

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
BID CONTROL NUMBER RFP 260007



Network Switching and Routing Infrastructure Equipment and Professional Services

Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Publish Date: June 9, 2026

Bid Opening Date & Time: July 2, 2026 at 10:30 am, local time pertaining
Questions Deadline Date & Time: June 26, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Jackson County Board of Commissioners
4965 Jackson Parkway
Jefferson, GA 30549

DATE: June 9, 2026

TO: Authorized Cisco Partners

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for Jackson County Network Switching and Routing Infrastructure Equipment and Professional Services

INQUIRIES REGARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING BY EMAIL TO PURCHASING, BIDOPPORTUNITIES@JACKSONCOUNTYGOV.COM, OR BARRY PUCKETT, IT DIRECTOR, BPUCKETT@JACKSONCOUNTYGOV.COM

One (1) digital copy (thumb drive or email) of the Request for Proposals must be submitted. Proposals must be sealed, marked with the company's name and address and Labeled: RFP 260007, "Jackson County Network Equipment" and delivered to:

Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Attention: Jennifer Scott, Purchasing
4965 Jackson Parkway
Jefferson, Georgia 30549

No later than July 2, 2026 at 10:30 AM EST.

A qualified interpreter for the hearing impaired is available upon request at least 10 (ten) days in advance of the bid opening date. Please call (706)367-6312 for more information. This service is in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Jackson County reserves the right to reject any and all bid submittals, to waive any technicalities or irregularities and to award the bid based on the highest and best interest of Jackson County.

Network Switching and Routing Infrastructure Replacement

1. Notice to Bidders

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners (hereafter referred to as the “County”) invites qualified vendors to submit sealed proposals for the replacement of existing Cisco network switching and routing equipment with new, current-generation Cisco hardware and ongoing professional services for same. The resulting contract shall be for an initial term of one (1) year, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year terms, for a maximum total contract period of five (5) years.

This bid proposal is issued in accordance with the procurement requirements of the State of Georgia and all applicable County purchasing policies. The intent of this solicitation is to award a contract to the vendor whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration technical qualifications, relevant experience, overall solution merit, and total cost of ownership.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this ITB are:

- **Modernize Core IT Infrastructure**
Replace legacy Cisco networking infrastructure with current-generation, fully supported Cisco switching and routing platforms that provide improved performance, reliability, lifecycle support, and compatibility with modern network management and security standards.
- **Optimize Network Visibility, Accessibility, and Management**
Centralize network monitoring, alerting, configuration management, asset tracking, and performance reporting through integration with the County’s existing Auvik environment. The proposed solution should improve administrative visibility, simplify troubleshooting, and enhance operational control across all County facilities.
- **Increase Operational Efficiency and Reliability**
Reduce system management overhead and improve overall network uptime through standardized configurations, automation capabilities, centralized administration, proactive monitoring, and simplified maintenance procedures. The County seeks a solution that minimizes service interruptions and streamlines ongoing support operations.
- **Implement Enterprise-Grade Security and Compliance**
Leverage advanced Cisco security features, best-practice network segmentation, access controls, firmware management, and secure configuration standards to strengthen the County’s cybersecurity posture. The proposed solution shall support applicable government security requirements and provide a secure, resilient infrastructure capable of protecting County systems and data.
- **Enable Future Scalability and Innovation**
Establish a flexible and scalable network architecture capable of supporting future growth, expanding bandwidth demands, emerging technologies, smart government

initiatives, cloud integration, and evolving compliance requirements without requiring significant redesign or replacement of core infrastructure.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive any technicalities or irregularities in the bidding process, and to award a contract in the manner determined to be in the best interest of the County.

3. Procurement Schedule

- Issuance Date: June 9, 2026
- Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference: June 18, 2026, 10:00 AM
Kevin Poe Meeting Room, Jackson Co. Administrative Building, 4965 Jackson Parkway
- Deadline for Written Questions: June 26, 2026, 5:00 PM
- Proposal Due Date and Time: July 2, 2026, 10:30 AM
Finance Meeting Room, Jackson Co. Administrative Building, 4965 Jackson Parkway

The County reserves the right to revise this schedule by written addendum.

4. Scope of Work

It is the responsibility of the proposer to understand the Request for Proposal (RFP) and to inform themselves of any and all conditions under which the resulting contract is to be executed.

