



**Colby Community College (CCC) – Cybersecurity Nextgen
Firewall RFP (Submission deadline is noon on 30 December 2023)**

Overview and Background:

Colby Community College is located in the northwest corner of Kansas, approximately 50 miles from the Colorado and Nebraska borders. The college was established in 1964; it is a dynamic institution of more than 2,400 students. In addition to a main campus of approximately 60 acres, CCC operates a 60-acre farm for students to use as a hands-on laboratory and training facility.

Project Goals:

CCC is seeking competitive, sealed bids to purchase a Cybersecurity Nextgen Firewall/IDS/Threat Protection Appliance solution for the Campus computers.

General Information:

CCC is requesting Cybersecurity Nextgen Firewall/IDS/Threat Protection Appliance to provide against malicious attacks. This Firewall/IDS/Threat protection Appliance solution needs to meet the following minimum criteria:

2 x Appliances to be used in High Availability mode

Both devices must be covered under warranty and support for five years. This includes any subscription services as well as threat signature feeds.

Ability to utilize two separate internet connections in bandwidth aggregation or failover mode

IPv4/V6 compatible

10Gbps RJ45 Management port

4x1GR/10GE SFP+ ports

4x 1GE SFP+ Transceiver Module, Short Range LC

4 x 10 GE SFP+ Transceiver Module, Short Range LC

The Nextgen firewall appliance is capable of handling a minimum of 9Gbps throughput while fully utilizing enhanced threat detection modules without sacrificing performance with features enabled.

Deep packet/SSL inspection, IPS, Web/DNS Security, Zero-Day Threat Prevention, AI Anti-Malware protection, Anti-virus, Botnet and Spyware Protection, Application Control, VPN, SD-WAN

Application Database, OS, Firmware, Trusted Certificate Updates, Threat detection signature updates, IDS Signatures, and GeoIP updates need to be included in the quote.

The RFP will be posted on CCC's website, <https://www.colbycc.edu/about/vendors>, and can be downloaded from there directly as of 5:00 p.m. on 8 December 2023.

Project Timeline:

The Cybersecurity Zero Trust Endpoint Protection solution bids **MUST** include an ETA for delivery to CCC before February 29, 2024. If you are not able to meet or exceed this deadline, please provide a timeline that you are able to accommodate.

Submission of Proposals:

Respondents to this RFP must submit their sealed proposal – by hand or email – no later than 12:00 p.m. (CST) on 30 December 2023 to Sheri Knight, located in the Thomas Hall Administration Office (CCC's Main Campus), or via email at sheri.knight@colbycc.edu.

The Vice President of Business Affairs and the Accounting Administrative Assistant will open the proposals.

Anticipated Selection Schedule:

All submitted proposals will be reviewed and evaluated, and then CCC will recommend to the Board of Trustees (BOT) for a decision; the BOT meeting will be held on 15 January 2024. The selected vendor will be notified within 24 hours after the BOT has approved a recommendation.

Elements of Proposal:

A submission should, at a minimum, include the following elements:

1. Manufacturer product and or model of units being proposed.
2. All additional options or implementation fees.
3. Please disclose the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP).
4. Specific warranty details for each unit proposed.

5. Document any related fees or processing fees.
6. Document any delivery fees to have the items delivered to CCC.
7. Timeframe to secure and deliver items.

Mandatory Disclosures

Tax Exempt:

Colby Community College (CCC) is a tax-exempt entity. All bids should reflect that no sales tax is included in the final submission.

Exclusions:

If any exclusions exist as a part of this proposal, vendors must clearly define them in a section labeled *exclusions*.

Sub-Contracted Work (if applicable):

If any of the scope of the project will be outsourced to a third party, the vendor name and work to be completed must be included in the proposal. CCC reserves the right to request a different subcontracted company.

RFP Questions (if applicable):

Vendors should only direct inquiries and questions to the following individual(s) at CCC. Any communication received by anyone else at CCC should not be included in the proposal.

Point(s) of Contact:

Sheri Knight, sheri.knight@colbycc.edu, or contact her at (785) 460-5407.

Statement of Disclosure:

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept that bid which appears to be in the best interest of the college, to waive any informalities in any part of any bid, and to reject any or all bids received after the date and time specified. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the opening of bids. The bidder to whom the award is made may be required to enter into a written contract with the college and provide a performance or public works bond as required by law or the Board of Trustees (where applicable).