



Administrative Office of the Courts

Operations Division

Questions/Responses No. 3 to the Request for Proposals (RFP) K20-0004-29 JIS Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Network

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following questions for the above referenced RFP were received by e-mail and are answered and posted for all prospective Offerors. The statements and interpretations contained in the following responses to questions are not binding on the Maryland Judiciary unless the RFP is expressly amended. Nothing in the Maryland Judiciary's response to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the Maryland Judiciary of any statement or interpretation on the part of the Offeror asking the question.

38. **Question:** AOC currently has provisioned access for 60 of its 74 sites on an underlying GigE UNI where AOC has requested access for these 60 sites are less than 100M. Having a GigE UNI provides AOC with the flexibility and agility needed to quickly respond to any additional bandwidth requirements. However, having access provisioned from a full GigE also impacts the pricing. Since Appendix A does not make note of AOC's use of GigE UNI for access at these 60 sites, there is a concern that any price comparison that does not include underlying GigE access will be skewed.

We respectfully request that AOC please update Appendix A or the RFP requirements to accurately reflect the current network design or have vendors make note in their proposal what type of underlying UNI they are using for each site.

Response: The AOC will not Amend Appendix A. However, vendor can submit an alternate pricing structure that meets vendor's current platform pricing i.e.: alternate pricing structure will be accepted if the pricing proposal does not map to the pricing proposal in the RFP.

39. **Question:** Would AOC be open to later discussions regarding the inclusion of a current platform Master Agreement to be listed as an Exhibit within the Attachment A- item 1.1, so that AOC can take advantage of better pricing and most efficient service?

Response: Yes.

Issued by Yashica Forrester, Procurement Officer
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