Questions regarding the Request for Proposal may be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 PM on June 16, 2026 to provide a timely response to all proposers in the form of an addendum, if required. Questions should be addressed to Purchasing by email at bidopportunities@JacksonCountyGov.com with a copy to BPuckett@JacksonCountygov.com. Board of Commissioners will not be held responsible for verbal responses given to potential proponents.

As part of their proposal, proposers should clearly state assumptions used and may provide comment on any of the requirements of the RFP and offer any additions, deletions, or modifications in the scope of services and proposal. Such assumptions and/or comments, deletions, or modifications should be clearly identified by the proponent in the proposal.

UNDERSTANDING OF CONDITIONS REGARDING SUBMITTALS

Upon submittal of a proposal in response to this RFP, the Proposer acknowledges and consents to the following conditions relative to the submittal:

- All costs incurred in connection with submitting a Proposal will be borne by the Proposer.
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any proposal not meeting the minimum criteria and requirements set forth in this RFP. The Board of Commissioners shall have sole discretion in evaluating the intent of the respondent, respondent qualifications, and the proposed project or services.
- The Board of Commissioners is not bound to accept any proposal deemed contrary to the best interest of the County.
- The Board of Commissioners is not bound to accept the lowest financial proposal.

- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right, without prior notice, to supplement, or otherwise modify the RFP at any time.
- When two or more proposals are deemed equal, the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to make distinctions between the two at their discretion.
- It is the Proposer's responsibility to review and verify the completeness of its proposal.
- The Board of Commissioners may request additional information or more detailed information from any proponent at any time after the proposal opening.
- All responses become the property of the Board of Commissioners and will not be returned.
- The Board of Commissioners may request proponents to send representatives at the proponent's cost, to meet with the Board of Commissioners or their designated representatives as part of the proposal evaluation process.
- The Board of Commissioners may conduct investigations with respect to the qualifications and experience of any proponent.
- The Board of Commissioners will require the respondent to provide a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,500,000 prior to the start of the contract. The Performance Bond will remain in effect for the entire term of the contract and during each renewal.
- The Board of Commissioners may designate another public entity, agency, or consultant to act on its behalf.
- Proposals will not be considered from any company, firm, person, or party for whom the Board of Commissioners has an outstanding claim against or a financial dispute relating to any prior association.

The successful proposer shall provide a complete, turnkey solution for the replacement and modernization of the County's existing end-of-life Cisco network switching and routing infrastructure. The proposed solution shall include all necessary hardware, software licensing, professional services, implementation labor, project management, configuration services, testing, documentation, training, warranty coverage, and ongoing maintenance and support required to deliver a fully operational and manufacturer-supported network environment. Our existing maintenance agreements for equipment not included in the attached 2026 replacement schedule will be assigned to the successful vendor selected through this solicitation.

The scope of work shall include, but not be limited to, the procurement, staging, configuration, deployment, migration, testing, and cutover of new Cisco networking equipment replacing the County's existing switching and routing infrastructure. All proposed equipment shall be new, current-generation Cisco enterprise-class hardware and shall include all required components, optics, power supplies, mounting hardware, subscriptions, licensing, and accessories necessary for complete installation.

The successful proposer shall be responsible for coordinating all phases of the implementation process, including project planning, scheduling, site coordination, change management, and communication with County IT staff. The proposer shall provide a detailed implementation and migration plan designed to minimize operational disruption and downtime to County services. Where feasible, cutovers shall be scheduled during approved maintenance windows or non-business hours.

Professional services shall include, at a minimum:

- Network assessment and implementation planning
- Staging equipment and pre-configuration – must be performed on site at Jackson County IT offices
- Installation and replacement of network hardware
- Migration of existing configurations and services
- Integration with the County's existing Auvik monitoring environment
- Testing and validation of all deployed equipment and network services
- Removal and proper disposition of replaced equipment, if requested by the County
- As-built documentation, network diagrams, and configuration backups
- Knowledge transfer and operational training for County IT personnel

The proposer shall also provide comprehensive manufacturer support, software updates, firmware maintenance, and technical support services for a period of five (5) years from the date of final acceptance by the County. Professional services and support offerings shall include access to Cisco technical assistance, hardware replacement services, security updates, and ongoing software maintenance necessary to maintain a secure and fully supported environment.

The County has provided an equipment inventory and replacement schedule as part of this solicitation. Proposers shall review the attached documentation carefully and base their submissions on the equipment quantities, locations, and implementation timelines identified therein. The physical replacement of hardware shall occur in accordance with the deployment schedule established by the County and coordinated with the selected proposer during project kickoff and implementation planning.

