4	INTEL XEON PROCESSOR 2.4GHZ 10-CORE BROADWELL E5-2640 V4 25M	8
C-MEM-32GB-DDR4-2400	32GB DDR4 MEMORY MODULE	64
C-HDD-6TB-3.5	6TB 3.5IN HDD	16
C-SSD-1920GB-3.5-C	1.92TB SSD 3.5IN	8
C-NIC-10G-2-SI	0GBE DUAL SFP+ SI NETWORK ADAPTER	8
S-PRD-8035-G5-3YR	3YR PROD SUP FOR NX-8035-G5	1
LIC-PRS-PRO-3YR-1	3YR PRISM PRO 1 NODE	4
C-CBL-NONE	SPARE CABLE	2
L-ULT-8035-G5	LICS ULT ENTITLEMENT FOR NX-8035-G5	4
Cluster 2		
NX-8135-G5-02153	NX-8135-G5-02153 1 NODES	2
C-CPU-2640V4	NTEL XEON PROCESSOR 2.4GHZ 10-CORE BROADWELL E5-2640 V4 25M	4
C-MEM-32GB-DDR4-24	C-MEM-32GB-DDR4-24	32
C-HDD-6TB-3.5	6TB 3.5IN HDD	8
C-SSD-1920GB-3.5-C	1.92TB SSD 3.5IN	4
C-NIC-10G-2-SI	10GBE DUAL SFP+ SI NETWORK ADAPTER	4
S-PRD-8035-G5-3YR	S-PRD-8035-G5-3YR	1
LIC-PRS-PRO-3YR-1	3YR PRISM PRO 1 NODE	2
C-CBL-NONE	SPARE CABLE	2
L-ULT-8035-G5	LICS ULT ENTITLEMENT FOR NX-8035-G5	2
Pro Services		
CNS-PRO-5-O-A	SVCS PROPACK	1
SVCS PROPACK DELIVERY DAY	SVCS PROPACK DELIVERY DAY CONTINUOUS	5
C-CNS-PRO-ONSITE	SVCS PROPACK ONSITE DELIVERY AS NEEDED	5
C-CNS-PRO-AME	C-CNS-PRO-AME	5

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