

Notice of Request for Bids

Notice is hereby given that Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative will accept bids for furnishing and installing Internet file servers and related software programs. All hardware is to be installed at the customer's premise by vendor's qualified personnel. Equipment shall be covered by a three-year parts and labor on-site warranty.

Sealed bids will be received on or before **5:00 PM** local time on **Tuesday, April 7, 1998** at which time they shall be opened and read. Bids shall be submitted to the following address:

Rod Wrege, Director
Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative
PO Box C-177
1012 5th Avenue
Windom, MN 56101

Questions relating to the Request for Bids or the project may be directed to:

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Phone: 507-831-6950, ext. 14
Fax: 507-831-6944
e-mail rodwrege@mntm.org

All bids are to be submitted in accordance with the **Request for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, and Bidder's Proposal Form** on file with Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative. These documents are incorporated herein by this reference. These documents can be obtained by calling 507-831-6950.

All bidders note: E-rate discounts have been requested from the Federal Communications Commission's Universal Service Fund. Payments of invoices may be made in part by Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative and the Federal Communications Commission. Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in part or in their entirety, and to award the contract to the lowest bidder to be in its best interest. Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative also reserves the right to reject any and all bids should requested e-rate discounts be insufficient or unavailable.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS and INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative invites companies, which are capable of satisfying requirements contained herein, to submit bids for furnishing and installing three DEC Alpha or equivalent Internet File Servers according to the specifications outlined in Item number 13.
2. Sealed bids will be received on or before **5:00 PM** local time on **Tuesday, April 7, 1998** at which time they shall be opened and read. **Faxed bids will not be accepted.** Bids shall be submitted to the following address:

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3. Envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked on the lower left-hand corner "**Internet File Server and Installation Bid.**"
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of sixty (60) days.
5. Bids must be submitted on the enclosed bid forms or follow a similar format.
6. Bids must be filled out in ink or typewritten. No alternatives of interlineation will be permitted, unless made before submission, initialed, and dated.
7. Bids must be dated and contain original signatures. Corporate seals of the bidders are required. Facsimiles will not be accepted.
8. Bidders shall attach any or all special conditions which may apply to its bid. Exceptions taken to the requirements contained herein must be identified, explained, and attached.
9. Bidders are welcome to attach any supplementary information which will assist Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative in evaluation of their bid.
10. Bidders shall be able to provide a minimum of three (3) references, on request,

for similar projects they have performed.

11. Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative reserves the right to waive all formalities, reject or accept any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest bidder deemed to be in its best interest.
12. Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative will not be obligated to pay any costs incurred by companies related to preparation or submission of bids in response to this request.
13. Specifications for Internet File Servers and Software:
Note: All hardware must be Year 2000 Compliant

Unit #1

DEC Alpha or equivalent with 533 MHz or faster Alpha CPU
Raid 5 Drive Configuration with (5) 4.5 GB SCSI Hard Drives
128 MB Memory
12/24 GB DDS-III Tape Drive
Dual Power Supply
3-Year On-Site Warranty
Digital Unix w/6 concurrent-user license
10/100 Ethernet Card
15" Monitor
Keyboard
Mouse
BRU 2000 Backup
APC Smart UPS 1000XL
Powerchute Plus for OSF/1

This unit will be installed at the Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative Network Operations Center (NOC) located in Windom, Minnesota and will replace an existing DEC Alpha 1000 Internet file server. The successful bidder shall migrate existing domains, DNS, Web Services, e-mail services, user accounts, Zylogics dial-up software and accounts, and all other data to the new file server.

Unit #2

DEC Alpha or equivalent with 533 MHz or faster Alpha CPU
Raid 5 Drive Configuration with (5) 4.5 GB SCSI Hard Drives
128 MB Memory
12/24 GB DDS-III Tape Drive
Dual Power Supply
3-Year On-Site Warranty
Digital Unix w/6 concurrent-user license
10/100 Ethernet Card
No Keyboard, monitor, or mouse

BRU 2000 Backup
APC Smart UPS 1000XL
Powerchute Plus for OSF/1

This unit shall be installed at the Windom NOC. Bidder will migrate three existing domains from an existing DEC Alpha 400 located in Marshall, Minnesota as well as secondary DNS, Web service, e-mail services, user accounts Zylogics dial-up software and accounts, and all other data to the new file server.