The County reserves the right to modify deployment priorities, adjust implementation timelines, or add or remove equipment quantities as operational requirements dictate during the term of the contract.

4.1 Hardware Requirements

- All equipment must be new, unused, and fully assembled current-production Cisco models
- **Refurbished, end-of-sale, or end-of-life equipment will not be accepted**
- Proposed solution shall include all necessary components, including:
 - Cisco brand network switches, and routers
 - Optional Cisco brand redundant power supplies and fans
 - Cisco brand stacking modules or virtual chassis components
 - Cisco brand network optics and transceivers
 - Cisco brand rack-mount kits and cables

4.2 Professional Services

Proposers shall provide comprehensive professional services necessary to support the successful implementation, migration, and operational transition of the County's network infrastructure environment. Services shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Review and assessment of the County's existing network infrastructure, topology, configurations, dependencies, and operational requirements
- Validation, refinement, and optimization of the proposed network architecture to ensure compatibility with current operations, future scalability, security requirements, and industry best practices
- Development of a detailed implementation, migration, and project management plan outlining deployment phases, schedules, resource requirements, risk mitigation strategies, communication procedures, and rollback contingencies
- Equipment staging, inventory verification, firmware updates, pre-configuration, and quality assurance testing prior to deployment
- Physical removal, replacement, installation, mounting, labeling, and connection of existing network switching and routing equipment at County facilities
- Development, migration, and implementation of switching and routing configurations, including but not limited to VLANs, trunking, inter-VLAN routing, routing protocols, Quality of Service (QoS), spanning tree configuration, redundancy mechanisms, access control lists (ACLs), port security, management access controls, and other required network services
- Integration of all deployed equipment with the County's existing Auvik environment for centralized monitoring, alerting, configuration management, and reporting
- Coordination, scheduling, and execution of network cutover activities in collaboration with County IT staff to minimize operational disruption and downtime
- Performance of comprehensive post-installation testing, validation, troubleshooting, and issue resolution to ensure all network services, connectivity, routing, security policies, and management functions are fully operational
- Development and delivery of complete as-built documentation, including network diagrams, device inventories, IP addressing information, configuration backups, implementation records, and support procedures
- Knowledge transfer and operational training for County IT personnel covering system administration, monitoring, troubleshooting, maintenance procedures, and ongoing support responsibilities
- Provision of post-implementation support services during the stabilization period following deployment to address configuration issues, operational concerns, or migration-related problems identified after cutover activities are completed.

4.3 Maintenance and Support (Five-Year Term)

- Provide manufacturer-backed support coverage through Cisco SMARTnet or an equivalent Cisco-authorized support program for all proposed hardware, software, licensing, and associated components throughout the duration of the contract term.
- Provide continuous 24x7x365 access to Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) support services for troubleshooting, escalation management, software support, configuration assistance, and resolution of hardware or software-related issues.
- Provide 24x7x365 access to qualified onsite vendor technical support engineers capable of responding to critical service interruptions, emergency outages, and infrastructure failures affecting County operations. The proposer shall identify escalation procedures, emergency contact methods, and expected response times for onsite support services.

- Provide assistance and coordination for all applicable software updates, firmware upgrades, security patches, bug fixes, operating system releases, and licensing maintenance necessary to maintain the network environment in a fully supported, secure, and operational condition throughout the life of the contract.
- Provide advanced hardware replacement services in accordance with manufacturer-supported service-level agreements. At a minimum, all critical hardware components shall be eligible for next-business-day replacement services. In the event of a critical failure, the proposer shall initiate replacement procedures immediately upon notification and ensure replacement hardware is delivered and operational within twenty-four (24) hours of the initial service request whenever feasible. The county will maintain an inventory of spare switching, routing, PSU, cables, and related equipment onsite for efficient response and replacements.
- Coordinate all warranty claims, return material authorizations (RMAs), vendor escalations, and replacement logistics directly with the manufacturer on behalf of the County to minimize administrative burden and reduce service restoration times.
- Ensure all support services include proactive case management, issue tracking, escalation coordination, and communication with designated County IT personnel until resolution of the reported issue.

