
REQUEST
FOR
PROPOSAL

For RWHC ITN
FCC Pilot Program
WAN Management
(RFP01)

Requested by
Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative
Information Technology Network

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1. Background:

A consortium of independent Wisconsin community hospital, organized as the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative Information Technology Network (ITN), has implemented a telecommunications network through the FCC Pilot Program. This RFP is a supplement to an earlier RFP. The goal of this RFP is to seek proposals to extend an existing WAN management position into future years of the program.

2. Due Date and Contact Instructions

All contact regarding this RFP shall be directed to:

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Response to this RFP are required within 28 days of the date the RFP is posted on the FCC website and should be in possession of David by no later than 3:00 p.m. CST of the RFP due date.

All questions regarding this RFP should be submitted in Word format and sent to David by e-mail at least a week prior to the RFP response due date.

The following link is provided for Pilot Postings:
<http://www.usac.org/rhcp/vendors/posted-services.aspx>

This position will also be posted to <http://rhcw.org> (Rural Health Careers in Wisconsin) where the job responsibilities can be found.

3. Proposal Evaluation

Proposed applicant responses will be based on but not limited to the following:

- Compliance with the RFP guidelines

- Individual's suitability to perform RWHC ITN Network Management Services
- Cost of solution

The RWHC group reserves the right to issue any resulting order with the applicant whose proposal, in the judgment of the group, most nearly conforms to the specifications and will best serve the needs of RWHC ITN participant. RWHC ITN reserves the right to waive all technicalities in selecting or rejecting any or all proposals which satisfy or fail to satisfy respectively the best interests of the RWHC ITN group. The RWHC ITN group is not obligated to accept any proposal received. It may accept proposals in whole or in part, or may reject all proposals.

4. Requested Solutions, Features, and Functions

1. One Half-Time Employee (.5 FTE) to manage Wide Area Network and components; position to be posted as a direct hire.

This position will be a direct hire position, and not a consulting position, so please do not provide consulting proposals related to this. The position will be posted on the RWHC Health Careers website, along with other locations, resumes will be assessed, and interviews will be conducted.