Unit #3

DEC Alpha or equivalent with 533 MHz or faster Alpha CPU
Raid 5 Drive Configuration with (5) 4.5 GB SCSI Hard Drives
128 MB Memory
12/24 GB DDS-III Tape Drive
Dual Power Supply
3-Year On-Site Warranty
Digital Unix w/6 concurrent-user license
10/100 Ethernet Card
15" Monitor
Keyboard
Mouse
BRU 2000 Backup
APC Smart UPS 1000XL
Powerchute Plus for OSF/1

This unit will be installed at Red Rock Central High School in Lamberton, Minnesota and will replace an existing DEC Alpha 400 Internet file server. The successful bidder shall migrate existing domains, secondary DNS, Web Services, e-mail services, user accounts, Zylogics dial-up software and accounts, and all other data to the new file server.

Required software to be installed on each of the above describe units:

Apache Web Server	POP2/POP3 Mail interface
Bash Shell	Radius Authentication Server
Bind 8.x.x DNS Nameserver	Sendmail 8.8.8 w/Anti-Spam protection
Bison	GnuTAR
Flex	TOP Process monitoring
IMAP Mail Interface	Unzip
Joe Text Editor	Web-based user management
Majordomo mailing list interface	ZIP
Perl 5.004	Pine 3.96

14. A minimum 3-Year on-site warranty on installed hardware shall be supplied.
15. Successful bidder must have staffed offices within a 150 statute mile radius of Windom, Minnesota in order to provide adequate response time for service calls.

16. Project shall be satisfactorily completed within 90 days after receipt of notification of successful bid.
17. Questions relating to the Request for Bids and other supporting documents shall be directed to:

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18. Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative is a governmental unit of the State of Minnesota and is exempt from Minnesota State Sales and Use Taxes on materials and equipment to be provided. The tax exempt number for Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative is 7035656.

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BIDDER'S PROPOSAL FORM

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative
Internet File Server Hardware and Software installation

THIS BID IS SUBMITTED TO:

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Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative
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1. The undersigned (hereinafter called the "Bidder") hereby proposes and agrees, if this bid is accepted, to enter into an agreement with the Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter called the "Owner") to furnish and install all equipment, software, and labor specified at the price indicated, and within the timelines indicated and in accordance with the terms and conditions provided in the **Notice of Request for Bids, Request for Bids/Instructions to Bidders** incorporated by this reference.

This bid will remain subject to acceptance for sixty (60) days from the Bid Opening.

2. The Bidder will furnish and install Internet File Servers, related software programs, and necessary labor as specified in Item 13 of the **Request for Bids/Instructions to Bidders** and complete the specified work at the following prices:

2.1 Three Internet File Servers and related hardware and software
\$ _____

2.2 Labor for installation of hardware, software, and migration of existing data, user accounts, web services, e-mail service, etc.
(Estimated hours of labor for Units #1 & 2 _____) \$ _____
(Estimated hours of labor for Unit #3 _____)

Total Hardware, Software, and Labor

\$ _____

3. The Bidder agrees that the equipment will be furnished and work performed in accordance with the timelines provided in the **Request for Bids/Instructions to Bidders**.
4. The Bidder has attached any special conditions which may apply to its bid. Exceptions taken to any requirements are identified, explained, and attached. Any supplementary information which will assist Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative in evaluating the bid is attached.
5. Communications concerning this bid shall be addressed to:

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Bidder's Name: _____

Bidder's Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Bidder's Phone: _____

Authorized Signature of Bidder: _____ Title: _____

Printed or Typed name of Authorized Bidder: _____ Date: _____