5. Technical Requirements

5.1 Switching

Proposed switching equipment shall meet or exceed the following minimum technical requirements and capabilities:

- All proposed switching hardware shall consist of new, current-generation Cisco Catalyst enterprise-class equipment or an approved equivalent solution fully compatible with the County's existing Cisco networking environment and operational standards.
- Switches shall provide full Layer 2 and Layer 3 functionality, including support for static routing, dynamic routing protocols, inter-VLAN routing, and advanced enterprise networking features necessary to support County operations.
- Equipment shall support industry-standard networking protocols and technologies including, but not limited to:
 - Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs)
 - IEEE 802.1Q trunking
 - Spanning Tree Protocol (STP/RSTP/MST)
 - Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)
 - EtherChannel or equivalent link aggregation technologies
 - Quality of Service (QoS)
 - Multicast support where applicable
- Switching platforms shall support Power over Ethernet (PoE) and PoE+ capabilities sufficient to power connected devices including IP telephones, wireless access points, security cameras, and other endpoint devices as required by the County. Proposers shall clearly identify total available PoE budgets and per-port power capabilities.

- Equipment shall support switch stacking, virtual stacking, chassis virtualization, or equivalent high-availability technologies designed to improve resiliency, simplify management, and reduce operational downtime in the event of hardware failure.
- Proposed solutions shall support advanced enterprise security capabilities including, but not limited to:
 - IEEE 802.1X port-based authentication
 - Access Control Lists (ACLs)
 - Role-based administrative access controls
 - Port security
 - DHCP snooping
 - Dynamic ARP inspection
 - MAC address protection
 - Secure management protocols including SSH and SNMPv3
- Switches shall support centralized monitoring and management integration with the County's existing Auvik environment.
- All proposed equipment shall include redundant or field-replaceable power supplies and cooling components where available and appropriate for the deployment environment.
- Switching equipment shall support IPv4 and IPv6 networking standards and be capable of supporting future network growth, increased bandwidth demands, and evolving County technology initiatives.
- Proposers shall identify all software licensing requirements, feature subscriptions, and support entitlements necessary to provide full operational functionality for the proposed solution.

5.2 Routing

Proposed routing equipment shall meet or exceed the following minimum technical requirements and operational capabilities:

- All proposed routing hardware shall consist of new, current-generation Cisco enterprise routing platforms designed for enterprise network environments. Proposed equipment shall be fully supported by the manufacturer and compatible with the County's existing Cisco infrastructure and operational standards.
- Routing platforms shall support both IPv4 and IPv6 networking protocols and provide full dual-stack functionality to support current operations and future network modernization initiatives.
- Equipment shall support advanced Layer 3 routing services and industry-standard dynamic routing protocols including, but not limited to:
 - Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
 - Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)
 - Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP)
 - Static routing
 - Policy-based routing where applicable
- Proposed solutions shall support high-availability and resiliency features designed to minimize service interruption and maintain operational continuity. Supported capabilities shall include, but not be limited to:

- Redundant hardware configurations
 - Automatic failover functionality
 - Virtual routing redundancy technologies
 - Stateful failover where applicable
 - Redundant power supplies and network interfaces
- Routing equipment shall be sized appropriately to meet both current operational requirements and projected future growth, including increases in bandwidth utilization, connected devices, cloud services, inter-site communications, and related government initiatives. Proposers shall clearly identify expected throughput capabilities, forwarding performance, and scalability limitations of all proposed platforms.
- Equipment shall support advanced Quality of Service (QoS) capabilities to prioritize critical voice, video, public safety, and business application traffic across the County network environment.
- Proposed solutions shall support advanced security services including secure management access, access control lists (ACLs), route filtering, traffic segmentation, encrypted management protocols, logging, and integration with the County's existing cybersecurity policies and standards.
- Equipment shall support centralized monitoring, alerting, configuration management, and reporting integration with the County's existing Auvik environment.
- All proposed equipment shall include all required software licenses, subscriptions, optics, interface modules, and accessories necessary to provide a complete and fully operational solution.

5.3 Network Management

- Provide full support for centralized network monitoring, management, and reporting across all deployed infrastructure, including seamless integration with the County's existing Auvik environment and/or Cisco Meraki cloud-based management platform, where applicable. The proposed solution shall enable comprehensive visibility into device health, performance metrics, configuration status, and network topology across all sites.
- Ensure compatibility with Cisco DNA Center and/or Auvik network management and automation platforms capable of providing intent-based networking, policy-driven configuration management, automated provisioning, lifecycle management, and centralized assurance monitoring.

