



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PERTAINING TO RFP DOCUMENT Firewall Appliances

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This document answers questions submitted by vendors/manufacturers and clarifies the meaning of contents in the relevant RFP document.

1. Clarification regarding cloud-based services.

A question was asked regarding cloud-based services. We are not currently seeking any cloud-based (remotely hosted) services nor remotely administered systems for firewall functionality/network security. Our requirements are for hardware that shall be local to our library system and administered by our IT department.

2. What is our network capacity and number of users?

Our network infrastructure consists of the following VLAN connections: Main branch has an endpoint connection of 200Mb/s. The satellite branches have connections to the main branch of 100Mb/s, 30Mb/s and 20Mb/s. Our Internet is 100Mb/s currently and is to match our endpoint connection speed in the near future.

We have 66 employees at this time and we get about 32,000 sessions on our web site each month currently.

3. Clarification regarding Firewall Appliances?

We were not entirely clear in our RFP regarding a Web Application Firewall. We wish to have an appliance that acts as a Threat Management Gateway with the following features in addition to the ones listed in the RFP:

- Reverse Proxy Authentication HTTPS scanning
- URL Filtering
- Spam Filtering (nice to have, but not an absolute necessity)
- IPS