Support industry-standard network telemetry and monitoring protocols, including but not limited to:

- Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP v2/v3) for device monitoring, alerting, and performance tracking
- Syslog for centralized log aggregation, event correlation, and security auditing
- NetFlow, IPFIX, or equivalent flow-based telemetry for detailed traffic analysis, bandwidth utilization monitoring, application visibility, and capacity planning
- Provide the ability to export, integrate, or forward monitoring data to third-party security information and event management (SIEM) systems or other County-designated analytics platforms as required.

- Ensure all monitoring and management capabilities support secure communications, role-based access control, encrypted management protocols, and centralized authentication where applicable.

Proposers shall clearly identify any additional licensing, subscriptions, or feature sets required to enable full functionality of monitoring, automation, and analytics capabilities across the proposed solution.

6. Implementation Standards and Acceptance

- All work shall be performed by appropriately trained and certified personnel holding current Cisco certifications relevant to the scope of work. Contractor personnel shall possess demonstrated experience in the installation, configuration, testing, and support of enterprise network infrastructure and related systems.
- All implementation activities, service interruptions, system cutovers, and testing procedures shall be coordinated with the County and performed only during County-approved maintenance windows unless otherwise authorized in writing by the County's designated IT representative.
- All installations, cabling, configurations, and system integrations shall be completed in accordance with applicable industry standards, manufacturer recommendations, recognized best practices, and all established County policies, standards, and technical requirements. Work areas shall be maintained in a clean and orderly condition throughout the project duration.
- The Contractor shall perform comprehensive testing and validation of all installed equipment, configurations, and connectivity to verify proper operation and compliance with project requirements. Final acceptance by the County shall be contingent upon successful completion of all testing, resolution of identified deficiencies, delivery of all required equipment, and submission of complete project documentation, including as-built documentation, configuration backups, test results, warranty information, licensing details, and applicable manufacturer documentation.

7. Documentation and Deliverables

The successful proposer shall provide complete project closeout documentation in both electronic editable formats. Documentation shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- Comprehensive as-built network documentation, including detailed logical and physical network diagrams reflecting the final installed environment. Documentation shall include equipment rack elevations, patch panel layouts, cable labeling schedules, fiber and copper interconnect mappings, device locations, uplink relationships, and port utilization details in Microsoft Visio format.
- Complete system configuration files and current backup copies for all installed and configured network devices, including switches, routers, firewalls, wireless controllers, and other applicable infrastructure components. Configuration backups shall be provided in a standard, restorable format and include software and firmware version information.

- Detailed network addressing and infrastructure documentation, including IP address assignments, subnet allocations, VLAN configurations, routing tables, trunking configurations, DHCP scopes, DNS settings, and any implemented redundancy or failover configurations.
- A final implementation and project completion report documenting all work performed, equipment installed, testing results, identified issues and resolutions, and confirmation that the installation meets project requirements and specifications. The report shall include final acceptance documentation, warranty information, manufacturer support details, licensing information, and a signed acknowledgment of project completion by the Contractor and County representative.

8. Proposer Qualifications

Proposers must meet the following minimum qualifications and provide supporting documentation as part of their proposal submission:

- Proposer shall be a current authorized Cisco partner in good standing and shall provide proof of partner status, certifications, and authorization to resell, implement, and support Cisco networking solutions. Preference may be given to proposers holding advanced Cisco specializations or partner designations relevant to enterprise networking and security solutions.
- Proposer shall demonstrate verifiable experience successfully delivering projects of similar size, scope, and complexity for government agencies, public sector organizations, educational institutions, or large enterprise clients. Relevant experience shall include the design, deployment, migration, configuration, and support of enterprise network infrastructure, including switching, routing, wireless, security, and fiber connectivity solutions.
- Proposer shall provide a minimum of five (5) customer references for comparable engagements completed within the past three (3) years. References shall include the client organization name, project description, project value, completion date, and contact information for a client representative knowledgeable of the services performed. The County reserves the right to contact references to verify project performance, quality of work, adherence to schedules, and overall customer satisfaction.
- Proposer shall identify all key project personnel assigned to the engagement, including project managers, lead engineers, implementation specialists, and technical support resources. The proposal shall include resumes or qualification summaries detailing each individual's relevant experience, technical expertise, and current industry certifications. Relevant certifications may include, but are not limited to, Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP), Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE), Cisco Certified Specialist certifications, Project Management Professional (PMP), and other applicable technical credentials.
- Proposer shall demonstrate sufficient staffing capacity, technical resources, and organizational capability to complete the project within the required schedule and support ongoing coordination with County personnel throughout the duration of the engagement.

9. Proposal Submission Requirements

Proposals must include the following sections:

9.1 Technical Proposal

- Description of the proposed solution and architecture
- Compliance matrix addressing all identified requirements
- Project approach and implementation schedule

9.2 Cost Proposal

- Provide a detailed hardware pricing proposal for all equipment scheduled for replacement in 2026 - 2027. Equipment with warranties expiring in 2027 should be replaced in late 2026 or early 2027. Pricing for equipment replacements planned for years 2028 through 2030 shall be based on the applicable State of Georgia Department of Administrative Services (DoAS) contract pricing and discount structure in effect for each respective year. **Provide both lease and purchase options.**
- Provide a complete schedule of professional services rates, including hourly rates for engineering, implementation, configuration, migration, testing, and support services. Administrative and project management hours shall be minimized and clearly identified as separate line items.
- Provide pricing for one (1) year of manufacturer maintenance, software licensing, technical support, and warranty coverage for all proposed equipment and solutions.
- Identify any anticipated annual increases or decreases in maintenance, licensing, and support costs for future renewal periods, including the basis for such adjustments, if known.

9.3 Administrative Information

- Company profile and qualifications
- References – please verify contact information prior to submission
- Required Georgia affidavits and certifications (e.g., Non-Collusion, Immigration Compliance, E-Verify)

10. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated using a best-value methodology. Evaluation criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Technical approach and compliance with requirements – 50 points
- Vendor experience and qualifications – 10 points
- Project methodology and timeline – 10 Points
- Cost and overall value to the County – 20 Points
- Optional - Interview for the top two (2) scoring firms – 10 points

Jackson County reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all bids;
- Waive informalities;
- Request clarification or additional documentation;
- Conduct interviews;
- Negotiate final pricing to seek best and final offers, if permitted under law;
- Issue addenda as necessary.

11. Contract Terms and Conditions

- The resulting contract shall include a five (5) year term covering maintenance, technical support, and professional services associated with the proposed solution. The contract period will be 1-year with four (4) options to renew.
- The County reserves the right to terminate the contract, in whole or in part, for convenience or for failure to provide satisfactory service, support, performance, or compliance with contract requirements.
- The successful proposer shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and procurement requirements, including all applicable State of Georgia procurement statutes and policies.
- All pricing submitted in response to this solicitation shall remain firm and valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the proposal submission deadline.

12. Compliance Requirements

The awarded vendor must comply with:

- Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et seq.)
- Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act (O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91) including E-Verify requirements
- Federal and State non-discrimination laws
- Jackson County cybersecurity policies

13. Funding Contingency

Any resulting contract shall be subject to annual appropriation of funds by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

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COMPANY NAME: _____

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Identify any anticipated annual increases or decreases in maintenance, licensing, and support costs for future renewal periods, including the basis for such adjustments, if known.

THE ITEMS LISTED ON THIS PAGE MUST BE ATTACHED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL

DATE: _____

The potential Contractor certifies the following by placing an "X" in all blank spaces:

- ____ That this proposal was signed by an authorized representative of the firm.
- ____ That the potential Contractor has determined the cost and availability of all materials and supplies associated with performing the services outlined herein.
- ____ That all labor costs associated with this project have been determined, including all direct and indirect costs.
- ____ That the potential Contractor agrees to the conditions as set forth in this Request for Proposal with no exceptions.

Therefore, in compliance with the foregoing **Request for Proposals**, and subject to all terms and conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees, if this proposal is accepted within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the opening, to furnish the services for the prices quoted within the timeframe required.

Business Contact Representative

Operational Contact Representative

Vendor's Name

Federal ID #

Address

Phone

Fax

Email

Authorized Signature

Date

Typed Name & Title

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The vendor has examined and carefully studied the Request for Proposals and the following Addenda, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No. _____

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Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Authorized Representative/Title
(Print or Type)

Authorized Representative
(Signature)

(Date)

Vendors must acknowledge any issued addenda. Proposals which fail to acknowledge the vendor's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements.

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Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011
CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT UNDER O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(b)(1)

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners and Contractor agree that compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 are conditions of this Agreement for the physical performance of services.

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. §13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present and affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification User Identification Number

Date of Authorization to Use Federal Work Authorization Program

NAME OF CONTRACTOR

Jackson County Jail Access Control System
Name of Project

Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 20__ in _____ (City),
_____ (State).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____,
20____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

CONTRACT

This Agreement made and entered into this ____ Day of _____, Two Thousand and Twenty Six,

BETWEEN

The Owner: The Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Jackson County, Georgia
4965 Jackson Parkway
Jefferson, GA 30549

And the Contractor: _____

PROJECT: Jackson County Network Switching and Routing Infrastructure Equipment and Professional Services

WITNESSETH: That said Contractor has agreed, and by these presents does agree, with the said County, for the consideration herein mentioned and under the provisions required by the Specifications outlined in the Jackson County Request for Proposal 260007 to furnish all equipment, tools, material, skill and labor of every description necessary to carry out and complete in a good, firm and substantial and workmanlike manner, proposal made by the Contractor, the Advertisement, the Request for Proposal, General Terms and Conditions and this Agreement, including all work shown on Plans and Technical Specifications and listed in the conditions, provisions and specification to wit:

ARTICLE 1

The Contract Documents

The Contract Documents consist of this Agreement, the Jackson County Request for Proposal (RFP) 260007, the supporting specifications, the Contractor's Response to RFP 260007, including the Contractor Affidavit and Agreement, Addenda issued prior to execution of this Agreement, and all Change Orders issued subsequent thereto. These form the Contract, and all are as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to this Agreement or repeated herein.

ARTICLE 2

The Work

The Contractor shall perform all work required by the Contract Documents for:

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All Work performed under this contract is subject to oversight and inspection by the IT Director acting under the authority of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to coordinate with the Department Director with questions, concerns, and/or comments regarding service requirements. All Work shall meet or exceed all Federal, State, and local requirements.

ARTICLE 3

Time of Commencement and Completion

The Work to be performed under this Contract shall commence upon award of the Commissioners and continue for one **(1) year**. The contract may be automatically renewed for four (4) additional one-year periods unless the parties elected to exercise termination options as outlined in this agreement and forward an appropriate letter of notification by certified mail to the other party.

ARTICLE 4

Contract Price

The Owner shall pay the Contractor, for the performance of the Work as provided in the Conditions of the Contract, in current funds, the calculated amount based upon the Contractors response to the Request for Proposal.

ARTICLE 5

Payment

Payment for the Work as described in Article 4 above, shall be made monthly only for the portion of Work that is completed during the month. Payment will be made within thirty (30) days after the completion of the Work, provided that the Contractor fully performed in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall complete and submit an invoice for the monthly payment to the Jackson County Government, Attention: Accounts Payable, 4965 Jackson Parkway, Jefferson, Georgia 30549. Jackson County reserves the right to request proof of performance of all work completed under this contract.

ARTICLE 6

Georgia Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that compliance with the requirements of the Georgia Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 are conditions of this Contract. The Contractor Affidavit and Agreement executed by Contractor pursuant to O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(b)(1) is hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part of this Contract. By the execution of this Contract, the Contractor affirms that the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 Contractor Affidavit submitted with the response to ITB 240061 is still valid, that the Contractor's Federal Work Authorization Number has not changed, that the Contractor will utilize the Federal Work Authorization Program during the duration of this contact, that the Contractor will ensure that all subcontractors and sub-subcontractors working on the Project covered by this

Contract are participating in the Federal Work Authorization Program and have completed the Subcontractors and/or Sub-subcontractor Affidavit, and that the Contractor will advise the Owner of hiring a new subcontractor and/or sub-subcontractor and will provide the Owner with a Subcontractor/Sub-subcontractor Affidavit attesting to the subcontractor's/sub-subcontractor's name, address, user identification number, and date of authorization to use the Federal Work Authorization Program within five (5) days of hiring before the subcontractor/sub-subcontractor begins working on the Project. The Contractor understands and will ensure that all subcontractors and sub-subcontractors understand that knowingly and willfully making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement in an affidavit submitted in compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section §16-10-20 and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided for in such Code Section. Additionally, any contractor and/or sub-contractor convicted for false statements based upon a violation of this Code Section shall be prohibited from bidding on or entering into any public contract for twelve (12) months following the conviction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Contract on the date first written above.

OWNER:
Jackson County Board of Commissioners

CONTRACTOR:
Company's Legal Name

Marty Clark, Chairman

Representative

ATTEST:

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Notary Public

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